

The Cyber Resilience Summit VIC 2026

Showcasing best practice in IT & OT cyber security across two stages

📅 4 March 2026 📍 Palladium at Crown, Melbourne

FEATURED SPEAKERS



Rachel Noble

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Sarah Freeman 🇺🇸

Chief Engineer, Intelligence, Modelling & Simulations



Joanna Dalton

Head of Cyber Defence, Group Security



Mary Mulhearn

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Dr. Greg Adamson

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Fiona Dunk

General Manager, Resilience & Compliance



Lindbergh Caldeira

Cyber Security Operations Manager



Dr. Raji Rajagopalan

Resident Senior Fellow



KEY TOPICS

The rise of nation state cyber threats and it's implications on Australian security

Beyond the hype: AI & automation use cases to empower cyber operations

Hidden in plain sight: Optimising Network security monitoring & detection for contemporary OT threats

Think like an attacker: Adversary Emulation done right

8:30AM REGISTRATION & REFRESHMENTS

9:00AM WELCOME REMARKS FROM CHAIRPERSON

9:20AM ATTENDEE SPOTLIGHT

9:40AM KEYNOTE PANEL DISCUSSION 

The rise of nation state cyber threats and its implications on Australian security

Sarah Freeman, Chief Engineer, Intelligence, Modelling and Simulations, MITRE

John Ellis, Global Head of Security, Trust & Influence, QBE

Dr. David Schaefer, Lecturer, ANU National Security College

Dr. Raji Rajagopalan, Resident Senior Fellow, Security & Strategic Developments, ASPI

Moderator: Tracey Edwards, General Manager, GRC & Advisory Services, NBN

10:20AM PRESENTATION: Resilience by Design: From Visibility to Operational Assurance

Rahul Thakkar, Regional Manager, Sales Engineering - ANZ, Forescout

10:40AM MORNING TEA & NETWORKING

IT SECURITY STREAM

11:10AM PANEL DISCUSSION 

Beyond the hype: AI & automation use cases to empower cyber operations

Joanna Dalton, Head of Cyber Defence, Group Security, REA Group

Euan Moore, Cyber Security Operations Manager, Mercy Health

Raj Siva, Head of Strategy & Architecture, Australian Super

Moderator: Matt Jones, Sales Specialist- Security ANZ, SoftwareOne

11:50AM AI as a force multiplier, for good & bad: What leaders need to get right

Nathan Smith, Head of Security APJC, Splunk

12:10PM LUNCH & NETWORKING

12:50PM INTERACTIVE WORKSHOPS

1:30PM PANEL DISCUSSION 

Think like an attacker: Adversary Emulation & Offensive Security

Mandy Turner, Adjunct Lecturer of cyber-criminology, University of Queensland

David Luchi, Head of Information Security, Flybuys

Simon Ellis, Head of Cyber Security and Technology Risk, Lendi

Muzamil Rashid, Head of Cyber Security, Mazda Australia

Moderator: Joanna Dalton, Head of Cyber Defence, Group Security, REA Group

2:10PM Attendee Interactive

In your tables build a case for a controversial cyber security policy

OT SECURITY STREAM

11:10AM PANEL DISCUSSION 

Hidden in plain sight: Optimising Network security monitoring & detection for contemporary OT threats

Lindbergh Caldeira, Cyber Security Operations Manager, SA Power Networks

David Christophers, Manager Cyber Security Strategy & Architecture, Bluescope steel

Jonathan McAliece, Cyber Security Operations Lead, Red Cross Life

Moderator: Sim Goh, National OT Enterprise Systems Engineer, Fortinet

11:50AM The Data Growth Crisis: How to Maintain Security With Shrinking Budgets

Michael Hyatt, Solutions Engineer, Cribl

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Driving organisation wide readiness: Building your OT cyber incident response & crisis management plan

Dr.Greg Adamson, Chief Information Security Officer, Department of Transport & Planning VIC,

Mary Mulhearn, Head of Risk & Resilience, Greater Western Water

Fiona Dunk, General Manager, Resilience & Compliance, Jemena

Rue Maharaj, Specialist Cybersecurity Defence Management, Melbourne Water

Moderator: Lindbergh Caldeira, Cyber Security Operations Manager, SA Power Networks

2:10PM 2026 OT Cybersecurity - Reviewing and anticipating the evolving threat landscape

Nicholas Tangey, Senior Manager, Threat Hunting, Dragos

2:30 PM AFTERNOON BREAK & NETWORKING

2:50PM CLOSING KEYNOTE:

On the Precipice of a Historic Crossroad: Cyber Security and Geopolitical Uncertainty

Rachel Noble, Former Director General, ASD

David Speers, Political Journalist, ABC

3:30 PM CLOSING REMARKS - Followed by Networking Drinks

4:20PM EVENT ENDS