

Professional Development Day

**11 November -
9 December 2025**



Time	Description
8:15am	Arrival and registration
8:30am (30 mins)	Business Update Presenter: Group Executive, Centrepont Alliance
9:00am (45 mins)	Can you be unbiased in Ethics? Biases are actually a normal part of life. They exist, some we acknowledge, some we are unaware of, and some we would never want to change. But how do biases influence ethical decision making? In this session we will explore a range of biases that can arise in ethical decision making and explore their potential impacts in the area of financial advising. Presenter: Bryan Ashenden (Perth, Sunshine Coast, Brisbane, Gold Coast, Newcastle, Sydney, Melbourne) and Tim Howard (Adelaide and Canberra), BT Financial Group Estimated CPD Areas: Professionalism & Ethics
9:45am (60 mins)	Hot Topics in 2025: Technical Insights from the Frontline This interactive session dives into some of the most talked-about technical advice areas of the past 12 months, as identified through real-life case studies and adviser enquiries. Designed for those seeking practical strategies and deeper technical understanding, the presentation will unpack complex scenarios in relation to a range of technical concepts including redundancy payouts and the associated tax planning opportunities plus, the most frequently asked topic for several years, TPD in super. Presenters: Peter Kelly (Gold Coast, Brisbane, Sunshine Coast) and Melinda Bendeich (Newcastle, Sydney, Canberra, Melbourne, Perth, Adelaide), Centrepont Alliance Estimated CPD Areas: Technical Competence
10:45am (30 mins)	Morning tea break

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11:15am (45 mins)	Crypto in Super: The Risks, Their Role and The Road Ahead This session is designed specifically for financial advisers, focusing on the evolving role of blockchain and cryptocurrencies within the superannuation landscape. Covering: • Understanding the Basics: A clear introduction to blockchain technology and cryptocurrencies—what they are and how they work. • Looking Ahead: Key trends in blockchain innovation and potential applications. • Blockchains role in Investments: Evaluating digital assets through the lens of valuation, asset classification, volatility, and regulatory challenges. This session offers a balanced and practical perspective, equipping financial advisers with the knowledge and resources to guide clients toward informed, responsible investment decisions—especially when it comes to speculative assets like cryptocurrency. Presenters: Joshua van Gestel (Perth, Adelaide, Melbourne), Steve Fehring (Sunshine Coast, Brisbane, Gold Coast) and Joe Silva (Newcastle, Sydney, Canberra) Australian Retirement Trust Estimated CPD Areas: Technical Competence, General
11:45am (60 mins)	Fraud and Cyber Session to Adviser and End Client Join Macquarie Bank's specialist fraud and cyber security team as they explain some of the current threats and risks targeting clients and what you can do to manage them. This session is designed to help raise your awareness on scam prevention and cyber security, so you can better protect yourself and your clients from fraud and cyber threats. Presenters: Laura Khoury (Perth, Sunshine Coast, Brisbane, Gold Coast, Sydney, Canberra), Nadia Zweck (Adelaide), Damian Kurko (Newcastle) and Mark Fussell (Melbourne), Macquarie Estimated CPD Areas: Regulatory Compliance & Consumer Protection
12:45pm (30 mins)	Eat and greet As well as grabbing a bite to eat, why not find someone new to meet and share your personal passion and a practice highlight?

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1:15pm (45 mins)	Industry Super Chronicles In this session we will uncover common areas of interest by advisers researching group and industry super insurances. This session will examine several aspects of policy design through 20 actual group super arrangements, explore regulatory considerations in advice strategies and work through several client scenarios to help apply a practical understanding within a shifting industry landscape. Presenters: Adam Crabbe (Sunshine Coast, Brisbane, Gold Coast, Newcastle, Sydney, Canberra, Melbourne) and Tim Turner (Perth, Adelaide), Zurich Estimated CPD Areas: Technical Competence
2:00pm (45 mins)	Committed From Wall Street to Whitehall: A CIO's View on 2026 Markets and Global Trends In this session, Daniel Stojanovski will deliver his annual economic and market update to advisers, offering a concise summary of the key macro and market themes that defined the year- ranging from inflationary pressures and interest rate movements to asset class performance. A key feature of the session will be an exclusive briefing on recent Rainmaker 'Best of Breed' investment tours to the United States, United Kingdom and Europe, where Daniel and his team met with a range of global fund managers. This will provide advisers with firsthand insights into emerging strategies, market views, and product pipelines - including new and existing managers looking to enter or expand in the Australian market. The session also explores complementary and contradictory views between managers, giving advisers a practical lens on how global thinking is evolving and what it means for portfolio construction entering 2026. This update reinforces Centrepoin's commitment to deep research and adviser education, ensuring that global insights are directly translated into local portfolio decisions. Presenter: Daniel Stojanovski, Ventura FM Estimated CPD Areas: General
2:45pm (60 mins)	Wrap-up and close followed by end of year drinks brought to you by the team at PM Capital