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ACS WA State Tech Summit 2026

Navigating the Digital Frontier

Date: Friday 19 June 2026

Time: 9.00am - 4.15pm

Venue: Centre for Aboriginal Studies,
Building 211, Curtin University

Cost: Member Concessional \$50

Member \$ 80

Non-member \$150

CPD: 6 hours

Full Day Program

Registrations open

9:00am – 9:45am

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

Welcome & Opening Address (combined rooms 222 & 223)

9:45am – 10:00am

Speakers: Hon Dr Parwinder Kaur MLC & ACS President Beau Tydd

Keynote Address (combined rooms 222 & 223)

10:00am – 10:45am

The Messy Middle: Leading AI Transformation in Practice

Speaker: Rebecca Ostergaard, Chief Digital Officer, CSIRO

Rebecca Ostergaard shares a candid, real-time perspective on leading AI transformation within CSIRO. Rather than a polished retrospective, this keynote offers insights from the middle of the journey.

Morning Tea & Intern Poster Showcase

10:45am – 11:15am

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Concurrent Session One

11:15am - 12:00pm

STREAM 1
(Room 230)

Speaker: Paul Hunt | Head of Data & AI | Motoring Services Group

"Using Data & AI to Improve Outcomes"

This session explores how organisations can leverage data and AI to improve decision-making and outcomes, from establishing a single source of truth for analytics to implementing a leader-led AI rollout. It will examine the balance between horizontal AI for productivity and vertical AI for process automation with human oversight, alongside the critical role of data governance frameworks and guardrails in enabling responsible and scalable adoption.

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STREAM 2
(Rooms 222/3)

Panelists:

- Mike Kovacic | CIO | Catholic Education WA
- Anthony Langlois | Dean of Applied Ethics | Curtin University
- Patrick Dunlop | Future of Work Institute | Curtin University

"Future Skills and AI"

As generative AI rapidly reshapes how candidates apply for jobs, organisations are facing a new and complex challenge: how to embrace innovation without compromising the integrity of recruitment and selection processes. This panel brings together perspectives from ethics, workforce transformation, and organisational psychology to explore the evolving role of AI in hiring. Focusing on real-world applications, the discussion will unpack how candidates are using AI, where risks of misuse are emerging, and what employers should be doing to respond. Attendees will gain practical insights into what to encourage, what to guard against, and how to strike the right balance between protecting recruitment processes and maintaining a fair, positive candidate experience. Featuring emerging data and a new framework for employer intervention, this session offers a grounded, forward-looking view of AI's impact on the future of talent assessment.

PANEL DISCUSSION

STREAM 3
(Room 227)

Speaker: Scott Marshall | Head of Capability | Woodside

"Workforce Capability in an AI-Enabled Industry"

This interactive session will explore how organisations can build a future-ready workforce in an AI-enabled industry. Focusing on the balance between capacity and capability, the session will unpack practical strategies for sourcing talent through "build, borrow, and buy" approaches, while also strengthening internal capability through upskilling. Particular emphasis will be placed on the growing importance of professional and leadership skills for technical staff, supported by insights from a global leadership development program spanning graduates to senior professionals. Participants will take part in a facilitated discussion, working in groups to examine real-world challenges around organisational capacity, capability uplift, and managing cognitive load during periods of rapid change. This session is designed to be highly engaging, encouraging shared insights and practical takeaways to help leaders and teams navigate workforce transformation in the age of AI.

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Lunch Networking Session

12:00pm - 1:00pm

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Concurrent Session Two

1:00pm - 1:45pm

STREAM 1
(Room 230)

Speaker: May Leung |
Partner | Consulting | KPMG

"Insight to Impact: Data & AI Lessons from Mining and Utilities"

This session explores emerging data and AI trends shaping the mining and utilities sectors, and what they mean for organisations looking to translate insight into real-world impact. Drawing on industry experience and practical, de-identified case studies, it will highlight key lessons learned from successful (and challenging) data and AI initiatives. Attendees will gain valuable takeaways on common pitfalls, critical success factors, and strategic considerations to inform their own rollout plans, helping IT leaders apply proven approaches from these complex, asset-intensive industries.

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STREAM 2
(Rooms 222/3)

Speaker: Simon Little |
Head of Data & AI |
Bankwest

"Reimagining Banking with Data & AI: From Intelligent Systems to Future-Ready Talent"

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STREAM 3
(Room 227)

Speaker: Dinda Timperon |
Head of Cyber Security
Engineering | Insignia
Financial Ltd

"The REST Framework: Sustainable High Performance in Tech"

This session introduces the REST Framework, a practical model to help professionals sustain focus, resilience, and innovation in high-demand environments.

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Concurrent Session Three

2:00pm - 2:45pm

STREAM 1
(Room 230)

STREAM 2
(Rooms 222/3)

Speaker: Tracy Deveugle-Fink | Head of Innovation | APM Group

"Navigating the Innovation Curve"

Successfully navigating the innovation curve requires more than adopting new technologies, it demands a clear strategy, strong collaboration, and a focus on real business value. This session explores a practical approach to identifying and leveraging innovation opportunities, using the innovation curve to guide effective AI development and deployment.

Panellists:

- Tom Cleary | CISO | WA Police
- Paul Haskell-Dowland | Professor of Cyber Security Practice | Edith Cowan University
- Adam Bennett | CIO | Red Piranha

"Cyber Security Discussion Panel"

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Afternoon Tea & Intern Poster Showcase

2:45pm - 3:15pm

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Locknote Address (Room 222 & 223)

3:15pm – 4:00pm

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Speaker: Colleen Alstock, US Consul General

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Closing Remarks (combined rooms 222 & 223)

4:00pm – 4:15pm

Summit Close

4:15pm

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