

Synectic Audit & Assurance



Accountants. Auditors. Advisers.
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At Synectic, we do things a bit differently. Whatever it is that is important to you, it will be important to us too. Our knowledgeable staff will ensure you experience a high level of professionalism, and will present you with reliable, flexible and collaborative solutions.

The Synectic advantage

Synectic is a Chartered Accounting and Financial Services firm that brings together the skills of accountants, auditors, business advisers and financial advisers. Whether you need all or one of our services, you can count on us.

Synectic has offered confidence and stability to our clients for over 35 years; indeed the firm traces its origins back to the 1930s. Proudly Tasmanian, we stand firmly on a foundation of core values – excellence, objectivity, courage, keeping it real, and building relationships that last – that stand the test of time.

Our depth of knowledge, technical skills and progressive resources would usually be associated with much larger firms. However, we pride ourselves on being adaptable, efficient and responsive. Our three directors and forty staff strive to meet your needs where, when and how you want. Helping you to achieve your goals is our focus.

Our offices are located in Devonport, Hobart and Launceston. Our clients operate locally and nationally, and are based around Tasmania from Smithton to St Helens, Flinders Island to Huonville.

Our Audit Expertise

As an independent, locally owned and operated firm, all decisions and sign-offs in respect to your audit are done here by our directors. You deal directly with the person in charge.

Our team receive first-class professional development and mentorship to provide you with industry-leading knowledge and a standard of service second to none.

Directors Ben Coull and Gareth Atkins are both Registered Company Auditors (RCA). Each has over 25 years of continuous experience in auditing a wide range of government, not-for-profit and commercial organisations.

The depth of experience across our senior staff means we get to know your operations quickly, allowing us to minimise disruption and focus on the issues that matter.

Industry Experience:

We have extensive experience with audits ranging from small to large in both size and complexity. Our industry expertise includes:

- > Public companies
- > Not-for-profit organisations
- > Large private companies
- > Local government
- > Construction and manufacturing
- > Transport and logistics
- > Primary production
- > Retail and merchandising
- > Aged care
- > Schools and colleges
- > Financial institutions
- > Real estate trust accounts
- > Self-managed super funds



Why Synectic?

- > Locally owned and managed, we take your work personally and understand the environment in which you operate.
- > Access the right person to assist with issues, as and when they arise.
- > You can rely on our highly qualified team; our technical expertise is second to none.
- > Receive a flexible and excellent value-for-money service thanks to our efficient firm structure with low overheads.
- > Our breadth of exposure to different entities enables us to think strategically and apply our skills in diverse ways, to deliver pragmatic advice to your organisation.
- > Our established and proven audit methodology is supported by best-practice technology.
- > We have deep experience with a wide range of industries.

Our Audit Approach

Our team embraces the challenges created by increasingly onerous auditing standards. Through investing in both our human and technical resources, we remain at the forefront of our profession.

A substantial level of involvement by our senior staff ensures that issues are addressed on a timely basis. As lead auditor, Ben Coull takes a very 'hands-on' role, including being on-site to supervise audit work and attending Board meetings to discuss the findings of the audit.

Audit technology:

We invest heavily in the latest technologies to provide our staff the best available tools. Automating key functions such as data mining and interrogation, document management and advanced reporting allows us to deal with large transaction populations and share information with clients in real-time, while ensuring all compliance aspects are comprehensively addressed.

This efficiency enables us to go beyond the mere compliance function of an audit, to identify areas where we can suggest improvements which will add value to you.



Audit & Assurance Services

Our expert audit services are built around quality advice, independence and responsiveness. Our auditors are highly adaptable and seek to make a significant difference to your business.

- > Financial statement audit
- > Review of financial reports
- > Business valuation
- > Due diligence reporting
- > Internal audit
- > Systems and controls review
- > Social purpose audit
- > Self-managed superannuation fund audit
- > Trust account audit
- > Grant acquittal reports
- > Forensic accounting
- > Services to the Tasmanian Auditor General

Our Audit Team

The greatest strength of the Synectic audit team lies in the qualifications and experience of our people. Our senior team are supported by brilliant and dedicated professionals to provide you with industry-leading knowledge and expertise.

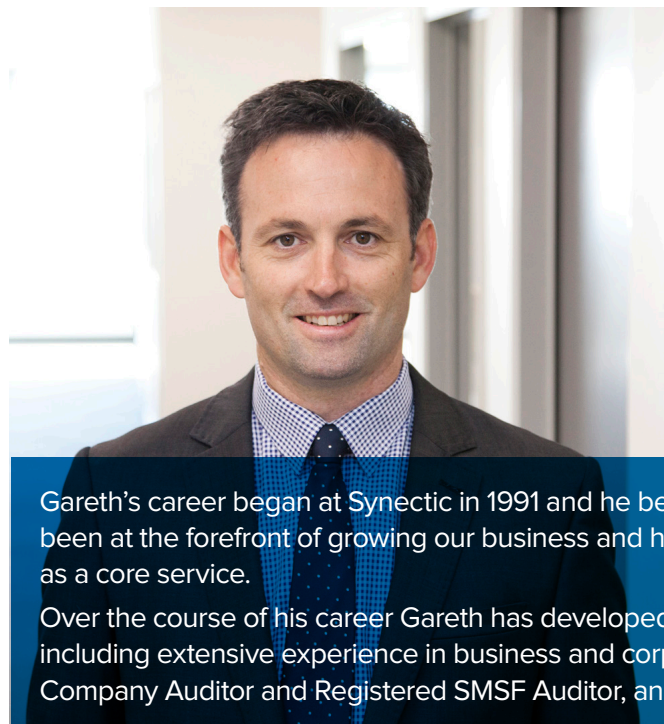


Ben Coull
Engagement Director

- > Chartered Accountant (FCA)
- > Registered Company Auditor (RCA)
- > Registered Tax Agent (RTA)
- > Over 25 years' experience in audit of government, commercial and not-for-profit organisations

Ben has a passion for excellence in client service and the benefits that come from a high quality audit. He believes in pragmatic, relevant advice that helps clients to improve their operations, governance and internal controls.

Ben holds qualifications as a Registered Company Auditor and Registered SMSF Auditor, and chairs a number of audit panels in the local government sector. He is a past Tasmanian Regional Chairman for Chartered Accountants Australia New Zealand (CAANZ) and has had long term involvement in the Chartered Accountants Program as a focus session facilitator.



Gareth Atkins
Director

- > Chartered Accountant (FCA)
- > Registered Company Auditor (RCA)
- > Registered Tax Agent (RTA)
- > Over 25 years' experience in public practice across audit, business advice, taxation and accounting

Gareth's career began at Synectic in 1991 and he became a Director in 2005. As CEO of the firm, he has been at the forefront of growing our business and has been integral to Synectic's commitment to audit as a core service.

Over the course of his career Gareth has developed in-depth knowledge in all aspects of our business, including extensive experience in business and corporate advisory services. He is a Registered Company Auditor and Registered SMSF Auditor, and is an experienced director.



Claire Smith
Senior Consultant

- > Fellow Certified Practising Accountant (FCPA)
- > 20 years' diverse experience across private and public sectors
- > Extensive experience in financial reporting and corporate governance
- > Tasmanian Divisional Councillor CPA Australia
- > Chair of the Institute of Internal Auditors (Tasmanian Chapter)
- > Independent member of the Department of Treasury and Finance Audit & Risk Management Committee



Kristy Sutton
Audit Manager

- > Provisional Member CAANZ
- > Over 10 years' experience in audit
- > Significant exposure to government, commercial and not-for-profit sectors
- > Strong skills in financial reporting and accounting standards



Alyssa Howlett
Senior Auditor

- > Chartered Accountant (CA)
- > 5 years' experience in audit
- > Strong skills in financial reporting and accounting standards



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