

CISO Perth

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CISO Perth 2025	
1 April Perth Convention Centre	
08:00	<i>Register; grab a coffee. Mix, mingle and say hello to peers old and new.</i>
08:40	Welcome from Corinium and the Chairperson Prof Dan Haagman, CEO, Chaleit & Honorary Professor, Murdoch University
08:50	Speed Networking – Making New Connections! In this 5-minute networking session, the goal is to connect with three new people. Let the questions on the screen spark your conversation. Enjoy the opportunity to expand your network!
08:55	Opening Presentation: Navigating the Threat Landscape and Strategic Path Forward <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Uncover what lies ahead - a brief guide outlining key initiatives, strategic imperatives and the challenges that CISOs must navigate Outline a strategic path forward for strengthening national cyber security resilience through proactive measures and workforce development. Learn about the key challenges and success factors identified for the strategy, including the need for long-term commitment, flexibility, and alignment with global allies Serena King, Assistant Director Cyber Security Engagement WA, National Cyber Security Office
09:20	Panel: The Chain Reaction— Assess, Mitigate and Manage Supply Chain Cyber Risk <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify key vulnerabilities in the supply chain, focusing on gaps in vendor cyber security practices and their potential business impacts. Examine the anatomy of supply chain attacks, highlighting the critical role of risk assessment, due diligence, and continuous third-party monitoring. Implement actionable strategies for improving vendor oversight and securing the entire supply chain against evolving cyber threats. Develop tailored mitigation strategies to address financial, reputational, and operational risks posed by third-party vulnerabilities. <u>Moderator:</u> Neel Goradia, Cyber Security Lead, Pilbara Minerals <u>Panellists:</u> George Siemens, Cyber Security, Risk & Compliance Officer, CalEnergy Resources (Australia) Tara Lie, Information & Technology Governance Manager, Department of Water and Environmental Regulation Jason Fraser, Head of Cyber & Infrastructure, Capricorn Society Ariel Lumbroso, Solution Engineer, Delinea
09:55	Ransomware Unmasked: How to Prevent, Detect, and Respond to Modern Threats <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduction – What is ransomware? Why is it a growing threat?

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attack Lifecycle – How ransomware infiltrates, spreads, and executes. • Real-World Case Studies – Lessons from high-profile ransomware attacks. • Prevention & Defence Strategies– Zero Trust, threat intelligence, and security best practices. • Incident Response & Recovery – What to do if you’re hit and how to recover quickly. <p>Matt O'Kane Director Notion Digital Forensics, Distinguished Lecturer UNSW & Cloudflare Advocate</p>	
10:20	<i>Morning Coffee Break</i>	
10:50	<p>Cyber Crime Trends 2025 - Find Out About The Biggest Global Trends And How Australia Is Measuring Up</p> <p>There is no denying that the scale and impact of cybercrime has reached new heights and attackers are no longer relying on just one entry point - they're using every channel available. Knowing where to focus is an essential skill of the modern security leader, and a constant stress.</p> <p>We will be discussing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The rise of AI as an exploitable attack surface • The rise of multichannel attacks • Supply chain attacks • Personal identities • Cyber resilience inequality • The boom of cybercrime <p>Join us for the latest global and Australian insights and how evolving technologies and tactics are shaping the digital threat landscape in 2025. Learn how to protect your organisation from emerging risks and stay one step ahead of cybercriminals.</p> <p>Jacqueline Jayne Advocate for Human-Centric Security SoSafe</p>	
11:15	<p>Redefining the Role of 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>Rob Labbé, CEO & CISO in Residence, Mining and Metals ISAC</p>	
11:40	<p>Harnessing the Power of a Human-Centric Approach to Safeguarding Your Data</p> <p>In this session, we will explore how a human-centric approach to cybersecurity can significantly transform your data protection efforts. Moving beyond traditional technical solutions, we’ll highlight how integrating data classification, behavioural insights (i.e. user intent), and threat context creates a dynamic defence against data loss.</p> <p>Matthew Patterson Staff Solutions Architect: Information Protection Proofpoint</p>	
12:05	<i>Lunch</i>	<i>VIP Luncheon hosted by Delinea</i>
	<p>Track A:</p> <p>Strategic Resilience</p>	<p>Track B:</p> <p>Technical Excellence</p>
	Track A Chair: Prof Dan Haagman , CEO, Chaleit & Honorary Professor, Murdoch University	Track B Chair: Shana Uhlmann , CISO, Tattarang
13:05	The Unofficial AI Survival Guide for Security Leaders	Safely Enabling AI Copilots with Varonis

	<p>Are you feeling overwhelmed by the rapid evolution of AI? Are you tired of being bombarded with questions about AI? Are you trying to figure out where to start and how to protect your organisation in the new landscape?</p> <p>Learn the key tactics being used by attackers today to take advantage of the explosion of AI technology including fraud enablement and discover how rogue AI and AI-enabled hacking will impact you in the future. Cut through the noise and explore strategies you can implement to defend your organisation from AI-enabled threats and attacks to reduce risk and bolster resilience.</p> <p>Mick McCluney Field CTO, ANZ Trend Micro</p>	<p>During this session, we will show you just how easily your company's sensitive data can be exposed using Microsoft Copilot with simple prompts. We will share practical steps and strategies to ensure a secure Microsoft Copilot rollout and prevent prompt hacking data exposure.</p> <p>Jack Eid, Regional Sales Manager, Varonis</p>
13:30	<p>Panel: From Risk to Transformation— AI's Impact on Next-Gen Cyber Security</p> <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> Vannessa Van Beek, Global CISO, Fortescue</p> <p><u>Panellists:</u> Daryll Holland, CISO, Alii Technology Group Tim Downing, Director - Information Security, Clean Energy Finance Corporation Brenda van Rensburg, Cyber Security GRC & Assurance Specialist, working for P&N Group (P&N Bank and BCU Bank) Prashant Singh, Member Board of Directors, ISACA Perth Chapter Adam Plotnikov, Senior Solutions Engineer, BigID</p>	<p>Panel: OT Security— So What? Why Cyber Security Can't Just Take Over OT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How do you address the misconception that traditional IT security measures can be directly applied to OT systems? • How can OT security leaders effectively communicate the unique risks and challenges of OT systems to senior management? • How can we ensure OT security remains a priority without over-relying on cyber security frameworks designed for IT? • How can OT security leaders balance the need for updates with the realities of maintaining legacy equipment in critical operational environments? • How do you see the growing trend of convergence between IT, OT, and IIoT impacting security operations and incident response? <p><u>Moderator:</u> Miriam Sanchez-Blanco, CTO, City of Stirling</p> <p><u>Panellists:</u> Trevlyn Farrar, A/Manager Cyber Security, WA Health Rob Labbe, CEO & CISO in Residence, Mining and Metals ISAC Osmar Couto, Senior Principal Consultant – OT Cyber Security, Worley Dane Hobson, Head of Cyber Security, Western Power</p>

14:05	<p>Deepfakes & Digital Trust: The Identity Revolution</p> <p>Digital trust is under siege. From password vulnerabilities to the rise of deepfakes, our online identities are evolving. Join Steve Dillon, Head of APJ Architecture as he confronts the challenges, explores the revolution in authentication, and reveals how next-gen solutions are reshaping our digital future.</p> <p>Steve Dillon, Head of APJ Architecture, Ping Identity</p>	<p>Overwhelmed & Exposed: Why Traditional Vulnerability Management is Failing & What to Do Next</p> <p>Traditional Vulnerability Management is struggling to keep up as threat actors rapidly exploit weaknesses. The sheer volume of vulnerabilities and outdated risk models leave organisations exposed.</p> <p>This session will highlight real-world trends and the limitations of reactive patching. We'll introduce Continuous Threat Exposure Management (CTEM) - a proactive approach that prioritises exploitable risks based on real-world threat intelligence.</p> <p>Join us to learn how CTEM helps security teams focus on what truly matters, reduce attack surfaces, and stay ahead of adversaries in today's evolving cyber landscape.</p> <p>Robin Long, Director, Regional CTO, APAC, Rapid7</p>
14:30	<p>Maturity Uplift for the Essential 8 and the "Further Five"</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implement practical strategies and methodologies to elevate your maturity level within the Essential 8 framework, showcasing key steps and milestones. • Identify and address real-world challenges, bridging gaps and mitigating risks that remain even after achieving high maturity. • Highlight effective solutions and adjustments that enhance resilience and ensure continuous improvement in cyber security practices. <p>Steve Woods, CISO, Department of Justice WA</p>	<p>Phishing Detection through Psychological Cues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leverage NLP and machine learning to identify psychological manipulation. • Explore the potential of deep learning for improving email phishing detection and protecting against this pervasive threat. • Evaluate the effectiveness of different deep learning architectures and techniques for email phishing detection. <p>Dr Keyvan Ansari, Senior Lecturer in Information Technology, Murdoch University</p>
14:55	<p>Unlocking the Value: Elevating Cyber Security from Technical Concern to Strategic Asset</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss how cyber security initiatives can be better aligned with overall business goals to enhance organisational resilience and growth. • Explore how other C-suite members can be effectively engaged in cyber security strategies to ensure it is prioritised at the highest levels of the organisation. • Highlighting how cyber security, when positioned as a strategic asset, can drive business value, increase organisational 	<p>How DevSecOps Platforms Help Secure the Software Supply Chain</p> <p>As organisations accelerate digital transformation initiatives, they face mounting pressure to harmonise rapid software delivery with robust security measures. This session explores how the convergence of DevSecOps, Artificial Intelligence, and Value Stream Management (VSM) creates a comprehensive framework for secure, efficient software development. We'll examine practical strategies for integrating AI-powered security controls into development pipelines, leveraging VSM metrics</p>

	<p>resilience, and create a competitive advantage.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discuss how organisations develop more proactive approaches to managing cyber risks <p>Robbie Whittome, CISO, Curtin University</p>	<p>to optimise security processes, and building resilient software supply chains.</p> <p>Join us to unlock a seamless delivery pipeline, fortified security, and enhanced business value amidst the ever-evolving threat landscape.</p> <p>Rob Williams Solutions Architect GitLab</p>
15:20	<i>Afternoon Tea Break. Get Refreshed!</i>	
15:50	<p>How to Pay Less for your Cyber Insurance</p> <p>As our customers improve their cyber maturity, some have seen their Cyber Insurance premiums fall by up to 30%. This short presentation compiles feedback from Cythera customers and industry findings to share quick wins that your business can take to reduce their cyber insurance premiums.</p> <p>Joh McPhee, WA Regional Sales Manager, Cythera</p>	
15:55	<p>Panel: Invest Smart, Secure Smart– Maximising the Value through Strategic Resource Allocation</p> <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? <p><u>Moderator</u></p> <p>Gavin Ryan, Global Head of Information Security, Navitas</p> <p><u>Panellists</u></p> <p>Helen McLeish, Chief Cybersecurity Officer, East Metropolitan Health Service</p> <p>Robbie Whittome, CISO, Curtin University</p> <p>Shana Uhlmann, CISO, Tattarang</p>	
16:30	<p>Panel: Building Resilience from Within– Fostering a Cyber-Aware Culture</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. 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></p> <p>Caitriona Forde, Managing Director, calT Cyber Safe</p> <p><u>Panellists:</u></p> <p>Peter Gigengack, Director Cyber Security, Department of the Premier and Cabinet of WA</p> <p>Mia Araminta, Cyber Security Resilience Lead, South32</p> <p>Gavin Ryan, Global Head of Information Security, Navitas</p> <p>Faiza Khawar, President & Chair of the Board of Directors, ISACS Perth Chapter</p>	
17:05	CISO Perth 2025 Chair’s Closing	
17:10	CISOs Cocktail Reception & Networking - <i>Continue the conversations in a fun and entertaining way.</i>	