

**Executive Summary**  
**CFR Conference 2017 – The Power of Personal Leadership**  
**Sydney, Australia**

With soaring views of the Harbour, nestled directly under the iconic Sydney Harbour Bridge, great minds joined together for the 2017 CFR Conference; The Power of Personal Leadership. Stuart Chandler, General Manager for Beilby Recruitment stood to address the room welcoming delegates and guests from near and far, beginning what was to be an inspiring afternoon of stimulating speakers. With over 100 guests from all corners of the globe, representing numerous industries both nationally and internationally, the room was alive with an animated atmosphere. Christine Van Velthoven continued the opening address, welcoming all and expressing the importance of leadership both professionally and personally. Greeted with entrees and mains of Australia's best produce including blue eye cod and prime beef, the speaking then commenced.

The afternoon started with keynote speaker, Dr Kirstin Ferguson, a passionate leader and advocate for diversity. Dr Ferguson recounted her personal journey to leadership including her early career in the Royal Air Force, through to the present with her chairing many boards and charities. Dr Ferguson encouraged the audience to inwardly reflect on their own journey of leadership leaving the room with an enlightened sense of self awareness.

Shortly after Mark Bilton took the stage to deliver his 8 steps to transformational leadership, a method he has successfully employed in leading many organisations through change. Mark delivered a humorous and genuine insight into simple methods that leaders could employ to successfully navigate changing working environments.

Following afternoon tea, David Gallagher, General Manager at Beilby Recruitment, delivered an afternoon commencement address and introduced the next speaker; Dr Kirsten Molloy. As the weather started to dampen, the discussion remained vibrant with Dr Molloy recounting her personal leadership journey. Dr Molloy recounted her experience working within the resources sector and credits the trials that she faced during this time to shape the leader she is today.

Wrapping up the afternoon three-time Paralympic Gold Medallist, Kurt Fearnley delivered an inspirational and motivational address on personal strength through adversity. Kurt's emotional speech vibrated through the room, empowering each individual to achieve their own personal strength and leadership, and encouraged passion for life.

As the sun set over the water, guests enjoyed refreshments and conversation overlooking Sydney Harbour. The 2017 CFR Conference was a truly inspirational and unforgettable day for all.