

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**Enforcing the digital frontier: Strengthening capacity and capability**

Toby Dagg
Principal Consultant
Primary Purpose Advisory



Shaun Baker
Superintendent
Australian Border Force



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



MODERATOR:
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**

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****

Jodie Baumgartner
*Manager, CSERT & Human
Trafficking*
AUSTRAC



Tayler Orchard
*Senior Analyst, CSERT &
Human Trafficking*
AUSTRAC

**Given the sensitive and operational nature of the material being presented, this will be a closed-door session. Attendance will be limited to regulators (eSafety and AUSTRAC), law enforcement agencies, and financial crime professionals from AUSTRAC reporting entities that are either banks or Fintel Alliance members.*

If you have any questions, please email event@icmec.org.au.



Program

Roundtable

Split Session 7C | Phillip Room 2

Closing the gaps: A crypto exchange roundtable*Closed-door roundtable - by invitation only**Co-hosted by Coinbase and CoinSpot*

1.25pm - 2.20pm

Lunch - Sponsored by CoinSpot

Roundtable

Hyde Park Room

SymphonyAI roundtable: A leadership conversation on culture, risk and customer protection*Closed-door roundtable - by invitation only**A conversation with SymphonyAI, Bank of Queensland, and AMP Capital*

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 Kelly***Head of Government Affairs,
Law Enforcement Outreach
and Communications
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 Gannon***Chief Executive Officer
ICMEC Australia*

Program

4.20pm - 4.30pm

ICMEC Australia Closing

Keynote



John Fogarty

Non-Executive Director

ICMEC Australia

4.30pm - 5.30pm

Networking Event - Bar sponsored by Match Group

