

Symposium 2026: The safety stack

*Shaping the child safety ecosystem
through tools, culture, and capability*



Thursday, 22 October 2026



8:30am - 4:30pm Symposium
4:30pm - 5:30pm Networking



Sheraton Grand Sydney Hyde Park
161 Elizabeth St, Sydney NSW 2000



Program

8.00am - 8.30am

Coffee and Registration - Coffee cart sponsored by Woods Consulting

8.30am - 8.45am

Welcome to Country

8.45am - 8.50am

Housekeeping

8.50am - 9.00am

Welcome from ICMEC Australia

Keynote



Colm Gannon
Chief Executive Officer
ICMEC Australia

9.00am - 9.20am

Opening keynote: A story that demands action

Keynote



Wayne Holdsworth
Founder
SmackTalk

9.20am - 9.35am

AUSTRAC keynote: The role we play

Keynote



Brendan Thomas
Chief Executive Officer
AUSTRAC

9.35am - 10.35am

What is the safety stack: The importance of tools, culture, and capability

Plenary



Michael Skwarek
Head of Enforcement, Codes
and Standards
eSafety Commissioner



D/S/Sgt. Scott Ballantyne
Operations Leader,
Cybercrime Unit
Queensland Police Service



Lorraine Smyth
Senior Specialist (AU), Global
Law Enforcement Fulfilment,
Global Investigations
PayPal

10.35am - 11.05am

Morning tea - Sponsored by Snap Inc.

Program

11.05am - 12.05pm

Panel

Split Session 6A | Ballroom 1**Policing the digital frontier: Strengthening capacity and capability**

D/Ch/Insp. Adam Powderly
*Investigations Coordinator,
Child Exploitation Internet
Unit, NSW Police Force*



Toby Dagg
*Principal Consultant
Primary Purpose Advisory*



Drew Viney
*Managing Director
Soterian Solutions*

Panel

Split Session 6B | Ballroom 2**Following the money: The trail and opportunities for greater detection**

Mark Wilson
*Head of AML/CTF &
Financial Crime
Beyond Bank Australia*



Wendy Ward
*Vice President, International
Financial Crime Compliance,
APAC, American Express*



Martin Latimer
*Head of Financial Crime &
Cyber Resilience
Customer Owned Banking
Association*



Dr. Murray Lawson
*Associate Director, FCR
Financial Intelligence Unit
Macquarie Group*

Presentation

Split Session 6C | Hyde Park Room**Spotlight session: AI and the changing shape of online child sexual victimisation**

Associate Professor Tim Cubitt
*Deputy-Director
Australian Cybercrime Observatory*

Presentation

Split Session 6D | Hyde Park Room**Spotlight session: Child-like sex dolls - Regulatory, forensic, and prevention challenges**

Professor Amber Lark
*Director of Research
Centre of Customs and
Excise Studies, CSU*



Dr. Rachel Berry
*Senior Lecturer in Anatomy &
Forensic Anthropology
UNSW*

Program

12.05pm - 12.15pm

Transition between sessions

12.15pm - 1.15pm

Panel

Split Session 7A | Ballroom 1**Minimising harm: Identifying vulnerability and points of intervention****Alison Geale**
Chief Executive Officer
Bravehearts**Peter Froelich**
General Manager
Telstra**Caroline Wall**
Head of Customer
Vulnerability
Commonwealth Bank

Presentation

Split Session 7B | Ballroom 2**Typologies in focus: Current trends, red flags, and indicators****Closed-door session - FSIs and LEA only***Jodie Baumgartner**
Manager, CSERT & Human
Trafficking
AUSTRAC**Tayler Orchard**
Senior Analyst, CSERT &
Human Trafficking
AUSTRAC

1.15pm - 2.15pm

Lunch - Sponsored by CoinSpot

Roundtable

Banking Roundtable - Sponsored by SymphonyAI**Closed-door - by invitation only***Albert van Wyk**
Vice President, Asia Pacific
SymphonyAI

Program

2.15pm - 3.15pm

The tech effect: The need for safer digital environments

Plenary

**Matthew Bond**
*Law Enforcement Liaison
Manager (AUS/NZ)*
Roblox**Marlene Hades**
*Law Enforcement Response
Manager*
Bumble**Ben Au**
Head of Public Policy, ANZ
Snap Inc.

3.15pm - 4.15pm

Building what's next: Bringing the safety stack together

Plenary

**John Penn II**
*Senior Architect, Law
Enforcement Technologies*
Adobe**Associate Professor
Campbell Wilson**
Co-Director, AiLECS Lab
Monash University**MODERATOR
Colm Gannon**
Chief Executive Officer
ICMEC Australia

4.15pm - 4.30pm

ICMEC Australia Closing

Keynote

**Jodie Arthur**
*General Manager, Financial
Crime & Group MLRO*
Westpac Group*Non-Executive Director*
ICMEC Australia

4.30pm - 5.30pm

Networking Event - Bar sponsored by Match Group