

CISO Melbourne

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Day One 22 July Crown Promenade	
07:30	<i>Invite-Only VIP Breakfast by HashiCorp (7:30 - 8:45)</i>
08:20	<i>Register; grab a coffee. Mix, mingle and say hello to peers old and new.</i>
09:00	Welcome from Corinium and the Chairperson Sandeep Taileng CISO State Trustees
09:10	Speed Networking - Making New Connections! In this 10-minute networking session, the goal is to connect with three new people. Enjoy the opportunity to expand your network!
09:20	The Road Ahead: Key Milestones and Next Steps in the 2023-2030 Strategy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reflections on key achievements under Horizon 1 and lessons learned. • Priorities as we move towards Horizon 2, including scaling cyber maturity across the economy and growing Australia's cyber workforce. • The role of public-private partnerships in building a resilient digital future. • How the federal government continues engaging CISOs and the broader cyber community to drive national cyber resilience. Lieutenant General Michelle McGuinness CSC National Cyber Security Coordinator Department of Home Affairs
09:45	AI, Data, and Cyber Security: The Power Trio Reshaping Digital Defence <u>Speaker:</u> Samrat Seal Head of Transformation and Risk Governance Kmart
10:10	From Best Practice to Mandate: The Rising Stakes of Data Protection in Australia <u>Speaker:</u> Jamie Wright Field CTO ANZ HashiCorp
10:35	<i>Get refreshed! Mingle</i>
11:05	Panel: From Risk to Transformation - AI's Impact on Next-Gen Cyber Security <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How would you assess the current level of AI implementation within your organisation? • What challenges have you encountered in adopting AI, and how have you addressed them? • What are the key criteria and considerations for evaluating AI technologies as part of a holistic cyber risk management strategy? • What indicators or benchmarks should organisations consider evaluating the effectiveness of AI-driven cyber defence initiatives?

	<p><u>Moderator:</u> Dr Imad Khan Data Science, AI & Neural Networks Expert Victoria University</p> <p><u>Panellists:</u> Sam Fariborz CISO David Jones Jonar Marzan Group Cyber - Security, Risk & Compliance Manager Coles Dushyant Sattiraju Director Cyber Security Deakin University Craig Searle Regional Director CPS Pacific Trustwave</p>		
11:40	<p>Rethinking DLP: Harnessing a Human-Centric Approach to Safeguarding Your Data</p> <p><u>Speaker:</u> Andrew Chisholm Principal Information Protection Specialist APAC Proofpoint</p>		
12:05	<p>C-Suite Dialogue: Driving Resilience Through CISO CIO and CFO Collaboration</p> <p>Step into an engaging conversation among CISO, CIO and CFO as they unpack the critical interplay between cyber security and financial strategy. This dynamic conversation offers a unique opportunity to explore how these three leadership roles align to protect organisational assets while enabling growth.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How can we align priorities to ensure cyber security investments drive both risk reduction and organisational growth? • What strategies do you use to translate cyber security risks into financial terms that resonate with the C-suite and board? • How do you balance the need for proactive cyber security investments with the organisation's financial constraints? • What practical steps can improve collaboration among cyber security, IT and finance teams to protect assets and enable innovation? <p><u>Moderator:</u> John Taylor CTO Lumia Care</p> <p><u>Panellists:</u> Noel Toal Chief Technology & Transformation Officer Repurpose It Chris Storey CFO Suburban Rail Loop Authority Jo Stewart Rattray Chief Security Officer Silverchain</p>		
12:35	<p>The PKI Renaissance: Building Digital Trust for the Modern Enterprise</p> <p><u>Speaker:</u> Daniel Sutherland Regional Vice President, ANZ DigiCert</p>		
13:00	<i>Lunch</i>	Invitation-Only VIP Lunch by Delinea	
	TRACK A: Strategic Resilience	TRACK B: Risk Management	TRACK C: Cyber Security Operations
	Greeting by Track Chair Sandeep Taileng , CISO, State Trustees	Greeting by Track Chair Prof Dan Haagman CEO, Chaleit & Honorary Professor Murdoch University	Greeting by Track Chair Raheem Sar APAC CISO The Access Group
14:00	Building Cyber-Resilience Against Social Engineering Attacks	The Quantum Leap: A Cyber Security Crossroads	Threat Intel-Informed Operations: A Force Multiplier for Your Organisation

	<p><u>Speakers:</u></p> <p>Puneet Tikoo Information Security Lead Cisco</p> <p>Bharat Bajaj Director ISACA Melbourne Chapter</p>	<p><u>Speaker:</u></p> <p>Fatima Hoblos Lead Engineer Kmart</p>	<p><u>Speaker:</u></p> <p>Nadia Taggart Director Cyber Security Strategic Development AARNet</p>
14:25	<p>The Security Game - A Strategy to Win</p> <p><u>Speaker:</u></p> <p>Paul Thomas Senior Solutions Architect ANZ Axonius</p>	<p>In Conversation: How Cyber and Transformation Leaders Are Securing Data in the AI Era</p> <p>In an era where AI is transforming how we work, the stakes for data security have never been higher. This panel brought to you by Varonis brings together two distinct but complementary voices - Selena Schimko from Lantern Legal and Edie Ward from Chemist Warehouse to explore how security and transformation leaders are navigating the tension between innovation and risk.</p> <p>We will cover:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Translating AI risk into business language that resonates with leadership. • Balancing experimentation with governance in high-stakes environments. • Building trust in AI systems through transparency, education, and tooling. • How vendors like Varonis help bridge the gap between risk aversion and innovation. <p>You'll walk away with real-world strategies for securing sensitive data, enabling safe AI adoption, and empowering your teams to innovate responsibly.</p> <p><u>Moderator:</u></p>	<p>From Vulnerability to Vanguard: Reinventing DNS Security</p> <p><u>Speaker:</u></p> <p>Brad Ford Security Specialist – ANZ Infoblox</p>

		Geoff Morrison Manager of Sales Engineering, ANZ Varonis <u>Panellists:</u> Selena Schimko General Manager Lantern Legal Edie Ward-Ardell Cyber Security Project Manager Chemist Warehouse	
14:50	From Cyber Chaos to Organisational Resilience: Mastering Crisis Leadership <u>Speaker:</u> Nigel Hedges CISO Chemist Warehouse	Fireside Chat: Bridging the Gap - Turning Cyber Risks into Strategic Leadership Conversations Join Sunil Rane in a candid fireside chat moderated by Dan Haagman, as they unpack what it takes to elevate cyber risk into a meaningful business conversation. Sunil will share insights from his experience developing a risk framework that helped align security efforts with business priorities and secure executive support. <u>Speakers:</u> Sunil Rane Deputy CISO EBOS Group Prof Dan Haagman CEO, Chaleit & Honorary Professor Murdoch University	Developing a Practical Approach to Security Operations and Incident Management <u>Speaker:</u> Sajeesh Patail Global Cyber Operations Manager Orica
15:15	Navigating Digital Transformation Safely <u>Speaker:</u> Andrew Philp ANZ Field CISO Trend Micro	Zero Trust for the C-Suite: Translating Security Strategy into Business Value with Okta and Palo Alto Networks <u>Speakers:</u> James Darwin Principal Solutions Engineer Okta Raj Sharma ANZ SASE:AI Portfolio GTM Leadership Palo Alto Networks Tharaka Perera Head of Information Security Estia Health	From Attack to Defence: Fighting AI with AI <u>Speakers:</u> Michael Shipley Principal Architect Strata Palo Alto Networks Marc Gallop Senior Domain Consultant Palo Alto Networks
15:40	<i>Get refreshed! Mingle</i>		15:40 – 17:00 <i>Invite-only Cocktail Roundtable</i>

	TRACK A: Strategic Resilience	TRACK B: Risk Management	From Reactive to Resilient: Advancing Vulnerability Management in the Modern Era <u>Speaker:</u> Robin Long Field CTO, APAC Rapid7
	Greeting by Track Chair Sandeep Taileng , CISO, State Trustees	Greeting by Track Chair Prof Dan Haagman , CEO, Chaleit & Honorary Professor, Murdoch University	
16:10	Automating GRC Frameworks: Mapping Cyber Maturity with Human-Centric Platforms <u>Speaker:</u> Jatinder Oberoi CISO Accolade Wines	Panel: Keeping Up with a Constantly Changing Regulatory Environment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An overview of new security regulations and standards affecting Australian businesses. • Complying with SOCI, SoNS, CPS 234, CPG 234, CPG 235, and other standards such as ISO27001, AESCSF, NIST and Essential 8. • Insights into the current proposed legislation NIS 2.0 and DORA, which have been said to be the GDPR for Information Security. • Strategies to balance the benefits against the cost-impact of compliance based on the enterprise's risk appetite. <u>Moderator:</u> Dan Goldberg Australian Market ISO Omnicom <u>Panellists:</u> Puneet Tikoo Information Security Lead Cisco Amanda Pinaud Head of Cyber Security Compliance MegaPort Helaine Leggat NED CI-ISAC & Chair CI-ISAC Health Cyber Sharing Network Advisory Panel	
16:35	Resilience by Design: How Security Graphs Enable Rapid Containment <u>Speaker:</u> Andrew Kay Director Sales Engineering, APJ Illumio	The Art of the Socially Engineered Attack <u>Speakers:</u> Matt Berry Field CTO & Senior Sales Engineer Abnormal Security	

17:00	TRACK A: Strategic Resilience (cont.) <p>Fireside Chat: Redefining the Role of the CISO to Drive Innovation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exploring how the CISO's responsibilities are evolving from solely managing risks to enabling business growth and innovation. Understanding how CISOs can design adaptable security frameworks that support business agility and innovation while safeguarding against emerging threats. Discussing how CISOs can cultivate a mindset where security is not seen as a barrier but as a driver of business agility, empowering teams to innovate with confidence. <p><u>Moderator:</u> Lama Tayeh Founder & CEO LULUMPR</p> <p><u>Speakers</u> Maria Paz CTO, Epworth John Taylor CTO Lumia Care</p>	TRACK B: Risk Management (cont.) <p>Fireside Chat: Safeguarding Data, Privacy and Ethics - Critical Considerations for CISOs Today</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Understand the data protection and privacy challenges posed by emerging technologies as well as the new privacy act updated in August 2024. Reduce trust assumptions and adopt a more granular, data-centric and risk-based approach to security. Discuss how to take a proactive approach to building a unified data security strategy while grappling with emerging technology in an era where data is widely distributed across the organisation. <p><u>Moderator:</u> Andrew Morgan Head of Information Security & Risk Defence Health</p> <p><u>Speakers:</u> Muzamil Rashid Head of Cyber Security Mazda Australia Vasant Prabhu Global Data Protection Lead Toll Group</p>
17:25	Chairperson's Closing Remarks & Reception Sandeep Taileng, CISO, State Trustees	
17:30	Cheers with Peers & Wine Tasting Hosted by The Missing Link	

	Day Two 23 July Crown Promenade
08:20	<i>Register; grab a coffee. Mix, mingle and say hello to peers old and new.</i>
09:00	Welcome from Corinium and the Chairperson Prof Dan Haagman CEO Chaleit & Honorary Professor Murdoch University
09:10	Fireside Chat: Threats on the Horizon - Unpacking the Evolving Cyber Landscape In this candid one-on-one conversation, a leading Australian CISO reflects on the rapidly evolving threat landscape impacting organisations across all sectors. This session explores how emerging technologies, geopolitical shifts, and adversarial innovation are reshaping the threat horizon. Discussing the rise of sophisticated multi-vector attacks, the increasing role of AI in both offence and defence, and the shifting tactics of cybercriminals and nation-state actors. Unpacking what's keeping security leaders up at night, how businesses can move from reactive to strategic risk management, and what it truly takes to build resilience in a climate of constant cyber disruption. Vannessa van Beek Global CISO Fortescue Jason Murrell Chair Australian Cyber Network

09:35	Into the Cyberwars <u>Speaker:</u> Glenn Maiden CSO Fortinet Australia & Director of Threat Intelligence, FortiGuard Labs ANZ Fortinet	
10:00	Panel: Invest Smart, Secure Smart – Maximising the Value through Strategic Resource Allocation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What strategies effectively prioritise resource allocation towards high-value targets without over-allocating to less critical areas? What metrics or KPIs should be tracked? How crucial are comprehensive risk assessments for identifying critical assets? How can businesses balance thorough risk assessments with the fast-paced threat landscape? What are the main challenges in getting the board to prioritise cyber security investments, and how do you tackle them? What do you do when the board says no? <u>Moderator:</u> Tara Dharnikota CISO Victoria University <u>Panellists:</u> Callum Nelson CISO EBOS Group James Ng GM Cyber Security (CISO) Insignia Financial Robert Turney CISO auDA	
10:35	Managing Data Security and Data Risk in the Age of Generative AI <u>Speaker:</u> Tim Stead Technical Director, APAC Securit	
11:00	<i>Get refreshed! Mingle</i>	
	Track A: Critical Infrastructure	Track B: Cyber Maturity
	Track Chair: Prof Dan Haagman CEO Chaleit & Honorary Professor Murdoch University	Track Chair: Andrew Morgan Head of Information Security & Risk Defence Health
11:30	Responsible AI in the Enterprise: Managing Risks while Driving Business Value <u>Speakers:</u> Bharat Bajaj Director ISACA Melbourne Chapter Reshma Devi Data & AI Risk and Information Management Transurban	Breaking the Firewall: Navigating Security in a World Without Boundaries <u>Speaker:</u> Muzamil Rashid Head of Cyber Security Mazda Australia
11:55	Winning the AI Arms Race in Cyber <u>Speaker:</u> Moe Ibrahim Area Vice President, Sales Engineering – APJ Exabeam	Data Visibility: The Foundation of Proactive Cyber Resilience <u>Speaker:</u> Adam Plotnikov Senior Solutions Engineer BigID John Karabin Chief Cyber Security Strategist McGrathNicol
12:20	Panel: Rethinking Security for Critical Infrastructure - Zero Trust as a Foundation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identifying key dependencies to address before embarking on a Zero Trust network transformation to ensure a smooth and effective implementation. 	Panel: From Framework to Function - Embedding GRC into Cyber Maturity Journeys <ul style="list-style-type: none"> How can organisations transform GRC from a compliance framework into a strategic tool that drives cyber maturity and resilience?

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exploring the essential components of a Zero Trust technology stack, their roles in fortifying infrastructure, and their integration into existing environments. Applying pragmatic policy principles to focus on high-impact areas, maximising risk reduction without overwhelming resources or processes. Addressing the complexities of deploying Zero Trust in environments with legacy systems, OT, and IoT. <p><u>Moderator:</u> Helaine Leggat NED CI-ISAC & Chair CI-ISAC Health Cyber Sharing Network Advisory Panel</p> <p><u>Panellists:</u> David Worthington GM - Digital Security & Risk Jemena Winston Fernando Head of Cyber Security & Compliance Darebin City Council Maria Paz CTO Epworth Ash Diffey Vice President, ANZ Ping Identity</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What are the main challenges organisations face when embedding GRC into their cyber maturity journey, and how can these be overcome effectively? How can organisations measure and track the impact of GRC integration on their cyber maturity and long-term resilience goals? <p><u>Moderator:</u> Cameron Walter Head of Cyber Security Cricket Australia</p> <p><u>Panellists:</u> Tharaka Perera Head of Information Security Estia Health Dhaval Parikh Senior Partner Information Security & Technology Risk BoQ Group Nimisha Balyan GM Program Delivery & Change - P&T Transformation Telstra</p>
12:55	Lunch	Invitation-Only VIP Lunch by Fastly
13:55	Prize Draws - The Great Rugby Giveaway to win hospitality tickets to see The British & Irish Lions face off against the Wallabies!	
14:00	<p>Cyber Defenses in the Crosshairs: Prioritising Security in an Evolving Threat Landscape</p> <p>This session unpacks the evolving threats to critical infrastructure and how AI is reshaping cyber security responses.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Geopolitical risk spotlight: how conflicts like Ukraine expose infrastructure vulnerabilities SOCI Act: what's changed and why it matters for security leaders QR and energy sector case studies: applying controls to protect people and services Real-world use of least-privilege and zero trust in operational environments AI in action: 113 hours saved in one month by automating SOC approvals for a financial client How to prioritise controls when budgets are under pressure <p><u>Moderator:</u> Ben Smith Solution Engineer One Identity</p> <p><u>Speakers:</u> Eralp Kubilay Country Head ANZ One Identity Kylie Watson Head of Cybersecurity DXC technology</p>	
14:25	<p>Panel: Resilience Starts Within - Nurturing a Cyber-Aware Culture Across Your Organisation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Understand the influence of human behaviour and organisational culture on the effectiveness of cyber security practices. Implement strategies to foster a security-conscious mindset, encouraging proactive cyber hygiene and responsible digital behaviour across the workforce. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Measure and evaluate the impact of security awareness initiatives, refining approaches to maintain a continuously improving cyber-aware culture. Empower employees to become active defenders, fortifying the organisation's resilience. <p><u>Moderator:</u> Daisy Wong Squad Lead - Security Awareness Medibank</p> <p><u>Panellists:</u> Cheryl Wong Security Culture & Engagement Lead EBOS Group Winston Fernando Head of Cyber Security & Compliance Darebin City Council Daniel Eastley Head of Group Cybersecurity JB HI-FI</p>
15:00	Healthcare-Inspired Frameworks for Smarter Cyber Response <u>Speaker:</u> Ian Pham Chief Information Security Officer Victorian Managed Insurance Authority
15:25	<i>Get refreshed! Mingle</i>
15:55	Panel: The Chain Reaction - Assess, Mitigate and Manage Supply Chain Cyber Risk <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What are the key vulnerabilities in the supply chain or gaps in vendor cyber security practices and their potential business impacts? How can businesses shift from reactive to proactive approaches in identifying and managing supply chain risks, particularly with the growing reliance on third-party services? What are the actionable strategies for improving vendor oversight and securing the entire supply chain against evolving cyber threats? How to develop tailored mitigation strategies to address financial, reputational, and operational risks posed by third-party vulnerabilities? <p><u>Moderator:</u> Raheem Sar APAC CISO The Access Group</p> <p><u>Panellists:</u> Muzamil Rashid Head of Cyber Security Mazda Australia Catherine Rowe CISO Teachers Mutual Bank Miraj Rajan Cyber Security Advisor EC-Council</p>
16:30	Panel: The Innovation Mindset – Cyber Leaders Who Dare to Think Differently Innovation and security are often seen as opposing forces, but the most successful organisations find ways to balance both. This panel brings together forward-thinking cyber security leaders to explore how to foster creativity while maintaining the rigour needed to safeguard organisations. <u>Moderator:</u> Prof Dan Haagman CEO Chaleit & Honorary Professor Murdoch University
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