

CLOUD & IT INFRASTRUCTURE SUMMIT VIC

EXPLORING THE FOUNDATIONS NEEDED TO THRIVE IN THE AI AGE

WEDNESDAY, 19TH MARCH, 2025
SOFITEL MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA



SPEAKERS



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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 KEYNOTE: PREPARING CLOUD INFRASTRUCTURE FOR THE QUANTUM COMPUTING ERA

Jared Cole, Director of Applied Quantum Technologies Research Centre, RMIT

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, GM of Architecture & Technology Strategy, MYOB

Sam Hallawell, Head of Enterprise Cloud Services, ANZ

Raymond Tang, Director of Engineering, Commonwealth Bank

Evan Bottcher, Chief Architect, REA Group

Moderator: **Punitha Senniappan**, Principal Architect - AI, SEEK

10:20 FIRESIDE CHAT: AI'S DATA DILEMMA: OVERCOMING INFRASTRUCTURE CHALLENGES FOR TOMORROW

James Eagleton, GM Data Management & Storage, Hewlett Packard Enterprise, South Pacific

Dr Christine De Nardo, COO, Olivia Newton-John Cancer Research Institute

Peter Lawry, IT Manager, Olivia Newton-John Cancer Research Institute

10:50 MORNING TEA & NETWORKING

11:20 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

Venkat Ganesan, Head of IT Operations, Pointsbet

Moderator: **Jay Desai**, Senior Sales Engineer, Datadog

12:00 PRESENTATION: AI-GMENTATION: PRINCIPLES FOR OPERATIONAL EXCELLENCE

Mandy Scott, Principal Sales Engineer, Australia & NZ, Fastly

12:30 LUNCH & NETWORKING

1:10 INTERACTIVE WORKSHOPS

- Navigating increasing on-premises licence costs by looking towards a modern cloud-native future
- Driving modernisation & automation to achieve seamless growth with scalable, reliable networks
- Intelligent automation to maximise and protect your hybrid cloud investment
- Accelerating Innovation with FinOps
- Leverage AI to gain the full strategic value of your cloud services

1:50 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

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

Simon Naughton, Director Architecture & Planning, Epworth HealthCare

Moderator: **Harpreet Chopra**, Head of Technology (Core Platform Products), NAB

2:30 PRESENTATION: IS YOUR HEAD IN THE CLOUD? RETHINKING CLOUD STRATEGY TO TACKLE SPEND MANAGEMENT IN PUBLIC CLOUD & SAAS

Nathan Stevens, Senior Director Solution Engineering, APAC, Flexera

3:00 AFTERNOON TEA & NETWORKING

3:20 KEYNOTE: COMPOSABLE ARCHITECTURE & DATA MODERNISATION: NAVIGATING THE FUTURE OF AI FOR BUSINESS VALUE

Mark Sanders, Chief Architect, Telstra

3:50 CLOSING REMARKS

4:00 NETWORKING DRINKS

5:00 EVENT ENDS
