

## WIS Breakfast at CMSF 2020 - Speaker Biographies



Dascia Bennett  
Chief Executive  
Super SA

### ABOUT DASCIA BENNETT

With over 18 years' experience in the superannuation industry working in the not-for-profit sector, Das has held senior executive roles with a number of leading industry and public sector funds (including Australian Super, REST, EISS and NGS Super). Das's experience includes leading customer focused areas of business, including employer and member services, business development, brand management, operations and key stakeholder management.

Prior to working in the finance industry, Das worked in advisory and consultancy roles for the Federal and State Government in education and regional development.

Das is an Independent Director on the SA LGA Mutual Board.

Das holds a Public Policy degree (Flinders University), a Diploma of Financial Services (Financial Planning), a Certificate in Superannuation Fund Management, is a Graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors (GAICD) and the Australian School of Business (University of NSW) AGSM Executive Program.



Kate Farrar  
Chief Executive Officer  
LGIAsuper Trustee

### ABOUT KATE FARRAR

Since early 2018, Kate Farrar has been responsible for ensuring that LGIAsuper's \$13BN in funds under management is invested wisely for the fund's almost 80,000 members, and that services are provided conveniently, appropriately and

cost-effectively. Under her leadership, LGIASuper launched an innovative partnership with global technology giant Tech Mahindra which will halve LGIASuper's annual cost of delivering administration services whilst allowing the fund to leverage best-practice digital capabilities.

Kate joined LGIASuper following two years at McKinsey, building on her extensive experience in running and growing businesses across finance and energy. From 1999 to 2007, Kate held the role of Chief Operating Officer for Ergon Energy Retail, growing the company to become one of Australia's top five energy retailers. In 2007 Kate led the sale of Powerdirect to AGL for \$1.2 billion – \$0.5 billion above expectations.

Following that sale, as Managing Director Kate built QEnergy Limited from a standing start to serving 24,000 business customers across the Eastern Seaboard and the Northern Territory, with revenues of \$140 million.

Kate's board experiences include her recent appointment as non-executive director for ASX200 Seven Group Holdings, as well as past executive directorships with QEnergy and Morgans Stockbroking, and non-executive directorships with Mater Health Services and UnityWater. Kate has also been Chair of the Queensland Music Festival and the Energy Retailers Association of Australia.

In 2006 Kate won Queensland Business Review's Public Sector 'Women in Business Award' and was a Queensland finalist in the Telstra Business Women's Awards. In 2013 and 2015, Kate was a finalist in the Entrepreneur of the Year awards and in 2015 won a scholarship from Chief Executive Women to study at INSEAD in France.



**John Gregory**

**Executive Director and Relationship Manager, Platform Sales - Securities Services, Australia & New Zealand**

**J.P. Morgan**

#### ABOUT JOHN GREGORY

I joined J.P. Morgan in 2015 and have more than 23 years experience in financial markets which includes custody, international equity dealing, and prime brokerage.

Prior to joining J.P. Morgan, I was head of prime brokerage at Citi Australia where I was responsible for sales, relationship management, and capital introductions for domestic and international hedge funds.

From 1999 to 2003 I worked for a small brokerage firm called Twenty-First Australia where I created an international dealing desk which provided wholesale equity execution, executive option strategies, clearing, and foreign exchange services.

I started my career in finance as a relationship manager for Morgan Stanley Trust Company which was bought by Chase in 1998.

Prior to moving to Australia, I worked for a construction management company in Philadelphia as an estimator and purchaser.

I hold a Bachelor of Arts in History from Trinity College, CT USA.



**Julie Lander**  
**Chief Executive Officer**  
**CareSuper**

Julie is the Chief Executive Officer of CareSuper, the national industry fund for professionals, serving over 230,000 members with \$17 billion in FUM.

Her experience in superannuation has been developed over 25 years with corporate superannuation funds – both defined benefit and accumulation, as well as with industry funds. Julie is passionate about helping members achieve financial security throughout their working lives and in retirement and finds reward in making a difference to people's lives.

Julie holds a Bachelor of Business, a Graduate Certificate in Organisational Leadership and has completed RG146 (Superannuation). She is a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Superannuation Trustees. She is a Director and serves on the Policy Committee of AIST, and is a Director of the Fund Executives Association Limited and the Business Council of Co-operatives and Mutuals.