

Unplugged Presenters

Dr Matthew Peter is Chief Economist for QIC, one of Australia's largest institutional funds managers, where he oversees global economic forecasting and research.

Matthew previously headed economic and financial-market forecasting teams.

As a Senior Research Fellow at Monash University, he led the development of a regional model of the Australian economy. This model is widely used by Federal and State Government agencies and by most large consultancy firms.

Now, Matthew and his team are among Australia's top forecasters as ranked by Bloomberg. He is president of the Queensland Economic and Finance Council and CEDA trustee. We are lucky to have such an esteemed economist to update us on the economy and Queensland's perspective.



Alex Symonds uses technology to spark student engagement. He is currently on secondment to the Reserve Bank of Australia to work with their Education team on resources, including for Years 9 and 10, the focus of his presentation.



Over a number of years, Alex has been rolling out 'flipped learning' methodology in teaching his Economics classes. In this model, students learn the content for 'homework', watching videos created by Alex to help them understand key concepts. In class, students then look to apply the content – engaging in questioning and thinking routines to help them more deeply understand the subject.

Dr Steven Whyte will discuss Behavioural economics, which combines insights from economics and psychology, and a range of diverse fields to develop robust solutions, showing the power of economics to illuminate issues and solutions in industry, government and society.

Applying behavioural insight informs strategies and behavioural change interventions to tackle wicked problems and stubborn challenges in society and support the adoption of new technologies and innovation. Ask him about the Nudgeathon, that operates from QUT!

