

# SPEAKER PROFILES

## **Damian Arena, Managing Director – LP Gas I**

Damian has extensive senior management experience with some of Australia's most prominent organisations. His corporate governance and accounting background has allowed him to build strong commercial models that support key business objectives.

## **Mark Bernard, Fleet Strategy and Systems Consultant**

Mark has worked with Department of Defence, Department of Human Services, Q-Fleet, ManheimFowles, Caltex, Toyota Financial Services and Figtree Systems on projects involving system selection, implementation, integration, market strategy, fleet utilisation, vehicle valuation and Fleet ICT Architectures.

## **John Boland, Management Consultant**

John is a professional Mechanical Engineer and has over 25 years industry experience in fleet and maintenance management.

## **Philip Browne, Director of Sales – ManheimFowles**

Philip has 22 years experience in vehicle remarketing for government, fleet lease companies, vehicle manufacturers, financiers, rental companies and dealers. ManheimFowles is part of Manheim, the largest remarketers and logistic managers of used vehicles.

## **Nick Brownrigg, Chief Executive Officer – Masterlease Group UK**

Nick was educated in the UK and more recently by Harvard Business School. He has been involved for 21 years with Masterlease and is responsible for the Group's operations across 15 countries with over 200,000 vehicles, 1,300 employees and a \$2.5 billion lease asset.

## **Ian Bushby, Managing Director – DECA**

Ian has a business degree and an MBA and has been with DECA since 1992. He previously held positions in Accounting, Sales & Marketing, Strategy & Planning and Project Management.

## **Brett Coventry, Director of Operations – LP Gas I**

Brett has a long history in the motor vehicle service and maintenance industry. He has a special interest in emerging LPG systems technologies and their commercialisation for motor vehicles, rigid trucks, prime movers and diesel trains.

## **Dr Jeremy Davey, Deputy Director – CARRS-Q**

With over 20 years road safety research experience Jeremy is an Associate Professor in the School of Psychology and Counselling at QUT. He sits on several government and professional forums and committees, here and internationally.

## **Chris D'Sousa, Operations Manager – Glass's Guide**

With 30 years experience in Automotive and related industries Chris has held senior management positions in Operations, Sales and Marketing in many leading companies.

## **Geoff Dunne, Fleet Services Manager – Newcastle City Council**

Geoff has diplomas in Mechanical & Industrial Engineering and Business Management. He has worked in local government fleet management for the past 11 years.

## **Prof Raphael Grzebieta, Injury Risk Management Research Centre – University of NSW**

Raphael is President of the Australasian College of Road Safety. For 25 years previously he led a road-safety and crashworthiness research team at Monash University, publishing over 170 research papers in vehicle crashworthiness research.

## **John Harte, Management Consultant**

John has over 15 years experience in top level roles in Australia and overseas. He is a member of the Chartered Institute of Public Relations and the Australian Institute of Marketing. He holds a Company Directors Diploma, an honours degree in Veterinary Medicine, and completed a postgraduate course at the Harvard Business School in 2006.

## **Alan Holland, Senior Engineer – Telstra Fleet**

Alan has a degree in mechanical engineering. Prior to joining Telstra he worked in design and product management with a manufacturer of truck and rail brake components. Currently he is responsible for ensuring vehicle set-ups balance risk, business needs, function and cost.

## **Nick Johnson, Chief Executive Officer – FleetPartners**

Nick is a Chartered Accountant and held the positions of Managing Director at Esanda FleetPartners and General Manager – Dealer and Consumer Finance at Esanda (ANZ Bank). Prior to joining FleetPartners he held senior positions at Axus International and Lex Vehicle Leasing in the UK and Australia.

## **Frank Klasic, Partner, Global Employer Services – Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu Ltd**

Frank is a Tax Partner at Deloitte and advises on complex employment tax matters. He has extensive experience in managing ATO and other Revenue Office audits and is a member of the FBT Sub-Committees for the Australian Taxation Office's National Tax Liaison Group and the Taxation Institute of Australia.

## **Frank Melilli, Manager – Victorian Police Transport Branch**

Frank has over 28 years experience in public administration in the areas of human resource management, public sector policy and management review. For the past six years Frank has been responsible for the Victoria Police fleet of over 2,260 vehicles and has managed a program of policy reform with a strong emphasis on fleet safety.

## **Christopher Mullett, Managing Editor/Publisher – Motoring Matters Pty Ltd**

Chris has a 30 year background in the truck and commercial vehicle industry as a transport writer and publisher for both magazines and newspapers. He has also worked as a media relations and corporate communications consultant to motor manufacturers.

## **John Ovcacic, Fleet Manager – Shire of Yarra Ranges**

John has a background in Industrial Design and extensive experience in the automotive sector having worked with AAMI, Fowles Auction Group, Auto Group Ltd and as VicFleet's Customer Services Business Manager, Leasing and Procurement.

## **Alan Reed, Manager Fleet and Plant Branch – Toowoomba City Council**

Alan has over 20 years' fleet management experience where he has managed diverse fleets in all three levels of government and in the private sector. Alan played a major role in the establishment of commercialised fleet management businesses in the Commonwealth, State and Local Governments.

## **David Robjent, CEO – Grey Advantage Consulting**

Prior to establishing Grey Advantage Consulting in 2007, David was a senior partner with Ernst & Young for 9 years. He has extensive experience as a government business advisor on a wide variety of outsourcing and market testing programs, both in Australia and Overseas.

## **Mark Stevenson, National Sales Manager – Aerial Access**

Mark has thirty years experience in marketing and business development, working with all levels of government, commercial organizations and the private sector.

## **David Threlfall, Head of Commercial Fleet – National Australia Bank**

David has over 25 years experience in the industry. He was involved in the establishment of a JV truck fleet management and rental business between Linfox and Esanda and more recently the National Australia Bank Commercial Fleet which was purchased by Fleet Australia in November 2007.

## **Doug Tyler, Director of Financial Operations – Department of Treasury and Finance**

Doug, in addition to running State Fleet, the WA government's commercially based fleet business, manages a \$3 billion investment portfolio as well as the Treasury's accounting and financing operations.

## **John Walker, Managing Director – Thrifty**

John is an entrepreneur and change specialist. For the past ten years he has been the managing director of Thrifty in Australia. In 2006, he bought the Thrifty Company from Mitsubishi Motors Australia Limited in conjunction with NRMA Motoring & Services. The Thrifty network manages a peak fleet of over 13,000 vehicles.

## **Paul Wild, National Fleet & Equipment Manager – TNT Express**

Paul has been involved in vehicle and fleet engineering as a consultant with the NSW RTA and with TNT. He has a BSc (Eng) from the University of Newcastle, a Post Graduate Diploma in Financial Management from the University of New England and is a Member of the Institution of Engineers.

## **Ben Wilson, Product Manager Business Motoring – Intelematics Australia Ltd.**

Ben is responsible for leading the development and ongoing management of Intelematics' Fleet telematics product portfolio and has been instrumental in the development of the GM FleetView fleet telematics program.

## **Dr John Wormald, Managing Partner – autoPOLIS**

John provides strategic analysis and advice to companies in the world automotive industry, including manufacturers, suppliers, distributors, financial institutions and government agencies. John co-authored "Time for a Model Change – Re-engineering the global automotive industry" which examines the worldwide automotive industry.