

# CLOUD & IT INFRASTRUCTURE SUMMIT VIC

EXPLORING THE FOUNDATIONS NEEDED TO THRIVE IN THE AI AGE

WEDNESDAY, 19TH MARCH, 2025  
SOFITEL MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA



## SPEAKERS



seek

BRANDON STAFFORD

Chief Architect



JOHN COX

Chief Technology Officer



ADRIAN JANSZ

General Manager Cloud, Data & Analytics



NICEL FERNANDES

VP/General Manager of Engineering



JAN CUTTS

Executive Manager - Cloud & Hybrid Infrastructure



CRAIG PENFOLD

Senior Vice President Engineering

## KEY TOPICS

- Unpacking the cloud & infrastructure strategy needed to thrive in the AI Age
- Digital Resilience: What is the real cost of disrupted business?
- Operational Excellence: Implementing pillars for success
- AiOps enhancing observability & automation

## WHO WILL ATTEND?

- Chief Technology Officer
- Head of Cloud
- Head of Technology
- Head of IT Infrastructure
- Head of IT Operations
- Head of Architecture
- Head of Technology Transformation

# SUMMIT AGENDA

WEDNESDAY 19TH MARCH

---

## 8:30 REGISTRATION, COFFEE & NETWORKING

---

## 9:00 WELCOME REMARKS FROM CHAIRPERSON

---

### 9:10 OPENING KEYNOTE: SHOWCASING COLES' INNOVATIONS IN CLOUD TECHNOLOGY

**John Cox**, Chief Technology Officer, Coles

---

## 9:40 PANEL DISCUSSION UNPACKING THE CLOUD & INFRASTRUCTURE FOUNDATIONS NEEDED TO THRIVE IN THE AI AGE

- Assessing how the demands for data and computing power will shift in the coming years
- What are the digital foundations needed to thrive & stay ahead of competition
- Creating a cloud & infrastructure strategy that is future-ready

**Brandon Stafford**, Chief Architect, SEEK

**Adrian Jansz**, General Manager Cloud, Data & Analytics, ANZ

**Raymond Tang**, Director, Engineering Manager, Commonwealth Bank

---

## 10:20 PRESENTATION: SECURING THE CLOUD: THREATS, RISK & COMPLIANCE MEASURES

---

## 10:50 MORNING TEA & NETWORKING

---

### 11:20 INTERACTIVE SCENARIO: Building a Future-Ready AI Ecosystem in the Cloud

## 11:40 PANEL DISCUSSION: DIGITAL RESILIENCE: WHAT IS THE REAL COST OF DISRUPTED BUSINESS?

- Why digital resilience is central to your organisations overall resilience
- What processes are involved in enabling secure & continuous business
- Identifying the key steps to maintaining resilience if outages occur

**Nigel Fernandes**, VP/General Manager - Engineering (Ecosystem, Cloud, Platforms/Identity), Xero

**Craig Padayachee**, Head of IT Operations, Defence Bank

**Ken Ng**, Chief Information Officer, Munro Footwear

---

## 12:20 PRESENTATION: THE FINOPS MOVEMENT: ACHIEVING ROI ON YOUR INVESTMENT

---

---

## 12:50 LUNCH & NETWORKING

---

### 1:30 INTERACTIVE WORKSHOPS

- Cloud-Native Technologies: Building scalable & resilient applications
- Multi-Cloud Orchestration Tools: Streamlining management & automation
- Modernisation of core business applications for innovation & efficiency
- Cost Optimisation in the Cloud: Strategies for efficient resource utilisation
- Complete visibility to improve reliability & enhance innovation in cloud environments
- Improved cloud governance for an automated, secure, compliant platform

## 2:10 PANEL DISCUSSION: OPERATIONAL EXCELLENCE: IMPLEMENTING PILLARS FOR SUCCESS

- Embedding a culture of continuous improvement across all teams to strive for excellence
- Implementing AiOps to drive automation and reallocate valuable resources
- Monitor, learn & innovate to achieve business success

**Craig Penfold**, Senior Vice President Engineering, CultureAmp

**Andrew Peeters**, GM IT EverydayX, Woolworths

**Jan Cutts**, Executive Manager - Cloud & Hybrid Infrastructure, nbn

---

## 2:50 PRESENTATION: MACHINE LEARNING FOR ANOMALY DETECTION: ENHANCING CLOUD MONITORING

---

## 3:20 AFTERNOON TEA & NETWORKING

---

### 3:30 CLOSING KEYNOTE: WHAT DOES WORLD CLASS LOOK LIKE & HOW DO WE GET THERE?

---

## 4:00 CLOSING REMARKS

---

## 4:10 NETWORKING DRINKS

---

## 5:10 EVENT ENDS

---