

Executive Leadership Series

Understanding Key Accounting and Financial Principles

The council executive team has a critical role in relation to abiding by local government financial requirements, monitoring the council's financial performance, and ensuring its longer-term financial sustainability.

All members of this team therefore need a solid understanding of key accounting and financial principles. This full-day workshop is designed to provide such understanding.

Key content:

- Basic accounting concepts and principles
- Financial management requirements for local government
- The strategic, financial, and operational plans and their links to financial accountability
- Accounting standards and statutory obligations of councils and senior executives
- Understanding and interpreting financial statements and their links to each other
- Monitoring the performance of your council through trends, ratios and KPIs
- The board's role in setting budgets, signing off on reports and monitoring performance
- Case studies/skills practice

Course Details

Delivery:	Inhouse
Structure:	Interactive Workshop
Time:	1 day
Class Size:	Max 15
Cost:	On request

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- Transforming your council's culture
- Executive Leadership and management skills
- Coaching, mentoring and constructive feedback
- Recruiting and selecting the best people to your organisation
- Executive chairing and meeting skills
- Code of conduct/conflict of interest and ethical leadership
- Steering councils through major change and uncertainty
- Long-term strategic and financial planning
- Good governance and community leadership

Our Trainers

Two of Peak's Senior Financial Trainers, [David Mullins](#) and [John Curran](#) present this full day program for Senior Leaders.

[David Mullins](#) has an extensive background in banking and finance, working for many years at the Queensland State Government authority that provides lending, investment and financial advice to the Queensland State government, its agencies, and statutory bodies. David's extensive understanding of financial governance, financial sustainability and risk management relating to Queensland local governments makes him the perfect facilitator for this program.

[John Curran](#) is an experienced senior executive and former CEO. With an early background in accounting, he is experienced in the areas of financial sustainability, debt structuring and interest rate risk management.

As an experienced senior leader, John has a proven track-record for developing strong working relationships with clients and developing and implementing business strategy and solutions at an operational and strategic level.