

Digital Energy & Utilities Summit VIC

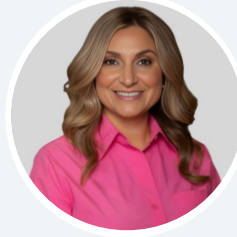
📅 23 April 2026

📍 Sofitel Melbourne on Collins

FEATURED SPEAKERS



David Knoff
Antarctic Expedition Leader



Julien Jovancevski Capraro
Chief Digital Officer



Yaso Addanki
Head of Security Architecture



Matthieu Fedrigo
Chief Information Officer



Kathleen Walker
Head of Business Transformation



Peter Jackowski
GM Delivery & Operations -
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KEY TOPICS



Exploring Australia's Rapidly Evolving Energy & Utilities Landscape - What will 2035 Look Like?



Building and Sustaining Resilient, Secure & Future-Ready Infrastructure



Leveraging AI & Automation in Energy & Utilities to Optimise Operations and Deliver Better Customer Journeys



Leading Through Crisis & Building Resilience in the Wake of Major Events

WHO WILL ATTEND

CIO

Electricity Networks

CTO

Strategy & Innovation

CDO

Digital Transformation

Future Energy

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AGENDA

8:30AM REGISTRATION & REFRESHMENTS

9:00AM WELCOME REMARKS

9:10AM ATTENDEE SPOTLIGHT

What does resilience look like in for energy & utilities in 2026?

9:40AM PANEL DISCUSSION

Exploring Australia's Rapidly Evolving Energy & Utilities Landscape – What will 2035 Look Like?

- How will energy & utilities evolve, converge & respond to rising demand, climate pressures and new technologies?
- Meeting changing consumer expectations through reliability, transparency, affordability and personalised digital services
- The role of national planning, digital innovation and cross-sector coordination in delivering a secure, affordable, decarbonised future

Julien Jovancevski Capraro, Chief Digital Officer, Jemena

Matthieu Fedrigo, Chief Information Officer, Engie

Dor Son Tan, Director of Electricity Networks, Energy Networks Australia

Suresh Parimi, Digital & Data Transformation Leader, Horizon Power

Moderator: Thomas Kohlenbach, Principal Consultant, GBTEC Group

10:20AM CASE STUDY

Unlocking End-to-End Asset Performance: From Engineering to Operations

Jeff Sharp, Principal Industry Consultant, Hexagon

10:40AM INTERACTIVE

10:50AM MORNING TEA & NETWORKING

11:20AM INTERACTIVE

Power Play: Making Critical Energy Decisions in Real Time

11:40AM PANEL DISCUSSION

Building and Sustaining Resilient, Secure & Future-Ready Infrastructure

- Prioritising resilience in project appraisal and decision making
- Strengthening cost-benefit frameworks so resilience measures are truly valued when investing in new or replacement assets
- Leveraging data, digital twins & predictive technology to anticipate, detect and respond to disruption in key infrastructure and improved asset performance
- Addressing emerging cyber-physical vulnerabilities across ageing assets and new energy infrastructure

David Jonas, General Manager Enterprise Architecture, AusNet

Yaso Addanki, Head of Security Architecture, AGL

Kaspar Kaarlep, Operational Technology Innovation Principal, CitiPower & Powercor

Craig Savage, Head of Strategic Projects, United Energy

Moderator: Michael Boots, Field Solutions Architect - APJ, Everpure

12:20PM CASE STUDY

Building the Intelligent Grid: Leveraging AI, Automation & Data to Optimise Network Performance

12:40PM LUNCH & NETWORKING

1:30PM INTERACTIVE WORKSHOPS

- Getting the Right Message to the Right Customer at the Right Moment in a World of Constant Change
- How Do We Drive Digital Transformation in High-Risk, Always-On Environments Without Losing the People Who Know How Things Actually Work?
- Bridging Cybersecurity and Grid Reliability: Why Functional Monitoring Matters
- Aligning Innovation with Customer & Community Needs in Energy & Utilities
- Cross-Team Collaboration for a Net-Zero Future: Aligning Business, Engineering & Tech to Overcome Utility Challenges

2:20PM PANEL DISCUSSION

Leveraging AI & Automation in Energy & Utilities to Drive Smarter Operations and Better Customer Journeys

- Ensuring robust governance and reporting to support ethical and effective use of AI for internal operational efficiencies
- Integrating AI and automation into network, system and technology architectures
- Using AI-driven insights to accelerate market impact and drive innovation in products and services for consumers
- Leveraging automation and AI to enhance the overall customer journey through more personalised and value-added experiences

Peter Jackowski, General Manager Delivery & Operations - Consumer and Innovation, SEC Victoria

Kathleen Walker, Head of Business Transformation, Tilt Renewables

Alistair Dorans, Data & AI Manager, SmartestEnergy

Gemma Bailey, General Manager Data Science & Analytics, Alinta Energy

3:00PM CASE STUDY

AI Enablement is a Platform Problem: Engineering the Foundations for Intelligent Energy Systems

Leigh Stillard, Director Consulting Expert - Cloud, CGI

3:20PM AFTERNOON TEA & NETWORKING

3:40PM KEYNOTE

What Surviving 537 Days in Antarctica Taught Me About Risk, Resilience & Leading a Team through a Crisis

David Knoff, Antarctic Expedition Leader

4:10PM

CLOSING REMARKS FOLLOWED BY NETWORKING DRINKS

5:00PM EVENT CONCLUDES