

# Virtual Finance Transformation

Leveraging innovation to increase efficiency in government finance applications

Online → Thursday, 25 March 2021 | 09:00am NZDT

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## Agenda Overview

**Across New Zealand, efforts are underway to modernise the finance function and the role of the CFO and finance function is changing.**

Becoming more efficient, while prioritising quality over quantity, is the backbone to any successful transformation. But the most effective route to take to achieve this, alongside identifying and embedding continuous improvements, are not always as obvious.

How exactly to go about reducing cost and waste and improving speed and agility is a key agenda for finance leaders and the focus must remain on leveraging the function as a strategic advisory unit for the rest of the business.

With this in mind, Public Sector Network's virtual **Finance Transformation** summit will provide the platform for knowledge sharing and collaboration, delving into the most successful cases of New Zealand Government finance functions which have driven forward their efficiency agendas with great impact.

## Who Attends?

**Chief/Director/Head of:**

Finance Control | Process Excellence | Finance Transformation | Finance Analytics |  
Finance Shared Service | Business Intelligence | Finance Operations | Business Partnering

## Speakers



**Matt Penney**

*Chief Financial Officer & Chief Information Officer,*  
**Education NZ**



**Cheri Crosby**

*Assistant Deputy Minister & CFO,*  
**Department of National Defence**



**Mark Woodard**

*Director of Corporate Services & Chief Financial Officer*  
**PHARMAC**



**Sharon Van Turnhout**

*Chief Financial Officer*  
**Otago University**



**Daniel Balasoglou**

*Chief Financial Officer*  
**Lotto NZ**



**Matthew Needham**

*Chief Financial Officer*  
**Kainga Ora - Homes and Communities**

## Reasons to Attend

Explore the most effective operational improvements to increase speed and agility.



Share in the experience of your peers in how they are reducing cost and waste.



Gain insight into a holistic approach to transforming the back office and reimagine your finance function.



Delve into how you can utilize open procurement data to predict and manage critical supply chains.



Hear how finance leaders have identified friction points and streamlined process to improve efficiency.



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09:00am	<b>PSN Welcome</b>	10:00am	<b>Government Case Study</b> <b>Driving Organisational Wide Operational Transformation</b>
09:10am	<b>Chair Opening</b> <b>Setting the vision - and roadmap - for the next 5 years</b>  <b>Matt Penney</b> , Chief Financial Officer & Chief Information Officer, Education NZ		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Outlining the roadmap and vision for the Finance Function at Kainga Ora</li> <li>How to engage key stakeholders in back office transformation</li> </ul> <b>Matthew Needham</b> , Chief Financial Officer, Kainga Ora - Homes and Communities
09:20am	<b>International Keynote:</b> <b>A holistic approach to transforming the back office: Reimagining the Finance Function</b> <b>Cheri Crosby</b> , Assistant Deputy Minister & CFO, Department of National Defence	10:20am	<b>Refreshment Break</b>
09:40am	<b>Government Case Study:</b> <b>The New Role of the CFO: Moving Finance Toward a Strategic Unit for the Rest of the Organisation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Using big data from finance to drive operational decision making &amp; Understanding benefits as well as costs</li> <li>Scenario planning as tool to deepen understanding, including the counterfactual</li> </ul> <b>Mark Woodard</b> , Director of Corporate Services & CFO, PHARMAC	10:25am	<b>Panel Session</b> <b>Creating and Embedding the New Culture and Redefining Roles to Drive Innovation &amp; Collaboration</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How can my finance team become the nerve centre for managing our organisation's response to change?</li> <li>What are we doing now to fast-track the future of financial leadership?</li> <li>Creating a principled, resilient, sustainable Finance function</li> <li>Building capacity and capability in Finance to deliver greater transformation goals</li> <li>Breaking down transformation goals into bite-sized initiatives</li> </ul> <b>Sharon Van Turnhout</b> , CFO, Otago University <b>Daniel Balasoglou</b> , CFO, Lotto NZ
		11:00am	<b>End of Session</b>