DAY 1

Tuesday, 14 July 2026

08:20	*Register; grab a coffee. Mix, mingle and say hello to peers old and new.*
09:00	*Welcome remarks by Corinium & Chair's opening remarks* Chair: **Tara Dharnikota** CISO **Victoria University**
09:10	**Speed Networking – Making new connections at CISO Melbourne!**
09:15	**Opening Keynote Presentation** **Securing an AI-Native Organisation at Scale: Mercari, Japan's Largest C2C Marketplace** **Jason Fernandes** VP Security & Privacy **Mercari**
09:40	**Presentation** **Agentic Runtime Security - Solving Identity and Access Gaps in Agentic AI** **Chris Hockings** Global Strategy Leader, Identity Technology **IBM**
10:05	**Executive Tabletop** **How Do Executive Teams Align During a Live Cyber Incident?** Cyber incidents require coordinated decisions across security, risk, legal, and operations leaders. Panellists will take on executive roles during the exercise. *Scenario:* It is early in the business day at a critical infrastructure organisation that shares digital systems used for operations, decision-making, and external communication. A third-party technology provider has reported investigating unauthorised activity involving a system connected to customer records. At this stage, the scope, impact, and origin of the activity are not yet clear, including whether any sensitive data has been accessed or copied. Core services remain operational, but uncertainty is escalating and the executive team has been called together to decide what to do next with incomplete information. Facilitator: **Chirag Joshi** CISO & Founder **7 Rules Cyber** Speakers CISO: **Anya Avinash** Head of Cybersecurity **Bank First** CLO: **Sarah Tinsley** Former Chief Legal Officer & Company Secretary **Southern Cross Austereo**

	CRO: **Stephen Tiley** Director Internal Audit & Risk Assurance **Australian Red Cross Lifeblood** CIO: **Mariana Paun** Chief Business Resilience Officer **Zepto**
10:40	*Morning Coffee and Connect*
11:10	**Presentation** **From Copilot to Autonomous AI: Managing Data Risk in the AI Era** **Andrew Chisholm** Snr Sales Specialist, Information Protection **Proofpoint**
11:35	**Showcase Panel** **Viability, Feasibility, and Applicability: AI That Actually Reduces Operational Burden** This session showcases specific AI use cases from each panellist that have reduced operational burden for security teams. The conversation will then explore what worked, what didn't, and the lessons CISOs can apply to adopt AI safely, effectively, and with proper oversight. • What unexpected challenges did you face, and how did you respond? • Which governance or oversight decisions were critical for success? • What practical lessons should other CISOs take away before adopting similar AI initiatives? Moderator: **Amanda Ferguson** Director AI Transformation & Strategic Partnerships **Court Services Victoria** Panellists: **Igor Aleksenitser** Head of IT Security **Toll Group** **Nigel Hedges** GM – Cyber & Risk (CISO) **Sigma Healthcare** **Ash Diffey** Vice President, ANZ **Ping Identity**
12:05	**Presentation** **Architecting Resilience: Strategies for Web Application Security in an AI and Multi-Cloud Landscape** **Charlie Bricknell** CSOC Engineer **Fastly**
12:30	**Panel Discussion** **When Good Security Gets in the Way of Good Business** Explore the tension between protecting the organisation and enabling innovation. Learn how top CISOs navigate tricky trade-offs and keep security aligned with business outcomes. • How do you decide when to enforce controls and when to compromise? • Can friction be productive, or is it always a blocker? • What separates leaders who influence business outcomes from those who just enforce rules? • How do you maintain trust while challenging business priorities? Moderator: **Peter Baussmann** CTO **Airlock Digital** Speakers: **Muzamil Rashid** Head of Cyber Security **Mazda Australia** **Jason Hargenrader** GM of IT Services, Infrastructure & Cyber **Treasury Wine Estate** **Mariana Paun** Chief Business Resilience Officer **Zepto**
12:55	**Presentation** **Tools Don't Defend Organisations, People Do**

	Tim Sank Co-Founder & Sales Director **Cythera**		
13:00	*Lunch Break!*		
	Track A: AI in Practice	**Track B: Governance & Oversight**	**Track C: Resilience**
	Chair: **Dan Haagman** CEO **Chaleit** & Honorary Pro of Practice **Murdoch University**	Chair: **Muzamil Rashid** Head of Cyber Security **Mazda Australia**	Chair: **Tara Dharnikota** CISO **Victoria University**
14:00	**Fireside Chat** **Making AI Work in the SOC: Reality vs Expectation** Even with AI integrated through outsourced or hybrid SOCs, organisations still face alert fatigue, slow response, and gaps in detection. This session shares a CISO's journey managing AI-enabled security operations, highlighting the decisions, trade-offs, and lessons learned in strengthening defensive capability and ensuring effective incident response. Speakers: **Dan Haagman** CEO **Chaleit** & Honorary Professor of Practice **Murdoch University** **James Court** CSO **Cleanaway Waste Management**	**Presentation** **Building Fit for Purpose Governance from the Ground Up** **Andrew Kennan** GM Technology & Data **SEC Victoria**	**Group discussion** **What Makes Security Human? And When It Shouldn't Be** Human behaviour is often highlighted in security incidents, but the real risk lies in cognitive overload, decision fatigue, and misplaced confidence. The focus moves from mistakes to effective decision design and prioritisation. This session examines which decisions humans should retain, and how technology can absorb routine risk. **Christie Wilson** Cyber Resilience Manager **UniSuper**
14:25	**Fireside Chat** **How Organisations Secure Non-Human Identities in the Era of AI Agents** Speakers: **Anand Chinnachamy** Senior Presales Solution Architect **Okta** **Itay Harel** Identity Practice Lead **Versent**	**Presentation** **AI Authority Drift — Closing the Governance Gap** **David Fairman** Chief Security Officer **Netskope**	**Presentation** **Are You Mythos Ready? When Machine Speed Becomes The Risk** **Sam Salehi** A/NZ Managing Director **Qualys**
14:50	**Presentation**	**Presentation**	**Presentation** **From Point-in-Time to Real-Time: Tackling Gaps**

	Crawl, Walk, Run: A Pragmatic AI Adoption Roadmap for CISOs **Vijay Narayan** CISO **Mercy Health**	**How CISOs Respond to Funding and Risk Questions** **John Ellis** Global Head of Security Trust & Influence **QBE**	**and Modern Challenges in Supply Chain Resilience** **Igor Aleksenitser** Head of IT Security **Toll Group**
15:15	**Presentation** **AI Is Hungry: How to Stop Your Data Becoming Its Next Meal** **Alex Anketell** Sales Engineer **Varonis**	**Fireside Chat** **Beyond Risk Appetite - Challenging Threat Assumptions About Risk** Risk registers, heat maps, risk appetite statements, and governance discussions frequently focus on estimating probability before considering anything else. The challenge is that many of the incidents that cause the greatest damage to organisations are difficult to predict with confidence. Whether it is a cyber breach, insider incident, AI misuse, supply chain compromise, or fraud event, organisations often struggle to accurately estimate the likelihood before it occurs. In this session, we will explore how we can combine the external attacker, the human insider, and the trust dimensions to prioritise spending and remediation effort based on consequences and exposures, thereby improving your cyber resilience. Speakers: **Wayne O'Young** Country Manager **XM Cyber** **Boaz Fischer** Founder **Australian Institute of Insider Threats**	**Presentation** **Cyber Security is Broken: Hard Truths We Can't Ignore** **Andrew Kay** Senior Director, Sales Engineering APJ **Illumio**
15:40	*Afternoon 'Coffee and Connect'*		
	Track A: AI in Practice	**Track B: Governance & Oversight**	
16:10	**Interactive Session** **Is AI Governance Just Privacy 2.0 or Something Fundamentally Different?** As organisations race to deploy Gen AI, many are relying on existing privacy, risk, and cyber security frameworks to govern it.	**Presentation** **Beyond the Scan: Making Vulnerability Management Actually Reduce Risk** **Hasnat Buttar** Cyber Security & Risk Manager **Accent Group**	

	But is AI governance simply an extension of existing controls or does it require an entirely new approach? This discussion explores where privacy, cyber security, and AI governance increasingly overlap and where traditional models may no longer be enough. • Is AI governance fundamentally different from privacy and cyber risk management? • Who should ultimately own AI risk inside the organisation? • How can organisations enable AI adoption without creating governance bottlenecks? **Dan Goldberg** AI and Security Governance **Omnicom** **Tara Dharnikota** CISO **Victoria University**	
16:35	**Fireside Chat** **Are We Genuinely Transforming Cyber Security, Or Simply Adding AI To Existing Complexity?** *(Are we creating a meaningful path forward, or a rod for our own back?)* We begin with a fireside conversation to cut through the hype, then open the floor to the room. Expect candid views and healthy debate. Come ready to challenge John and Dan, test your own assumptions, and weigh in with your perspective. The aim of the session is for attendees to leave with understanding of some quick wins and where true value can be obtained. • Are we creating a meaningful path forward, or introducing new problems at scale? • Are we unlocking value, or accumulating technical and operational debt? • What are organisations actually gaining from AI today? • Where are the practical opportunities, risks and trade-offs for security leaders? Speakers: **John Taylor** Field CTO APAC **Mimecast** **Dan Haagman** CEO **Chaleit**	**Presentation** **Making the Case for Asset Intelligence and Actionability** **Paul Thomas** Solutions Architect **Axonius**

17:00	**Interactive Group Discussion** **Every Conference Talks About AI. But What Progress?** Reflect on AI decisions from the past year, what's changed, and share your thoughts on new challenges and opportunities. 1. Which AI decisions truly moved the needle? 2. How has AI adoption or governance changed in the last year? 3. What lessons on trust, risk, and accountability stick out? **Samrat Seal** Head of Transformation & Governance **Kmart**	**Fireside Chat** **Defining "Sufficient" Oversight: How Much Assurance Is Enough?** Join this session to explore the grey areas of oversight, where judgement and decision-making matter more than checklists. This closing discussion is your chance to reflect on the day, debate the dilemmas, and leave with insights to guide real-world decision-making. 1. What counts as "enough" oversight? 2. How much assurance is reasonable? 3. Who decides when controls are sufficient? Speakers: **Rucha Gatti** Director Tech and Info Risk **NAB** **Ian Pham** CISO **Victorian Managed Insurance Authority**
17:25	*Closing Remarks by the Chair*	*Closing Remarks by the Chair*
17:30	**CISO Drinks Reception & Wine Tasting**	

DAY 2 Wednesday, 15 July 2026	
08:15	*Register; grab a coffee. Mix, mingle and say hello to peers old and new.*
08:55	*Welcome remarks by Corinium & Chair's opening remarks* Chair: **Dan Haagman** CEO **Chaleit** & Honorary Professor of Practice **Murdoch University**
09:00	**Keynote Dialogue** **Signals from the Frontline: Global Threat Intelligence in Action** This keynote dialogue explores what global threat intelligence is revealing and what it means for organisations and national cyber resilience. • How are cyber threats shifting, from state-linked campaigns to hybrid criminal activity? • How can government and industry collaborate to detect and respond faster? • How can global intelligence be translated into actionable strategies? • What lessons from recent incidents should CISOs prioritise? What have we learned from 2025? Speakers: **John Ellis** Global Head of Security Trust & Influence **QBE** **Stephen Beaumont AM** Non-Executive Director & Chair **CI-ISAC Australia**
09:25	**Presentation** **No More Guessing: How Real-Time Intelligence & AI Changes a Security Team's Day** **Matt Waite** Senior Director of Solution Engineering **Tanium**
09:50	**Keynote Panel**

	When the Best-Laid Plans Collapse, What's Your Move? No system is completely secured and no plan survives every challenge. Join us for a candid, practical conversation that will challenge how you think about leadership, risk, and success in an unpredictable world. • How do you decide what's truly worth protecting? • Can failure ever become an advantage? • Which policies, processes, or habits add real value and what would you eliminate? • What happens when your best defence still fails? • What separates teams that adapt and thrive from those that crumble? Moderator: **David Rajkovic** Regional Vice President – Australia and New Zealand **Rubrik** Panellists: **Deniz Molokov** CISO **Downer** **Jo Stewart-Rattray** CISO Advisory Board Member **Corinium Global Intelligence** **Alison Stretch** GM Information Security **Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools**	
10:20	**Fireside Chat** **Powering Up Resilience: Inside SA Power Networks' Data Security Journey; From Data Exposure to a Connected Security Program** **Marcin Zyman** Account Executive **Cyera** **Nathan Morelli** CISO **SA Power Networks**	
10:45	**Keynote Panel** **Systematic Risk in Critical Infrastructure: Are We Over-Reliant on the Same Vendor?** Explore the tough decisions behind vendor concentration in critical infrastructure, where over-reliance can amplify risk. This panel discusses how organisations assess, mitigate, and live with systemic dependencies. • Which vendor dependencies keep you awake at night? • When is reliance on a single vendor acceptable and when is it risky? • How do you handle tough conversations with boards or regulators about concentration risk? • What vendor surprises over the past year changed your approach? Moderator: **Ian Pham** CISO **Victorian Managed Insurance Authority** Panellists: **Varun Acharya** CISO **Healthscope** **Ben Lester** Head of Digital Security (CISO) **St John of God Health Care** **Dr Huon Curtis** Head of External Affairs **CI-ISAC Australia** **Ciara Spencer** Deputy Secretary, Law Enforcement & Domestic Security **Department of Home Affairs**	
11:15	*Get refreshed! Mingle*	
	Track A: Leadership in Action	**Track B: Threats & Tech Horizon**
	Chair: **Lauren Veenstra** CSO **Ibedrola Australia**	Chair:

		Prof Dan Haagman CEO **Chaleit** & Honorary Professor of Practice **Murdoch University**
11:55	**Interactive Group Discussion** **The Cyber Budget Challenge: Where Would You Spend Your Last Dollar?** Join this interactive session to wrestle with the tough choices CISOs face when cyber budgets are tight and every dollar counts. • Which cyber initiatives get your first dollar? • How do you balance investment between prevention, detection, and response? • What's a compromise you can live with and what's a deal-breaker? **Andrew Morgan** GM Cyber Security and Enterprise Services **John Holland**	**Presentation** **Space as Critical Infrastructure: The Next Blind Spot for CISOs** **Sandeep Taileng** Information Security Officer **State Trustees**
12:20	**Presentation** **Staying Ahead of the Adversary: Managing the 2026 ANZ Cyber Threat Landscape** **Junaid Siddiqui** ANZ Pre-Sales Manager **Group-IB**	**Presentation** **Beyond the noise: rethinking detection in the age of AI** **Harry Guy** Director ANZ **Sumo Logic**
12:45	**Presentation** **What SOCs Can Learn from Control Rooms: Insights from Critical Infrastructure** **Sam Mackenzie** VP **Australian Control Room Network Association**	**Solo Debate** **Point–Counterpoint: Quantum Computing – Strategic Threat or Governance Exposure?** This structured solo debate examines quantum computing from both sides of the executive dilemma. • Explores whether quantum disruption of RSA and ECC is closer than organisations are prepared for. • Challenges assumptions around harvest-now-decrypt-later risk and long-lived data exposure. • Questions whether large-scale quantum timelines justify immediate large capital investment. • Examines the dependency of identity systems, PKI, certificates, federation, and trust chains on current cryptography. • Reframes quantum not as a physics problem, but as a governance and architectural maturity test.

		• Confronts whether organisations truly understand their cryptographic inventory and crypto agility. • Provides a practical executive decision framework to navigate quantum uncertainty without hype or paralysis. **Fatima Hoblos** Senior Engineer – Identity & Access Management **Energy Company**
13:10	*Lunch Break!*	*Invitation-Only VIP Lunch*
14:10	*Prize Announcement*	
14:10	**Presentation** **Insider Threat Beyond the Human: Rethink Your Security Program for the AI Insider** **Steve Moore** Chief Security Strategist **Exabeam**	
14:35	**Keynote Presentation** **Operational Resilience Under Pressure: What CPS 234 and CPS 230 Reveal** **Ashutosh Kochhar** Chief Information Risk Officer (CIRO) **Northern Trust Corporation**	
15:00	**Presentation** **Future-Proofing Trust-How Leaders Can Govern AI, Machine Identity, and Quantum Risk** **Daniel Sutherland** Area Vice President, ANZ **DigiCert**	
15:25	**Closing Fireside Chat** **Are Your Identities Controlling You or Your Business?** As organisations shift more services and operations into SaaS and cloud environments, identity is no longer just a technical issue—it's a business-critical risk factor. This conversation explores how technology and security leaders are navigating identity sprawl, trust, and operational resilience beyond the tools and dashboards. • Where does identity risk show up first in the business? • How can CISOs balance simplicity, user experience, and control? • What is the best approach to managing both user and service accounts at scale? • How can leaders maintain visibility over access, privilege, and lifecycle in cloud environments? Moderator: **Winston Fernando** Head of Cyber Security & Compliance **Darebin City Council** Speakers: **Kanchana Devi** Head of Group Cybersecurity **JB Hi-Fi** **Hemanth Kanakamedala** Senior Manager Identity & Cyber Engineering **EBOS Group**	
15:50	*Closing Remarks by the Chair*	
16:00	**Close of CISO Melbourne 2026 & Afternoon Tea**	