ACS WA Tech Summit 2025
Innovation for a new era

Date: Tuesday 20 May 2025
Time: 1:00 - 7:00pm
Venue: The Hub, Bentley Technology Park
2 Brodie Hall Drive, Bentley, WA

Cost: Member Concessional $80
Member $145
Non-member $285
CPD: 4 hours

Half Day Program

Registration Opens
12:30pm – 1:00pm

Grab your name badge and a hot beverage, explore our sponsor exhibitor tables, and secure your seat for an exciting start to the event.

Welcome & Opening Address
1:00pm – 1:15pm

Keynote Address
1:15pm – 2:00pm
2025 and Beyond: Emerging Trends in AI and Automation

Speaker: Matthew Curnow, Head of Data Operations and AI, Wood Group

By 2025 and beyond, AI and automation will drive unprecedented transformation across business, ensuring success using advancements in generative AI , and AI-driven decision-making will require a good understanding of both strategic drivers to ensure ROI and specific foundational building blocks. In this presentation Matt will take us through use cases and how Wood has developed this approach and frameworks for success.

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Concurrent Session One
2:15pm – 3:00pm

Digital Transformation & Innovation

Speaker

Ming Johanson, CEO | Mother of Unicorns at Marketing Jumpstart

"How to be Productive When Working Remote"

Working remotely is often a great way to work smarter, not harder. But what are the downsides? What can you do that will help your productivity?

Ming Johanson shares her experience of working remotely for 10 years with her team (before the pandemic made it cool and what the changes were post-pandemic) and learns about how distractions and lack of distractions affected mental health and productivity - and how finding ways around these challenges has been crucial to success.

Sustainability through Technology

Speaker

Luke Nowak, Program Manager at WATCO - Rail

"Challenges and Opportunities for using tech across regional/remote locations in Australia"

Rail services are crucial in regional Australia as they provide efficient transportation of goods across vast distances, supporting regional economies and connecting remote areas to larger markets. They play a vital role in sustaining industries like manufacturing and agriculture, which rely on rail to transport bulk commodities to ports for export. To make rail services more sustainable, technology is being used to enhance efficiency and reduce environmental impact.

Luke will share insights into how innovations such as real-time data systems improve operational safety and reliability while minimising operational costs and outages.

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Concurrent Session Two
3:30pm – 4:15pm

Digital Transformation & Innovation
Speaker
Eric Winkler, Chief Technology Officer at Cash Converters

"Tales of Transformation at
Cash Converters"

From a humble WA pawn shop in the 80's to Australia's leading provider of second-hand retail and unsecured lending, Cash Converters has leveraged technology over successive iterations to transform the way it operates.

This talk will take you on a 10yr+ retrospective journey of digital transformation covering both things that went well, and things that could have gone better.

This presentation will cover:
- Recognising the need and opportunity for transformation
- Delivering transformation successfully
- Perils and pitfalls

Sustainability through Technology
Speaker
Robyn Waltl, Head of Technology & Business Services Delivery Enablement at Synergy

"Renewable Energy Projects
at Synergy"

Presentation details coming soon – Watch this space!

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Closing Address - Rewiring Tradition: Building an Adaptive IT Culture in Higher Education

4:30pm – 5:15pm
Speaker: Fiona Bishop, CIO at The University of Western Australia

Universities are great at preserving tradition, legacy IT structures that serve systems rather than people—but when it comes to IT, it's time to rewire the old ways. In a world where students expect seamless digital experiences, researchers need frictionless access to computing power, and educators demand reliable hybrid teaching tools, IT must evolve—or risk becoming a roadblock.

From replacing telephony, turning labs into anywhere-accessible virtual desktops, and upgrading Wi-Fi, hear how UWA is breaking down its digital barriers to learning and work and transforming its delivery model & culture into one that serves each of the unique personas in the virtual campus-students, educators, researchers and staff.

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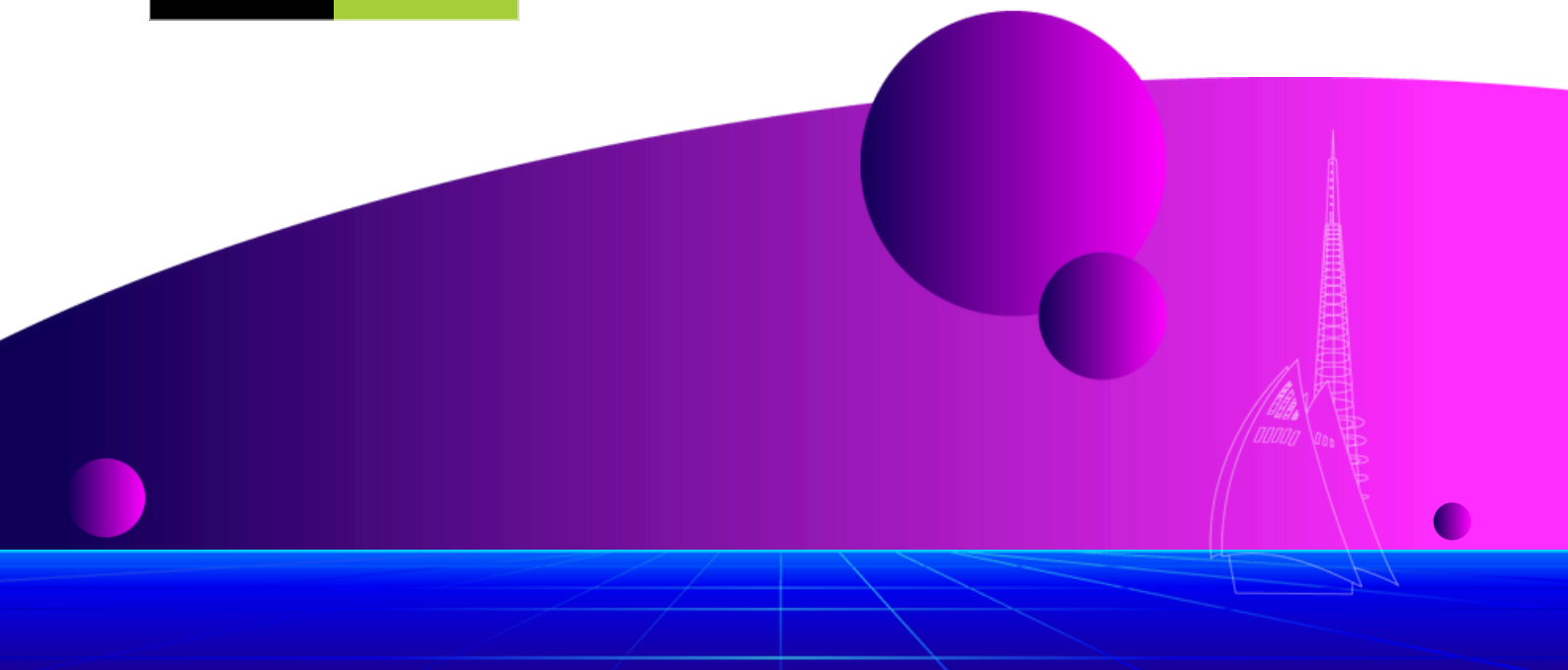
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Cocktail Networking Function

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