

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 - 9.00am

Welcome from ICMEC Australia

Keynote



Colm Gannon
Chief Executive Officer
ICMEC Australia

9.00am - 9.20am

A story that demands a response

Keynote



Wayne Holdsworth
Founder
SmackTalk

9.20am - 9.35am

The Children's Commissioner: A call for collective action

Keynote



Commissioner Deb Tsorbaris
National Children's Commissioner
Australian Human Rights Commission

9.35am - 9.50am

AUSTRAC: The financial sector's stake in child safety

Keynote



Brendan Thomas
Chief Executive Officer
AUSTRAC

9.50am - 10.45am

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



MODERATOR:
Jodie Arthur
General Manager, Financial
Crime & Group MLRO
Westpac Group



Program

10.45am - 11.15am

Morning tea - Sponsored by Snap Inc.

11.15am - 12.15pm

Panel

Split Session 6A | Ballroom 1**Policing the digital frontier: Strengthening capacity and capability****Toby Dagg***Principal Consultant
Primary Purpose Advisory***Drew Viney***Managing Director
Soterian Solutions***D/Ch/Insp. Adam Powderly***Investigations Coordinator,
Child Exploitation Internet
Unit, NSW Police Force***MODERATOR:****Ashley Carvalho***Senior Coordinator, Law
Enforcement Outreach and
Research, ICMEC Australia*

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

11.15am - 11.45am

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*

Program

11.45am - 12.15pm

Presentation

Split Session 6D | Hyde Park Room

Spotlight session: Child-like sex dolls - Regulatory, forensic, and prevention challenges



Shaun Baker

*Superintendent,
Investigations NSW/ACT
Australian Border Force*



Professor Amber Lark

*Director of Research
Centre of Customs and
Excise Studies, CSU*



Dr. Rachel Berry

*Senior Lecturer in Anatomy &
Forensic Anthropology
UNSW*

12.15pm - 12.25pm

Transition between sessions

12.25pm - 1.25pm

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*



MODERATOR:

Phil Doorgachurn

*Executive Director
On Us: Australian Business
Coalition for Safeguarding
Children*

Presentation

Split Session 7B | Ballroom 2

Typologies in focus: Current trends, red flags, and indicators

**Closed-door session - FSI and LEA only*



Jodie Baumgartner

*Manager, CSERT & Human
Trafficking
AUSTAC*



Tayler Orchard

*Senior Analyst, CSERT &
Human Trafficking
AUSTAC*

Program

1.25pm - 2.20pm

Lunch - Sponsored by CoinSpot

Roundtable

Hyde Park Room

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

2.20pm - 3.20pm

Plenary

The tech effect: The need for safer digital environments**Matthew Bond**Law Enforcement Liaison
Manager (AUS/NZ)
Roblox**Marlene Hedges**Law Enforcement Response
Manager
Bumble**Ben Au**Head of Public Policy, ANZ
Snap Inc.

MODERATOR

Dannielle KellyHead of Government Affairs
& Law Enforcement Outreach
ICMEC Australia

3.20pm - 4.20pm

Plenary

Building what's next: Bringing the safety stack together**John Penn II**Senior Architect, Law
Enforcement Technologies
Adobe**Associate Professor****Campbell Wilson**Co-Director, AiLECS Lab
Monash University**Stefanie von Westphalen**Head of Financial Crime
Compliance - Advisory
BOQ Group

MODERATOR

Colm GannonChief Executive Officer
ICMEC Australia

4.20pm - 4.30pm

Keynote

ICMEC Australia Closing**John Fogarty**Non-Executive Director
ICMEC Australia

4.30pm - 5.30pm

Networking Event - Bar sponsored by Match Group

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