

Chris Hodge

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Qualifications & Memberships —

- Member, CA ANZ
- Member, ARITA
- Bachelor of Commerce and Bachelor of Laws, Monash University

Chris has over 15 years experience in turnaround, restructuring and business improvement assignments, assisting boards, financiers, and other stakeholders navigate unique and complex challenges. He has worked across multiple industries including property and construction, financial and professional services, telecommunications and technology, funds management, infrastructure, transport and logistics, and engineering and mining services.

He has substantial experience in leading and project managing formal insolvency appointments, independent business reviews and advisory roles for both small to medium sized business, and ASX listed entities.

Chris has worked on many of the firm's most high profile assignments including leading the Caydon Property Group receivership, advising the banking syndicates of Slater & Gordon and Arrium, advising Hastings Funds Management on the transition and management of its Utilities Trust of Australia mandate, and the liquidation of and subsequent investigations into the collapse of Forum Finance.

Engagement Experience —

- Receivership of Field Solutions Group, through which we successfully sold the businesses separate business units through multiple going concern sales, including implementing an innovative restructure of the business through the insolvency process.
- Voluntary Administration of Billson's Beverages in Beechworth, which we continued to trade for over six months, successfully recapitalising the business through an innovative DOCA through which Coca-Cola acquired the Billson's brand, full employment was preserved, the secured creditor was repaid in full, and unsecured creditors received a return.
- Project lead for the Caydon Property Group receivership, including managing and overseeing the completion of multiple residential developments and realisation workstreams for significant property holdings.
- Financial advisory assistance to Basslink Pty Ltd, a large utility owner/operator in Victoria and Tasmania.
- Advisory assistance to Hastings Funds Management and project management of the transition of its key mandate, the Utilities Trust of Australia.
- Workstream lead on the Forum Finance liquidation, including leading and project managing the realisation and sale of the Iugis Waste business unit, and assisting with broader investigations and realisations across the Forum Finance group.



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- Assisting in the lead advisory role for the lenders of Collection House Limited, an ASX listed debt collection services business undertaking a significant restructure.
- Due Diligence assistance for McMillan Shakespeare Ltd for its potential merger with Eclix Group Limited.
- Lead reporting and project manager for the advisory mandate for the lending syndicates of Slater & Gordon Ltd and Arrium Ltd.
- The voluntary administration and successful business sale of Pacific HVAC Engineering Pty Ltd, an HVAC contract engineering business.
- The voluntary administration and successful asset sales for technology start ups IRexchange Ltd and Unlockd Ltd.
- Strategic advisory work for GM Holden and Ford Australia, specifically with respect to managing downstream supply risk.