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<h2>CISO Perth</h2> <p>Wednesday 1 April 2026</p>	
08:15	<i>Register; grab a coffee. Mix, mingle and say hello to peers old and new.</i>
08:45	<p>Welcome remarks by Corinium &amp; Chair's opening remarks</p> <p><u>Chair:</u> <b>Mia Araminta</b> Volunteer <b>WiTWA</b> &amp; Cybersecurity Resilience <b>South32</b></p>
08:55	<p><b>Speed Networking – Making new connections at CISO Perth!</b></p> <p>During this 5-minute networking session, participants can build their network. Have fun!</p>
09:00	<p><b>Keynote Headliner</b></p> <p><b>Bridging Policy and Reality: What WA's Cyber Policy Shift Means for Organisations</b></p> <p>Western Australia's new cyber policies are reshaping expectations around accountability, resilience, and information sharing across all sectors. This keynote presentation explores how to close the gap between policy ambition and operational reality.</p> <p><u>Speaker:</u> <b>Peter Bouhlas</b> WA CISO <b>Department of the Premier and Cabinet</b></p>
09:25	<p><b>Panel Discussion</b></p> <p><b>Risk Management, Leadership and Communication in Cyber Incidents</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Who do you call first when a cyber incident hits? How do you prioritise action?</li> <li>• How do leaders balance immediate response with long-term reputation and trust management?</li> <li>• Are playbooks useful in practice, or do they get ignored in real incidents?</li> </ul> <p><u>Moderator:</u> <b>Niraj Naidu</b> ANZ Regional CTO <b>Rubrik</b></p> <p><u>Panellists:</u> <b>Simi Das</b> IT Audit, Risk and Compliance Manager <b>Wilson Group</b> <b>Nicholas Putra</b> Manager Cyber Security <b>Department of Creative Industries, Tourism and Sport</b> <b>Mia Araminta</b> Volunteer <b>WiTWA</b> &amp; Cybersecurity Resilience <b>South32</b></p>

09:55	<p><b>Data Security: The Missing Context</b></p> <p><u>Speaker:</u>  <b>Tim Roughton</b> Country Manager Australia &amp; New Zealand <b>Concentric AI</b></p>
10:20	<p><i>Morning 'Coffee and Connect'</i></p>
10:50	<p><b>Security in the Age of Exploding Data</b></p> <p><u>Speaker:</u>  <b>Kajan Moorthy</b> Solutions Engineering <b>Cribl</b></p>
11:15	<p><b>Panel Discussion</b></p> <p><b>Culture, Behaviour and Cyber Resilience: Stories from the Frontline</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How do organisational culture and human behaviour influence cyber resilience?</li> <li>• How do you embed secure behaviours into everyday work so they feel natural rather than forced?</li> <li>• How can organisations measure the real impact of security awareness efforts and adjust over time?</li> <li>• How do you encourage staff to see themselves as defenders rather than vulnerabilities?</li> <li>• What's one simple habit you wish every employee would adopt to improve cyber resilience?</li> </ul> <p><u>Moderator:</u>  <b>Tim Orr</b> Senior Manager Security Awareness <b>CBA</b></p> <p><u>Panellists:</u>  <b>Rebecca Moonen</b> Security &amp; Privacy Influence and Cyber Safety Outreach Manager <b>nbn</b>  <b>Neel Goradia</b> Cyber Security Lead <b>PLS</b>  <b>Mark O'Brien</b> GM Digital Technology &amp; Innovation (CIO) <b>CITIC Pacific Mining</b></p>
11:50	<p><b>Secure the AI Future, Now: Scaling AI Securely, Without Slowing Innovation</b></p> <p><u>Speaker:</u>  <b>Hamish Armati</b> Solution Architect <b>Cyera</b></p>

12:15	<p><b>Panel Discussion</b>  <b>AI Governance: Structure, Responsibility and Scope</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Where does AI sit across the organisation?</li> <li>• How should accountability be shared between security, risk, data, and business teams?</li> <li>• What tasks can AI be trusted with, and where must human oversight remain non-negotiable?</li> <li>• How can organisations prevent over-reliance, ensure explainability, and avoid ethical or operational pitfalls?</li> </ul> <p><u>Moderator:</u>  <b>Mia Araminta</b> Volunteer <b>WiTWA</b> &amp; Cybersecurity Resilience <b>South32</b></p> <p><u>Panellists:</u>  <b>Nigel Elders</b> CIO <b>The Perth Mint</b>  <b>Sameera Bandara</b> CIO <b>Programmed</b>  <b>Dave Deviren</b> Head of Group IT <b>McIntosh Group</b></p>	
12:45	<p><b>Tools Don't Defend Organisations, People Do</b></p> <p><u>Speaker:</u>  <b>Chris Bolan</b> Director <b>Cythera</b></p>	
12:50	<i>Lunch Break! Connect and Converse.</i>	Invitation-only VIP Lunch by HashiCorp
	<b>Track A: Strategic resilience</b>	<b>Track B: Technical excellence</b>
	<p><u>Chair:</u> <b>Mia Araminta</b> Volunteer <b>WiTWA</b> &amp; Cybersecurity &amp; AI Resilience <b>South32</b></p>	<p><u>Chair:</u> <b>Rob Labbé</b> CEO &amp; CISO-in-Residence <b>Mining and Metals ISAC</b></p>
13:50	<p><b>The Cyber Budget Challenge: Where Would You Spend Your Last Dollar?</b></p> <p><u>Speaker:</u>  <b>John Edwards</b> A/CSO <b>East Metropolitan Health Service</b></p>	<p><b>Legacy Systems, Real Constraints: Managing Risk When You Can't Patch Everything</b></p> <p><u>Speaker:</u>  <b>David Taylor</b> CISO – Manager Cyber Security &amp; Network Controls <b>Public Transport Authority</b></p>
14:15	<p><b>AI Is Hungry: How to Stop Your Data Becoming Its Next Meal</b></p> <p><u>Speaker:</u>  <b>Scott Leach</b> Vice President, APJ <b>Varonis</b></p>	<p><b>Pre-Emptive Cybersecurity: Blocking Threats at the First Question</b></p> <p><u>Speaker:</u>  <b>Brad Ford</b> Security Specialist - Australia &amp; New Zealand <b>Infoblox</b></p>

14:40	<p><b>AIC's Secure Digital-Transformation Journey Toward the School of 2030</b></p> <p><u>Speaker:</u>  <b>Tamjid Aijazi</b> CIO <b>Australian Islamic College</b></p>	<p><b>Aligning IEC 62443 Expectations with OT Reality</b></p> <p><u>Speaker:</u>  <b>Ricardo Da Paz</b> Lead OT Cyber Operations/Cyber Technical Authority  <b>Woodside Energy</b></p>
15:05	<p><b>The CISO's Next Problem: Governing the AI-Augmented SOC</b></p> <p><u>Speaker:</u>  <b>Neville Pinto</b> Strategic Security Advisor ANZ <b>Splunk</b></p>	<p><b>Authority, Autonomy and the Control Plane for AI</b></p> <p><u>Speaker:</u>  <b>David Fairman</b> Chief Security Officer  <b>Netskope</b></p>
15:30	<i>Afternoon 'Coffee and Connect'</i>	<p>15:30 – 16:30  Invitation-only VIP High Tea by Rapid7</p>
16:00	<p><b>Third- and Fourth-Party Risk: Moving from Prevention to Containment</b></p> <p><u>Speaker:</u>  <b>Biljana Roksandić</b> Cyber Security Governance Risk &amp; Compliance Officer  <b>Synergy</b></p>	<p><b>Preparing for the Quantum Era</b></p> <p><u>Speaker:</u>  <b>Tara Lie</b> Information &amp; Technology Governance Manager <b>Department of Water and Environmental Regulation</b></p>
16:25	<p><b>The Human Factor – How AI is Mitigating the Risk</b></p> <p><u>Speaker:</u>  <b>Matt Berry</b> Field CTO <b>Abnormal AI</b></p>	<p><b>Bridging the Gap - Verified Trust for All Identities</b></p> <p><u>Speaker:</u>  <b>Steve Dillon</b> Field CTO, APJ <b>Ping Identity</b></p>

16:50	<p><b>Closing Presentation</b>  <b>The Burnout-Breach Connection: Why Human Overload Is Cyber’s Hidden Risk</b></p> <p><u>Speaker:</u>  <b>Dinda Timperon</b> Head of Cyber Security Engineering <b>Insignia Financial</b></p>	<p><b>Closing Fireside Chat</b>  <b>Cyber Strategy for the next 2-3 years: What Matters</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What has changed in cyber strategy over the past few years and what surprisingly hasn’t</li> <li>• Which fundamentals organisations must return to, even as environments grow more complex</li> <li>• Where bold innovation is now required, particularly in identity, automation, and resilience engineering</li> <li>• The critical markers of an effective strategy</li> </ul> <p><u>Moderator</u>  <b>Ruchit Deshpande</b> Security Solutions Director <b>The Missing Link</b></p> <p><u>Speakers</u>  <b>Shana Uhlmann</b> GM Technology <b>Perth Airport</b>  <b>Rob Labbé</b> CEO &amp; CISO-in-Residence <b>Mining and Metals ISAC</b></p>
17:15	<i>Closing Remarks by Track Chair</i>	<i>Closing Remarks by Track Chair</i>
17:20	<p><b>CISO Perth 2026 Reception &amp; Networking</b>  <i>Continue the conversation over drinks.</i></p>	