

Local Government Technology Summit VIC

📅 19 November 2025 📍 Marvel Stadium, Melbourne

FEATURED SPEAKERS



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Lalitha Koya
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KEY TOPICS



Local Government
technology priorities to
transform citizen
experience



Unpacking the potential
for AI across Local
Government



Cybersecurity
preparedness & response
strategies for safer
Communities



How AI & automated
decision-making by
Government affect
everyday lives?

WHO WILL ATTEND

CIO

Corporate Services

CTO

City Performance

Information Technology

Data & Digital

Strategy & Innovation

Local Government Technology Summit

AGENDA

8:30AM REGISTRATION & REFRESHMENTS

9:00AM WELCOME REMARKS

9:10AM ATTENDEE SPOTLIGHT

Sharing key challenges & considerations for Q2

9:40AM PANEL DISCUSSION

Local Government Technology Priorities to Transform Citizen Experience

- Developing an impactful tech strategy that links back to business strategy
- Demonstrating the value of investment in technology to key stakeholders and communities
- Improving citizen engagement through digital transformation

Imka Seecharan, Chief Technology & Information Officer, City of Melbourne

Frank Joyce, Director Organisational Performance, Mitchell Shire Council

Lalitha Koya, Chief Information Officer, Darebin City Council

Moderator: Robin Long, Regional CTO APAC, Rapid7

10:20PM CASE STUDY

- **Navigating Cybersecurity's Future: Achieving Proactive Security Across Victorian Local Government Agencies**

Mick McCluney, ANZ Field CTO, Trend Micro

10:50AM MORNING TEA & NETWORKING

11:20AM INTERACTIVE

Tech Quest to Level Up Local Government Leadership through Innovation

11:40AM PANEL DISCUSSION

Unpacking the Potential For AI Across Local Government

- Setting up a framework for success in an AI era
- Exploring practical use cases of AI to drive citizen centric services
- Challenges and areas to consider for ethical usage

Ajay Radhakrishnan, Head of Data & Digital, City of Greater Geelong

Bernie McMullen, Director Transformation Program, Merri-bek City Council

Lisa Ippolito, Continuous Improvement Project Specialist, Whitehorse City Council

Justin Daly, AI & Emerging Technologies Lead, Mornington Peninsula

Moderator: Justine Resta, Director, AILGM Australia

12:20PM CASE STUDY

- **Streamlining Local Government Workflows with AI for Smarter, More Efficient Councils**

Hamish Toll, Director, Circle T Industries

12:50PM LUNCH & NETWORKING

1:30PM INTERACTIVE WORKSHOPS

- Cybersecurity in Action: Proactive Security & AI for Victorian Local Government Agencies
- AI in Public Sector - Past, Present and Future Practical Steps & Use Cases
- Making the Essential Eight Practical: Real-World Implementation, Pitfalls & Testing Insights for Local Government
- The Necessary Evil: Why Staff Avoid Process Mapping & SOPs

2:10PM PANEL DISCUSSION

Cybersecurity Preparedness & Response Strategies for Safer Communities

- Core pillars of a cyber defense strategy
- Ensuring a well informed and cyber conscious council & community
- Exploring opportunities for knowledge sharing & collective cyber defense

Saba Shabnam Iqbal, ICT Business Solutions Coordinator, Brimbank City Council

Jacob Westley, Information Technology Infrastructure Coordinator, Bayside City Council

Damien Hutchinson, Information Security Officer, Melton City Council

Moderator: Matthew Tulloch, Manager Business Systems & Transformation, Southern Grampians Shire Council

2:50PM PRESENTATION

- **Intelligence With Integrity: How AI Can Power Progress and Guard Against Deception**

Kellie Barnes, Chief Executive Officer, dop™

3:20PM AFTERNOON TEA & NETWORKING

3:40PM CLOSING KEYNOTE

- **Moorabool Shire's AI Transformation Journey - Successes, Setbacks & Strategic Lessons**

Derek Madden, Chief Executive Officer, Moorabool Shire Council

4:00PM

CLOSING REMARKS FOLLOWED BY NETWORKING DRINKS

5:00PM EVENT CONCLUDES