

Tuesday 10 March 2026

08:30	<i>Register; grab a coffee. Mix, mingle and say hello to peers old and new</i>
09:00	<p>Welcome remarks by Corinium and Chair's opening remarks</p> <p><u>Chair:</u> Kate Romanova, former Group Head of Technology, Strategy and Innovation, ex-Qantas</p>
09:05	<p>Speed Networking – Making new connections at Cloud & Infrastructure Sydney!</p> <p>During this 5-minute networking session, the aim of the game is to go and meet three people you don't already know. Use the questions on the screen to guide your conversation. Have fun!</p>
09:10	<p>Keynote Headliner: Leading in the AI-Native Enterprise</p> <p><u>Speaker:</u></p> <p>Kurt Brissett, Chief Digital and Information Officer, Built.</p>
09:35	<p>Software delivery should be as easy as online shopping</p> <p><u>Speaker:</u></p> <p>Mike Nguyen, SVP, Technical Success, Octopus Deploy</p>
10:00	<p>Keynote Fireside Chat: Future-Proofing Infrastructure for Emerging Technologies</p> <p>Architect foundations that support both current operations and future innovations without requiring wholesale replacement.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AI-native architecture design: Accommodate AI workload demands through specialised hardware, distributed processing, and elastic scaling • Emerging technology talent strategies: Evolve organisational capabilities blending traditional expertise with AI operations and cloud-native architectures • Adaptive governance for innovation: Balance innovation enablement with operational stability, enabling rapid technology evaluation and integration <p><u>Speaker:</u></p> <p>William Cross, Head of Technology, ColCap Financial Group</p> <p><u>Moderator:</u></p> <p>Kate Romanova, former Group Head of Technology, Strategy and Innovation, ex-Qantas</p>

10:30	<i>Morning Coffee and Connect</i>
11:00	<p>Fireside Chat: Architecting a Strategic AI Roadmap</p> <p>Defining, implementing and scaling AI strategy that is integrated with your core objectives, creating a foundation for sustained competitive advantage.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The icare context: our view and usage of AI • Translating AI potential to tangible outcomes: Define a value-driven roadmap that aligns AI investments with strategic goals • Governance and the human element of AI: Implement governance frameworks, change management, and talent models to navigate AI's complexity • Building the AI-ready organisation: Create foundational infrastructure and capabilities to support organisation-wide AI adoption <p><u>Speaker:</u> Emma Dahms, General Manager IT Strategy & Architecture - Digital & Technology, icare NSW</p> <p><u>Moderator:</u> Kate Romanova, former Group Head of Technology, Strategy and Innovation, ex-Qantas</p>
11:30	<p>Finding AI Alpha: A Playbook for Board-Backed AI Transformation</p> <p><u>Speaker:</u> Leo Arkhipov, AI & Digital Transformation Practice Lead, 365mesh</p> <p>Sponsored by Westcon & AWS</p>
11:55	<p>Fireside Chat: Rethinking Platform Resiliency at Scale</p> <p>Build resilient platforms that balance developer agility with robust controls, leveraging AI-driven intelligence to predict failures and accelerate recovery.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preventative controls in cloud environments: Balance the risk of using preventative controls to protect availability without constraining cloud-native innovation and developer velocity • Proactive availability strategies: Shift from reactive recovery to predictive failure detection and automated response using intelligent monitoring and orchestration • Developer freedom versus platform governance: Navigate the balance between team autonomy and enforcing controls that ensure security and reliability <p><u>Speaker:</u> Jason Sandery, Head of Cloud Services, Commonwealth Bank</p> <p><u>Moderator:</u> Kutlu Omeroglu, Chief Engineer - Public Cloud, Commonwealth Bank</p>
12:25	<p>A Story of Trust - How Do We Bring Trust to Open Source Software?</p> <p><u>Speaker:</u> Brett Drayton, Solutions Engineer, Chainguard</p>
12:50 to 14:00	<i>Lunch Break! Connect and Converse.</i>

	Track A: AI & Cloud Strategy Chair: Kate Romanova, former Group Head of Technology, Strategy and Innovation, ex-Qantas	Track B: Cost and Operational Optimisation Chair: Jayden Le, Global Head of IT and Security, Zoomo
14:00	<p>Fireside Chat: Core Enablers of AI-Driven Infrastructure</p> <p>Hear how organisations are designing strategic infrastructure to optimise AI capabilities across various deployment models.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> AI-first strategy: Design infrastructure and services optimised for AI workloads, ensuring scalability and flexibility Enterprise AI enablement: Create platforms and capabilities empowering business units to leverage AI effectively Digital infrastructure strategy: Align technology architecture with business goals, future-proofing infrastructure for market demands <p><u>Speakers:</u> Amit Kumar, Enterprise Architecture Manager, Wesfarmers Industrial and Safety - Blackwoods Raj Daroch, General Manager, IT, MSS Security</p> <p><u>Moderator:</u> Kate Romanova, former Group Head of Technology, Strategy and Innovation, ex-Qantas</p>	<p>Fireside Chat: From Cost Centre to Value Driver: Strategic FinOps for Modern IT Infrastructure</p> <p>Transform infrastructure into a business value driver by aligning investments to growth and innovation outcomes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strategic infrastructure financial governance: Implement predictive cost models and metrics to guide growth-focused investments Unified hybrid portfolio visibility: Gain cost transparency across cloud, private infrastructure, SaaS, and AI workloads Shared financial responsibility and accountability: Establish cost allocation and cross-functional accountability to drive smarter adoption <p><u>Speakers:</u> Arvind Shastry, FinOps Manager, Transport for NSW Catherine Zhang, FinOps Lead, Australian Federal Agency</p> <p><u>Moderator:</u> Jayden Le, Global Head of IT and Security, Zoomo</p>
14:30	<p>From Monitoring to Self-healing: The path to Autonomous IT with Agentic AIOps</p> <p><u>Speaker:</u> Paul Thomas, Senior Sales Engineer, LogicMonitor</p>	<p>Scalable AI Demands a Scalable Heart: Optimising Your Java Foundation for a Scalable AI Future</p> <p><u>Speaker:</u> Dean Vaughan, Vice President of Asia Pacific, Azul</p>
14:55	<p>Fireside Chat: Maximizing ROI in AI and Cloud: Lessons from Sydney's Digital Transformation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Citizen-centric metrics: Focusing on time savings and reduced friction Cloud efficiency gains: Scaling proven pilots with direct user impact Practical scaling: Tying investments to specific, measurable problems <p><u>Speaker:</u> Tom Gao, Chief Technology and Digital Services Officer, City of Sydney</p> <p><u>Moderator:</u> Kate Romanova, former Group Head of Technology, Strategy and Innovation, ex-Qantas</p>	<p>FinOps and Financial Governance in Cloud Transformation</p> <p><u>Speaker:</u> Roberto Calero, Cloud Operations Manager, Blackwoods</p>
15:25	<i>Afternoon Coffee and Connect</i>	

15:55	<p>Fireside Chat: Driving Change Management in AI and Cloud Transformation</p> <p>Drive adoption and business value by embedding change management across AI-enabled cloud transformation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cross-functional alignment: Align business units, IT teams, and decision-makers around shared AI and cloud objectives. • Strategic stakeholder engagement: Engage stakeholders early and continuously to champion AI-driven cloud capabilities. • Bridging technology and strategy: Establish governance, communication, and metrics linking AI initiatives to measurable business impact <p><u>Speakers:</u></p> <p>Tom Gao, Chief Technology and Digital Services Officer, City of Sydney</p> <p>Aman Dayal, GM - Data, AI, Architecture, Coates</p> <p><u>Moderator:</u></p> <p>Kate Romanova, former Group Head of Technology, Strategy and Innovation, ex-Qantas</p>
16:25	<p>Closing Keynote Fireside Chat: The Agile IT Operating Model: Cultivating a Culture of Continuous Evolution</p> <p>Evolve operating models, processes, and talent to accelerate digital business transformation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reinventing talent and processes: Reinvent teams for rapid delivery, continuous improvement, and modern tech talent • Redefining IT governance: Redefine governance to enable speed, empowerment, and agile experimentation • Scaling innovation: Create a culture that rewards experimentation and scales new applications quickly <p><u>Speakers</u></p> <p>Stan Belikoff, Chief Technology Officer, C2O Group</p> <p>Stevie-Ann Dovico, Chief Technology Officer, Australian Financial Complaints Authority (AFCA)</p> <p><u>Moderator:</u></p> <p>Kritika Joon, Emerging Technologies & Innovation Leader</p>
16:55	<p>Chair's Closing Remarks and Close of Day One</p> <p>Kate Romanova, former Group Head of Technology, Strategy and Innovation, ex-Qantas</p>
17:00	<p>Networking Drinks – Casual Chats & Connections</p>
17:45	<p>Event Close</p>