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Welcome Message

Welcome to SOPAC® 2026, the premier gathering of internal auditors, risk professionals, governance leaders and compliance experts across the South Pacific and Asia. From 1–3 March 2026, Sydney will transform into a vibrant hub of innovation, collaboration and professional growth as we come together “Connect, Support and Advance” our profession.

This year’s program is designed to help you navigate the expanding scope of our profession and the accelerating complexities of today’s operating environment. With a dynamic mix of expert insights, practical case studies, peer-to-peer learning and solution-focused presentations, SOPAC® 2026 equips you with real tools, methodologies and insightful knowledge you can take straight back to your workplace. Our conference features eight Spotlight Blocks ensuring every attendee finds sessions tailored to their interests and expertise.

- › Spotlight Block AI – AI in Focus
- › Spotlight Block A - Organisational Resilience
- › Spotlight Block B – People Matters
- › Spotlight Block C – Data Governance
- › Spotlight Block D – Cyber Security
- › Spotlight Block E – Internal Audit Foundations
- › Spotlight Block F – Regulation Readiness
- › Spotlight Block G – Customer and Community
- › Spotlight Block H – Evolution of the Profession

As the flagship event for the region, SOPAC® continues to attract more than 600 professionals, providing a powerful platform to learn from leading minds, exchange insights and strengthen your risk and assurance capabilities. You can earn up to 17 CPE hours in person with additional credits available through exclusive pre-conference workshops.

SOPAC® is as much about connection as it is about content, our networking events offer invaluable opportunities to forge relationships that will elevate your career long after the conference ends. In 2026, SOPAC® proudly returns to an in-person-only format to enhance peer-to-peer connections, while still giving delegates access to recorded technical sessions so you never miss a moment of learning.

Prepare to engage deeply, think boldly and embrace the future of our profession at SOPAC® 2026!



Trish Hyde
Chief Executive
Officer, IIA-Australia



Ross Tilly PFIIA CIA
President, IIA-Australia



Jeff O'Sullivan
PMIIA CIA
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Mark Trajcevski AFIIA
Co-Chair, SOPAC® 2026

Key Speakers



Adam Spencer
Mathematician and Futurist

Adam is an iconic star of radio and television and expert in artificial intelligence (AI), cybersecurity and the Chat GPT revolution. Adam has hosted award-winning breakfast radio shows in Australia's toughest markets and live current affairs TV. With 25 years' experience in television, radio and events, Adam loves curating challenging and thought-provoking conversations. He has interviewed prime ministers, Hollywood stars, Fortune 500 CEOs, Nobel Prizewinning scientists and Australians of the Year and he was also the first person in the world to ever interview our legendary Thai cave rescuers. Adam loves doing the research and crafting the narrative that helps people tell their story. He's informative, fun and guaranteed to impart take-aways you've never heard before, with the insight that only 15 years of breakfast radio can give you.



Dr Kerry Schott AO

Kerry has held significant leadership roles in a variety of business and government organisations after a 14 year career as an investment banker in senior roles at Deutsche Bank and Bankers Trust, specialising in privatisations and infrastructure. She was CEO of Sydney Water, a member of Infrastructure Australia Board, Chair of Moorebank Intermodal, Chair of the Energy Security Board, Director of NBN, Director of AGL, Chair of the NSW Net Zero Emissions Board and member of the Aware Super Direct Asset Committee. Kerry recently led an independent panel for the NSW Government's Sydney Trains Review and advised the Tasmanian Cabinet on its final investment decision on Marinus Link. She has recently conducted an Independent Review of the Optus Triple Zero outage. Kerry has a doctorate from Oxford University and honorary doctorates from the University of Sydney, University of Western Sydney and the University of New England.



Michael Cordell
Executive Producer, The People Vs Robodebt

Michael Cordell is co-owner of CJZ Productions and one of Australia's most accomplished producers and directors, with a career spanning multiple genres and numerous award-winning projects. Most recently he created and was an Executive Producer on The People vs Robodebt, a hybrid drama-documentary on the Robodebt scandal airing on SBS in 2025. He was Executive Producer and writer of the acclaimed Go Back to Where You Came From, which won a Logie, two UN Media Awards, a Rose d'Or for Best International TV Production and an International Emmy.

Michael produced the groundbreaking court series On Trial, the first Australian TV project to film a murder trial and Court Justice set in Sydney's largest Magistrate court. He has produced and directed major documentary features such as Three Boys Dreaming and the celebrated Year of the Dogs. In drama, Michael produced The Great Mint Swindle, House of Hancock and was Executive Producer on House of Bond.

Michael is currently developing a drama project set in the world of AI and has a keen interest in the impact it may have on the community and business environment.



Peter Nash
Non-Executive Director, Westpac Banking Corporation, Mirvac; and General Sir John Monash Foundation

Peter has worked in geographically diverse and complex operating environments providing advice on a range of topics including business strategy, risk management, business processes and regulatory change. Peter has also provided financial and commercial advice to many Government businesses at both a Federal and State level. Peter is currently a Non-Executive Director of Westpac Banking Corporation, Mirvac and the General Sir John Monash Foundation and has recently retired from the Boards of ASX and Johns Lyng.

Peter was a Senior Partner with KPMG until September 2017. He served as the National Chair of KPMG Australia from 2011 until August 2017, where he was responsible for the overall governance and strategic positioning of KPMG in Australia. In this role, Peter also served as a member of KPMG's global and regional boards. Peter's previous positions with KPMG included Regional Head of Audit for Asia Pacific, National Managing Partner for Audit in Australia and Head of KPMG Financial Services.



Dr. Margie Warrell

Dr. Margie Warrell is a globally recognised expert in leadership and human behaviour, known for helping leaders and organisations unlock untapped potential by overcoming the forces that inhibit bold thinking, decisive action and growth.

Raised in rural Australia, Margie developed an early understanding of resilience and courage in the face of uncertainty. Over the past three decades, she has lived and worked across five continents, building a globally informed perspective on leadership, innovation, and performance.

Margie specialises in cultivating courageous cultures that strengthen decision-making, elevate performance, and accelerate meaningful change. Her clients include NASA, Google, Morgan Stanley, Novartis, Johnson & Johnson, and Dell and her work has also influenced policy leaders and emerging global executives.

Based in Alexandria, Virginia, USA, Margie is a sought-after speaker and thought leader, bridging strategy and human behaviour through her Forbes column, Live Brave podcast and media appearances on CNN and Bloomberg. She is the author of several books, including The Courage Gap (2025).



James Thomson
Chanticleer Columnist, The Australian Financial Review

James Thomson is one of Australia's most respected business journalists and a senior Chanticleer columnist at the Australian Financial Review.

Before joining Chanticleer, James served as the AFR's Companies Editor and Wealth Editor and was the founding editor of SmartCompany, one of Australia's leading digital publications for entrepreneurs and fast-growth businesses. His reporting spans major corporate stories, governance challenges, political-business dynamics, financial markets and the evolving expectations placed on business leaders.

Known for his deep networks and balanced, authoritative style, James brings a unique external lens that helps organisations understand the real forces shaping corporate behaviour, performance and accountability in Australia today.



Jennifer Westacott AC

Chancellor of Western Sydney University; Special Advisor, KPMG; Non-Executive Director, ATCO Australia, Canada Utilities Ltd; and Reserve Bank of Australia Governance Board

Professor Jennifer Westacott AC is a distinguished Australian business leader and public policy expert whose career spans senior roles across government, business and education. She is Chancellor of Western Sydney University, a Special Advisor at KPMG and a Non-Executive Director of ATCO Australia, Canada Utilities Ltd, and the Reserve Bank of Australia's Governance Board. She also serves as Australia's Business Champion to Indonesia and chairs the Bradfield Development Authority, Studio Schools of Australia, and Future Generation Global.

Jennifer is a Patron of The Pinnacle Foundation and a guardian of the Dor Foundation. She previously served as a long-standing Non-Executive Director of Wesfarmers and was the longest-serving Chief Executive Officer of the Business Council of Australia. Earlier in her career, she held senior public sector roles in NSW and Victoria, leading major reforms in housing, urban planning, education and social policy

Known for her leadership in tax reform, regulatory efficiency, infrastructure and social equity, Jennifer was appointed an Officer of the Order of Australia in 2018 and a Companion of the Order of Australia in 2025. She holds degrees and executive qualifications from UNSW, Monash Mt Eliza, and the London School of Economics.



Lydia Williams

Former Australia Professional Soccer Player (Matildas)

Lydia Williams is the first Aboriginal goalkeeper for Australia's Matildas and a 2x Olympian. With 138 caps for Australia, she is a renowned Australian athlete. She has played international football at the highest level in the US for the Western New York Flash, with PSG in France, Arsenal in the UK and currently with Brighton & Hove Albion Women in the Women's Super League. Twice named PFA Women's Footballer of the Year, she has also been inducted into the Aboriginal and Islander Sports Hall of Fame.

Lydia is the author of two children's books, "Saved!" and "Goal!", which are about friendship, sport and teamwork. Off the field she is a calm, easy going person and on the field she is a fierce and focused competitor.



Mike Mrdak AO

Chair of the Audit and Risk Committee, NBN Co; Chair of the Airport Development Group Northern Territory; Deputy Chair and a Non-Executive Director, Western Sydney Airport Pty Ltd

Mike has had an extensive career in the Federal public service. Between March 2008 and June 2009, he was Deputy Secretary (Governance), Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet and during this time he was appointed Commonwealth Coordinator-General. From July 2009 to August 2017, he was Secretary of the Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development and, from September 2017 to December 2019, he was Secretary of the Department of Communications and the Arts. Mike received the Federal Government Leader of the Year Award recognising his outstanding leadership and work on major infrastructure projects, including the duplication of the Pacific and Hume Highways. He was appointed an Officer (AO) of the Order of Australia in the Queen's Birthday 2016 honours list for his distinguished service to public administration in transport, logistics and infrastructure investment.

Mike is currently Chair of the Airport Development Group in the Northern Territory, Chair of the Audit and Risk Committee at NBN Co, Deputy Chair and a Non-Executive Director of Western Sydney Airport Pty Ltd and a member of the Net Zero Economic Authority. Mike is also an Adjunct Professor in the School of Business, Government and Law at the University of Canberra.



Christopher Knaus

Chief Investigations Correspondent, The Guardian Australia

Christopher Knaus is chief investigations correspondent for Guardian Australia. He led the Guardian's coverage on robodebt and was the first journalist to report concerns about the scheme in 2016. In the three years that followed, Knaus led coverage of the scheme and broke key stories exposing its fundamental flaws, including its reliance on income averaging and its potential illegality. Knaus worked with whistleblowers, obtained leaked Centrelink documents and interviewed dozens of victims during his robodebt reporting.

Knaus is otherwise known for his investigations into homelessness, clergy abuse, prison deaths and government integrity and transparency issues. He has won multiple awards for his reporting and has been a finalist in the Walkleys six times, including three times as young Australian journalist of the year.

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Diligent is the AI leader in governance, risk and compliance (GRC) SaaS solutions, helping more than 1 million users and 700,000 board members to clarify risk and elevate governance. The Diligent One Platform gives practitioners, the C-Suite and the board a consolidated view of their entire GRC practice so they can more effectively manage risk, build greater resilience and make better decisions, faster.

Diligent Internal Audit Management empowers organisations to centralise their audit and risk programs, automate workflows, and integrate advanced analytics—so you can cover more risk areas, deliver faster and more defensible insights, and raise leadership confidence, all without adding resources.

ACL AI Studio is Diligent's next-gen analytics tool that puts the power of AI into the hands of audit, risk and compliance teams - no scripting required! It combines natural language prompts, GRC-specific analysis recommendations guided workflows, and full compatibility with existing ACL scripts to deliver faster insights, broader coverage and audit-ready transparency.



Pre-Conference Activities

Sunday, 1 March 2026

1.00pm – 5.30pm Registration desk open

Friendly staff and volunteers will be on site to help with any queries and assist with registration.

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1.30pm – 5.30pm Optional Pre-Conference Workshops

WORKSHOP 1: BUILDING AN INTEGRATED ASSURANCE MODEL – CONNECTING RISK, INTERNAL AUDIT AND ASSURANCE

Ernest Sellers PMIIA, Director, On Demand Risk Assurance Advisory



This workshop explores how organisations can build an integrated assurance model, bringing together risk, internal audit and other assurance functions to deliver a holistic view of enterprise risk and control.

Key areas to be covered

- › Foundations of integrated assurance – Understanding the principles, objectives and value of a unified approach to risk and assurance
- › Consolidating risk, control and assurance information – Creating a comprehensive enterprise view to support decision-making
- › Integrating internal audit, risk, and assurance efforts – Aligning activities, responsibilities and reporting for maximum efficiency
- › Aligning internal audit programs with the “big risk picture” – Ensuring audit plans reflect enterprise-wide risk priorities
- › Realising the benefits of integrated assurance – Demonstrating value through improved oversight, reduced duplication and enhanced stakeholder confidence

Key learning outcomes

- › Gain practical understanding of integrated assurance concepts and frameworks
- › Learn how to consolidate and interpret risk, control and assurance data for enterprise-wide insight
- › Develop strategies to align internal audit plans with overarching risk priorities
- › Identify ways to enhance collaboration and realise tangible benefits across risk and assurance functions

WORKSHOP 2: FINDING THE RED FLAGS OF FRAUD AND THE ROLE OF INTERNAL AUDIT

Lee Mauer, Director - New Zealand & Australia Subsidiary, Second Sight Investigations

Jane Mitson, Manager, Risk Management, Internal Audit & Integrity - New Zealand & Australia Subsidiary, Second Sight Investigations



This workshop equips internal audit professionals with the skills and tools to identify early warning signs of fraud, assess risk and enhance organisational resilience through proactive assurance.

Key areas to be covered

- › Understanding fraud risk – Defining types of fraud, common schemes and the evolving threat landscape
- › Identifying red flags – Recognising behavioural, transactional and operational indicators of potential fraud
- › Integrating fraud detection into internal audit – Leveraging audit planning, data analytics and control testing to uncover risks
- › Collaborating with stakeholders – Coordinating with management, risk, compliance and legal teams for effective response
- › Strengthening the audit response – Establishing protocols for investigation, reporting and continuous monitoring

Key learning outcomes

- › Understand the nature and scope of fraud risks across organisations
- › Learn to identify early warning signs and indicators of potential fraudulent activity
- › Gain techniques to integrate fraud detection into internal audit processes effectively
- › Build strategies for proactive collaboration and assurance to mitigate fraud risk

Sunday, 1 March 2026 (continued)**WORKSHOP 3: AUDITING AI – ENSURING TRUST, TRANSPARENCY AND CONTROL****Tariq Islam PMIIA**, Managing Director, RapidLynx Consulting & Member, AI Working Group, IIA-Australia

This workshop provides internal audit professionals with practical guidance on auditing artificial intelligence systems, focusing on AI governance, risk management, data integrity and ethical use of AI in organisational processes.

**Key areas to be covered**

- > Understanding AI in the enterprise – Exploring common AI applications, capabilities and associated risks
- > Evaluating AI governance and controls – Assessing AI strategy, policies and procedures, oversight structures and accountability mechanisms
- > Auditing data quality and AI output integrity – Ensuring inputs, outputs and assumptions are accurate, secure, reliable and unbiased
- > Ethical and regulatory considerations – Reviewing compliance with AI standards, data privacy laws, ethics, transparency and industry regulations
- > Integrating AI audit into internal audit strategy – Incorporating AI risk assessments into audit planning and reporting

Key learning outcomes

- > Gain a clear understanding of AI applications and associated risks within organisations
- > Learn how to assess AI governance, risks, controls and accountability for AI systems
- > Understand what AI use cases are and the importance of AI registers
- > Develop skills to audit data quality, AI output integrity and bias mitigation
- > Understand regulatory, ethical and compliance considerations relevant to AI audits

3.30pm – 5.30pm Chief Audit Executives' Forum

The CAE Forum is an exclusive invitation-only event limited to Chief Audit Executives (CAEs) which will focus on the emerging issues for the internal audit profession and the critical role of the CAE. This interactive forum will provide the opportunity for you to hear from key industry speakers and engage with, question and discuss various issues at a strategic level with your peers as well as provide insight into senior executives' and directors' expectations of internal audit.

Invitations will be issued on a complimentary basis to CAEs who have registered to attend SOPAC®.

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**5.30pm – 7.00pm****Welcome reception**

The Welcome Reception is a great opportunity to ease into your conference experience in a relaxed, informal way. Catch up with colleagues and make new contacts whilst enjoying delicious canapés and a selection of beverages.

Delegates registered for the full conference receive one Welcome Reception ticket. Extra tickets are available for accompanying persons at \$95 per person, subject to availability.

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Conference Program

Day 1 – Monday, 2 March 2026

7.15am	Registration desk open
7.30am- 8.45am	Networking breakfast and exhibition viewing
8.45am- 9.00am	Opening remarks and welcome
9.00am – 9.50am	Keynote 1

The expanding risk horizon – Insights into tomorrow's challenges

This session examines the rapidly expanding risk horizon and the forces reshaping the way organisations anticipate, understand and respond to tomorrow's challenges. It provides a forward-looking exploration of the societal, technological, environmental and geopolitical disruptors redefining risk – and explore what leaders and assurance professionals must do to stay ahead of them.

- › Explore the evolving nature of emerging risks beyond technology - Covering societal, environmental, geopolitical and cultural disruptors shaping the future risk landscape
- › Understand how changes in societal values, demographics, mental health, activism and trust in institutions are creating new risk categories for organisations and governments
- › Dive into the impact of AI, automation, biotechnology and quantum computing – Looking beyond the tech and the importance of ethical, legal and social consequences
- › Identify the skills, mindsets and capabilities of business and assurance professionals will need to anticipate and respond to emerging and unforeseen risks

Adam Spencer, Mathematician and Futurist

9.55am – 10.55am	Keynote 2
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Insights from the Board and Audit Committee – Futureproofing risk and assurance

This session brings together insights from leading Board and Audit Committee members to explore how organisations can futureproof their risk and assurance functions in an increasingly complex and rapidly evolving environment. It will highlight the forward-looking practices, expectations and governance approaches that today's Boards are using to stay resilient, informed and strategically positioned for the future.

- › Board and Audit Committee perspectives on emerging risks – Navigating organisational resilience, psychosocial risk, data governance and cybersecurity
- › Embracing change and innovation – Understanding how progressive Boards leverage technology and digital transformation to strengthen oversight
- › Future-focused governance – Integrating ESG, regulatory developments and risk management into strategic decision-making
- › Assurance expectations and performance – Aligning internal audit and risk functions to provide robust assurance and support organisational agility and long-term success

Dr Kerry Schott AO

Mike Mrdak AO, Chair of the Audit and Risk Committee, NBN Co; Chair of the Airport Development Group Northern Territory; Deputy Chair and a Non-Executive Director, Western Sydney Airport Pty Ltd

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Facilitated by: Adam Spencer, Mathematician and Futurist

10.55am – 11.25am	Morning networking break and exhibition viewing
11.25am – 12.15pm	Concurrent AI in focus sessions

AI1 - AI controls and governance

- › AI use cases – Red flags and safeguards, what to look out for and what to put in place?
- › Data quality, data is the new oil – How to remove impurities and make it higher octane?
- › Compliance, duties, laws and standards – What are the current and emerging regulations?
- › Controls and control frameworks – People, processes and technologies, what works and how to manage risk?

RT Hanson AFIIA, Senior Research Consultant, Treasury; and Member, AI Working Group, IIA-Australia

AI2 – Addressing AI enabled Fraud

- › Understanding AI-enabled fraud techniques – Examining how fraudsters leverage AI for attacks and deception
- › Identifying vulnerabilities and risk areas – Assessing systems, data and processes susceptible to AI-driven fraud
- › Implementing robust detection and prevention controls – Deploying analytics, anomaly detection and AI countermeasures
- › Strengthening governance and response frameworks – Establishing policies, monitoring and incident response for AI-related fraud risks

Professor Lam Kwok Yan, Associate Vice President (Strategy and Partnerships) and Professor in the College of Computing & Data Science, Nanyang Technological University (NTU), Singapore

AI3 - Applying AI in IA

This session will show case two case studies of applying AI in the audit function.

Case Study 1 – Using LLMs for internal audit

- › Using purpose-built AI large language models for internal audit-specific knowledge to improve accuracy and relevance
- › The importance of prioritising trusted internal audit content to reduces hallucination and ensure outputs align with your current methodologies and frameworks
- › Practical demonstration of simple, secure, no-code techniques to enable you to create special-purpose internal audit AI large language models that unlock specialised internal audit knowledge and keep all data within your organisation

Dr Peter McLeod PMIIA GradCertIA, Associate Director (Internal Audit), The University of Queensland

Case Study 2 – AI powered internal auditing for controls testing

- › Understand how AI can be used to increase sample size (up to the full population) for efficient controls testing where the format of information used is varied (pdf, email etc.)
- › Bringing automated controls testing to life through examples
- › Tips and tricks

Portia Cerny PMIIA, Chair, AI Working Group, IIA-Australia

Day 1 – Monday, 2 March 2026 (continued)**12.25pm – 12.55pm****Solution sessions****S1 Product Demonstration – Diligent**

In this solution session see how Diligent the AI leader in governance, risk and compliance transforms internal audit by unifying workflows, analytics and oversight into one powerful platform.

- › Demonstration of how centralised audit planning, automated workflows and integrated analytics enable teams to cover more risk, deliver faster insights and strengthen assurance without extra resources
- › Explore AI-powered insights and reporting – How Diligent’s advanced analytics surface emerging risks, streamline evidence collection and provide real-time, defensible insights that elevate leadership confidence

Representative from Diligent**S2 Empowering internal audit**

In this solution-focused demo, we explore how TeamMate+ Audit enables internal audit teams to stay connected, supported and ahead of the curve by:

- › Enhancing collaboration and improving audit quality through modern tools, intuitive workflows and seamless integration with everyday productivity tools
- › Streamlining processes with workflow automation and a powerful Business Rules Engine to enforce consistency and accelerate decision-making
- › Leveraging innovative capabilities, including workflow automation, the power of AI-editing and multi-year audit planning, to support evolving audit needs and strategic foresight

Join us to see TeamMate+ Audit in action and discover how it helps auditors collaborate and champion audit excellence with confidence.

Phil Leifermann PMIIA CIA CCSA CFSA CGAP CRMA, Sales Director, ANZ and Pacific, Wolters Kluwer TeamMate
Sio Naidoo PMIIA CIA, Head of Pre-Sales, APAC, Wolters Kluwer TeamMate

S3 AI & audit efficiency – A real-world demo for busy internal auditors

This session provides a practical, high-level demo of DataSnipper, showing how auditors can quickly apply automation in their daily work. Whether you are new to AI or already building your automation strategy, this session shows what’s achievable immediately without integrations or long projects and how auditors today use DataSnipper to reduce manual work and elevate audit quality. Attendees will see how DataSnipper accelerates processes such as:

- › Walkthrough documentation
- › Compliance and control testing
- › Document and policy reviews workflows
- › Evidence extraction, cross-referencing, and exception testing

Kevin Wan, Account Executive, DataSnipper**12.55pm – 2.10pm****Lunch networking break and exhibition viewing****2.10pm – 3.00pm****Concurrent sessions 2****2A Mega projects and organisational resilience – Strengthening governance to withstand disruption**

- › Explore how large-scale infrastructure projects test an organisation’s ability to manage complexity, uncertainty and disruption
- › Insights from real-world examples of cost blowouts, time delays and public backlash – Lesson learned from governance, risk management and assurance failures
- › The role of internal audit and assurance to support project resilience by providing insight into governance weaknesses, control gaps and emerging risks across the project lifecycle
- › Defining the features of a resilient governance framework that supports adaptability and accountability in mega projects

Lindsay Edmonds, Engineering Program Manager, Honeywell**2B Psychosocial risk assessments – Putting mental health first**

- › Understanding and meeting legislative and regulatory obligations – Embedding compliance into processes and risk assessments
- › Assessing and identifying psychosocial risks – Understanding how human behaviour, workplace factors and the operational environment interact
- › Auditing controls and mitigation strategies – Conducting effective psychosocial risk audits to evaluate control effectiveness
- › Evaluating well-being initiatives and reporting risks – Measuring program outcomes and communicating psychosocial risk insights to stakeholders

Dr Laura Kirby, Chief Psychologist & Executive Director, Australian Psychological Services

Nicki Makris, Head of Audit – Operations, Woolworths**2C Data, privacy and security – How internal audit safeguards trust**

- › Mapping the broader risk environment – Understanding how data risk, privacy, compliance and security intersect across the organisation’s control environment
- › Joining the dots across lines of defence – Collaborating with compliance, IT security and risk functions to ensure integrated and comprehensive assurance coverage
- › Evaluating frameworks and controls – Assessing the design and effectiveness of governance frameworks that span privacy laws, cybersecurity and operational risk
- › Addressing evolving data risks and compliance obligations – Staying ahead of emerging threats in the data environment, including regulatory change and technology and organisational vulnerabilities

Andrew McKay AMIIA, Head of Internal Audit, Hollard Insurance

Arnav Panchlotha, Head of Audit – Security, Cloud and Emerging Technology, National Australia Bank

2D Staying ahead – Navigating the evolving cyber threat landscape

- › Exploring emerging threats including phishing-as-a-service, ransomware, deepfakes and social engineering - What are the controls to detect and prevent them early
- › Identifying critical assets under attack – From customer data to operational systems and APIs – How to ensure access controls, encryption and segmentation are effectively protecting them
- › Understanding how attackers are using AI to scale and personalise attacks - How can organisations fight back with AI-powered tools
- › Embedding a “cyber assurance” mindset across the organisations to continually evaluate and validate cybersecurity defences

Mick Dunne, Chief Security Advisor, Microsoft**Simon Lee-Steere, Chief Security Officer, Visy****3.10pm – 4.00pm****Concurrent sessions 3****3A Exercising your right to audit third parties**

- › Understanding the right-to-audit clause – Key components, legal implications and contract considerations
- › Planning and executing third-party audits – Developing scope, objectives and effective audit methodologies
- › Managing challenges and resistance – Overcoming access limitations, data sharing concerns and cooperation issues
- › Driving accountability and remediation – Ensuring findings lead to corrective actions and improved third-party compliance
- › Addressing the challenges of gaining assurance over third / fourth party controls
- › Insights on applying the Third-Party Topical Requirements

Kumar Srinivasan, Director, Risk & Insurance, University of Technology Sydney

Day 1 – Monday, 2 March 2026 (continued)**3B Auditing culture and behaviour**

- › Methodologies in gathering, analysing and documenting audit evidence on behaviours and culture
- › Identifying behavioural indicators of emerging risks to strengthen organisational resilience and proactive oversight
- › Connecting cultural insights to compliance, ethics, internal reports and operational outcomes
- › Communicating findings effectively and driving cultural improvement initiatives

Sally Tysoe, Director, Group Audit - Enterprise Risk, Risk Culture & Insights, Westpac Group

3C Auditing the data lifecycle

- › Mapping and classifying data effectively – Identify what data exists, where it resides and applying accurate classification to manage risk
- › Defining roles and responsibilities – Embedding clear governance, ownership and accountability across the entire data lifecycle
- › Ensuring responsible use of data for decision-making - Respecting privacy and ethical standards
- › Monitoring and assuring the data lifecycle – Establishing frameworks for continuous oversight, from data retention to secure decommissioning

Olga Lysenko, Director, Enterprise Data Strategy and Governance, Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water

3D Applying the Topical Requirements on a Cybersecurity audit

- › Overview of the framework and its cybersecurity focus
- › Explore how the topical requirement can enhance resilience, align with governance frameworks and deliver stronger assurance
- › Understand key controls, testing expectations and assessment criteria
- › Connecting the requirements with frameworks like NIST, ISO 27001 and CPS 234

James Buchanan, Partner – Technology Risk, KPMG

Kirsty Tame, Director – Technology & Cyber Internal Audit, KPMG

4.00pm – 4.30pm

Afternoon networking break and exhibition viewing

4.30pm – 5.20pm

Keynote 3

Beyond the headlines – What internal auditors can learn from corporate Australia's wins and failures

Gain unparalleled insight into how Australia's most influential organisations navigate governance, risk, integrity and public scrutiny. The session will explore:

- › Ethics, integrity and governance — How pressure distorts decision-making and the role of internal audit in identifying blind spots and upholding organisational values
- › Trends in corporate fraud — How control gaps, digital vulnerabilities and cultural factors enable misconduct and how internal audit strengthens detection, prevention and accountability
- › Why reputation has become one of the most volatile risk categories and what internal auditors should understand about media scrutiny and stakeholder trust
- › Internal audit as a strategic asset — How leading organisations use audit to surface the real story internally before it becomes an external issue
- › The emerging risks Internal auditors must prepare for and the increasing demand for real-time assurance

James Thomson, Chanticleer Columnist, The Australian Financial Review

7.00pm – 11.00pm

Gala Dinner and Awards reception

Join us at the Gala Dinner and Awards Evening, giving you a chance to step away from the technical discussions of the day and relax, connect and enjoy an evening of great company and entertainment.

This year's theme is Red Hot, so we invite you to dress to impress with a bold touch of red. The evening will also feature the presentation of our prestigious awards, celebrating excellence and outstanding achievements in internal audit.

Delegates registered for the full conference receive one complimentary Gala Dinner ticket. Additional tickets for accompanying guests are available at \$195 per person, subject to availability.

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Conference Program

Day 2 – Tuesday, 3 March 2026

7.30am	Registration desk open
7.30am- 8.30am	Networking breakfast and exhibition viewing
8.30am – 9.20am	Keynote 4

Robodebt revisited – Governance failures, ethical blind spots and lessons for the future of responsible assurance

This session delves into one of Australia's most significant public administration failures. Through a governance and assurance lens, the discussion will explore the critical lessons for leaders, internal auditors and assurance professionals, as well as oversight bodies responsible for protecting citizens in an increasingly automated world.

- › Unpacking a historic failure of public administration – Exploring how systemic incompetence and ethical lapses led to the unlawful pursuit of welfare recipients
- › Understanding the role of automation in decisions – Examining how Robodebt's automated processes amplified errors and harmed vulnerable citizens
- › Accountability, ethics and governance lessons – Identifying key failures and what they reveal about leadership, oversight and moral responsibility in organisations
- › Implications for auditors and assurance professionals – Drawing practical insights on risk identification, government oversight and safeguarding citizens in complex system

Panellists include:

Christopher Knaus, Chief investigations Correspondent, The Guardian Australia

Michael Cordell, Executive Producer, The People Vs Robodebt

Dr Darren O'Donovan, Senior Lecturer, La Trobe Law School

9.30am – 10.00am	Solution sessions
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S4 Product Demonstration – Diligent

In this solution session see how Diligent the AI leader in governance, risk and compliance transforms internal audit by unifying workflows, analytics and oversight into one powerful platform.

- › Demonstration of how centralised audit planning, automated workflows and integrated analytics enable teams to cover more risk, deliver faster insights and strengthen assurance without extra resources
- › Explore AI-powered insights and reporting – How Diligent's advanced analytics surface emerging risks, streamline evidence collection and provide real-time, defensible insights that elevate leadership confidence

Representative from Diligent

S5 Internal audit Quality Assessments

A Quality Assessment Review of the internal audit function which is required at least once every 5 years under the IIA Standards. This session will explore:

- › Overview of the requirements and the review process
- › Insights on common problem areas identified in reviews
- › Benefits of the review process

Kylie McRae PFIIA CIA, Manager, Quality Services, IIA-Australia

S6 Small Internal Audit Shops – The power of sticking together

In this session we will explore the NSW Chapter initiative of the Small Internal Audit Shop Forum – which includes over 8 years of facilitated support and networking for those feeling isolated or facing the challenges of working alone in internal audit:

- › What we have learned in the 8 years of holding this initiative for IIA-Australia members
- › What we are doing now to consolidate our years of experience
- › What is coming next to provide practical support to small internal audit shops

Hayley Elson PFIIA CIA, Technical Manager, IIA-Australia

Vincent Verlinde PMIIA GradCertIA, Group Risk and Assurance Manager, Daikin Group Australia & New Zealand, & NSW Chapter Council Member, IIA-Australia

10.00am – 10.30am	Morning networking break and exhibition viewing
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10.30am – 11.20am	Concurrent sessions 4
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4E From theory to practice – GIAS implementation a year on

- › Embedding GIAS into internal audit methodology – Adapting frameworks, tools and processes for alignment with the Standards
- › Lessons learned in applying GIAS in practice – Practicalities of integrating requirements into audit planning, execution and reporting
- › Embedding topical requirements in your audits
- › Measuring impact and continuous improvement – Assessing conformance and enhancing quality

Kylie McRae PFIIA CIA, Manager, Quality Services, IIA-Australia

Dr Lakshmi Satyanarayana PMIIA, Director Internal Audit and Chief Audit Executive, Department of Communities and Justice

4F Regulator round table – The future of regulation

- › Understanding the evolving regulatory landscape – Insights from key regulators
- › Identifying emerging compliance priorities – Highlighting areas of focus and risk across industries
- › Adapting internal controls and governance – Preparing organisations to meet current and future regulatory expectations
- › Leveraging audit and assurance for readiness – Ensuring effective monitoring, reporting and strategic response to regulatory change

Panellists include:

Peta Lane, Group Executive Director, Performance Audit Services Group, Australian National Audit Office

Philip Wang, Chief Risk Officer, Australian Prudential Regulation Authority

Suneeta Sidhu, Senior Executive Leader, Strategic Surveillance, Banking and Data, Australian Securities and Investments Commission

4G Building community trust – Auditing your social licence to operate

- › Understanding social licence and community expectations – Defining what it means for organisational credibility and sustainability
- › Identifying risks to trust and reputation – Assessing activities, decisions and behaviours that impact community confidence
- › Auditing values and transparency – Evaluating reporting, ethical practices and engagement processes to build trust
- › Positioning internal audit as a trust enabler – Providing assurance and insights that maintain accountability and strengthen community confidence

Sian Ashdown PMIIA CIA, Head of Internal Audit, CS Energy

Day 2 – Tuesday, 3 March 2026 (continued)

4H Evolution of the CAE

- › The digitally enabled CAE – Leveraging technology, data analytics and automation to enhance audit effectiveness and insight delivery
- › CAE as a strategic partner – Aligning internal audit with organisational strategy to influence decision-making and drive value
- › Turning the dial on influence – Building credibility, confidence and influence with the Board and senior management
- › Shaping the future of assurance – Evolving the CAE role to meet emerging risks, stakeholder expectations and the demands of a dynamic business environment
- › Life beyond the CAE – Exploring career pathways and opportunities that follow a successful tenure as Chief Audit Executive

Panellists include:

Richard Chambers CIA QIAL CGAP CCSA CRMA, Senior Advisor, Risk and Audit, AuditBoard

Sharni Zoch, Chief Audit Executive, Wesfarmers

Liam Buckley PMIIA, Chief Audit Executive, BOQ Group

11.30am – 12.20pm Concurrent sessions 5

5E Designing an impactful internal audit strategy

- › Understanding the requirements for an internal audit strategy under GIAS
- › Differentiating strategy from planning – Understanding how long-term strategy aligns with operational audit plans
- › Defining a compelling vision for the internal audit function
- › Driving organisational alignment and digital enablement
- › Gaining insights from real-world examples and considerations for smaller functions
- › Driving value and continuous improvement – Using strategy to enhance performance and effectiveness

Farah George Araj PFIIA CIA CRMA QIAL, Consultant, Quality Services, IIA-Australia

Jill Tavares AMIIA, Manager Internal Audit, City of Moreton Bay

5F Building trust in ESG reporting - Strengthening governance, measurement systems and data validation to ensure high-quality sustainability performance metrics

- › Review the effectiveness of ESG roles, responsibilities and oversight structures
- › Assess the design and operating effectiveness of controls supporting ESG data and reporting
- › Examine data flows, data quality, documentation and overall ESG data management
- › Deliver objective assurance that ESG metrics are accurate, complete and aligned with standards
- › Enhance the credibility of ESG disclosures and support external assurance readiness

Mark Harrison PFIIA CIA CRMA, Managing Director, Sententia Consulting

Josie Lopez PMIIA CIA, Senior Director, Sententia Consulting

5G Auditing in developing markets

- › Explore structural and operational challenges in setting up robust internal audit functions in developing markets
- › Understand how cultural norms and governance models influence audit acceptance and effectiveness – Strategies for auditors to build trust, independence and influence within traditional and relationship-based systems
- › Examine the challenges of navigating ethical vulnerabilities and misconduct – How internal auditors can apply risk-based approaches to promote transparency, accountability and strong control environments
- › Practical insights on how to operate with limited resources
- › Progressively developing audit maturity through phased improvements, strategic partnerships and capacity building

Maryann Lameko-Vaai, Chief Audit Executive, Bank of South Pacific

5H Leading a high-performing audit function – What good looks like

- › Building and managing the right team – Recruiting and developing auditors with the skills and mindset needed to meet evolving organisational needs
- › Motivating and leading staff – Importance of inspiring teams through fostering engagement, recognising performance and supporting career growth
- › Planning with agility and precision – Using data and risk intelligence to drive dynamic, risk-based plans aligned with strategic priorities
- › Leveraging technology for efficient delivery – Integrating audit management tools, data analytics and automation to streamline workflows and enhance insights
- › Engaging and reporting with influence – Delivering clear, timely reports that build trust and drive business decisions

Richard Chambers CIA QIAL CGAP CCSA CRMA, Senior Advisor, Risk and Audit, AuditBoard

Jennifer Arnold AMIIA, Chief Audit Officer, Bupa APAC

Muir Watson AMIIA, Executive General Manager Internal Audit, IAG Limited

12.20pm – 2.00pm

Lunch with guest speaker

Legacy in Motion

Discover how legacy is created through intentional actions, resilience and purpose, drawing on her remarkable journey from Kalgoorlie to the world stage. Through her lived experience as an athlete, advocate and storyteller, she inspires audiences to see legacy as something we build every day - not something we leave behind.

- › Legacy in action – How everyday choices and values accumulate into long-term impact for yourself, your industry and your community
- › Leadership through representation – The influence of authenticity, cultural identity and visibility in shaping empowerment and belonging
- › Resilience and adaptation – Lessons from navigating adversity and transition, showing how self-belief and flexibility fuel growth
- › Championing change – How courage, advocacy and challenging the status quo can reshape norms and drive lasting transformation

Lydia Williams, former Australian professional soccer player (Matildas)

2.00pm – 2.50pm Concurrent sessions 6

6E Smart engagement planning – Driving risk-Aware and value-driven audits

- › Effective stakeholder engagement – The art of collaboration to define the purpose of the engagement, align expectations and build Management buy-in
- › Engagement risk assessment and objectives – Using data-driven insights to identify high-risk areas and shape the audit scope
- › Focused, value-driven audit work programs – Balancing compliance, strategic priorities and organisational objectives for impactful audits
- › Evaluation criteria and conclusions – Tips and tricks for getting audit reports across the line and avoiding the prolonged “negotiations” on ratings and conclusions
- › Incorporating Topical Requirements into engagement planning – How to effectively and efficiently incorporate these new Standards into BAU audit activities

Tania Stegemann PMIIA CCSA CIA CRMA, GM Group Internal Audit, Auto & General; Chair, Global Guidance Council, IIA-Global
Siggy Covill AMIIA, Manager Internal Audit Quality Assurance, Auto & General

Day 2 – Tuesday, 3 March 2026 (continued)

6F Auditing payroll and wages compliance

- › Understanding payroll and wage compliance obligations – Interpreting awards, enterprise agreements and regulatory requirements
- › Identifying key risk areas in payroll processes – Detecting errors, fraud risks and system control weaknesses
- › Testing accuracy and completeness of payments – Verifying employee classifications, overtime and entitlements
- › Evaluating controls and remediation practices – Assessing governance, monitoring mechanisms and corrective actions for non-compliance

Shashank Laroia AMIIA, Senior Manager, Risk Advisory Services, RSM Australia

Rick Kimberley, Partner, Global Employer Services, RSM Australia

6G Reviewing performance of Indigenous engagement – Insights from the New Zealand experience

- › Understanding the foundations of Māori engagement, including Te Tiriti o Waitangi, Crown-Māori relations and industry obligations
- › Verifying alignment with Te Tiriti, legal and policy requirements across the organisation
- › Assessing how Māori engagement is embedded in governance, strategy and day-to-day operations
- › Identifying reputational, social and operational risks from weak engagement and opportunities for positive impact
- › Evaluating the effectiveness of engagement processes and recommend actions for continuous improvement

Makaore Wilson, Pou Tikanga – Māori Customs and Protocols Lead, Aurecon

6H Applying Emotional Intelligence in internal audit for better outcomes

- › Recognising the value of emotional intelligence in internal audit – Understanding how EQ influences communication, trust and stakeholder relationships
- › Building self-awareness and empathy – Enhancing auditor effectiveness through improved interpersonal skills
- › Managing difficult conversations with confidence – Applying EQ to navigate sensitive findings and challenging discussions
- › Driving collaboration for stronger outcomes – Leveraging emotional intelligence to foster cooperation and deliver impactful audit results

Dominic Siow, Co-founder, EQ Strategist

3.00pm – 3.50pm Concurrent sessions 7

7E Next-gen audit reporting – Insights, Influence and Impact

- › Modern approaches – Exploring better practice, contemporary formats and examples of effective reporting in practice
- › Aligning reporting with relevant standards while providing actionable, advisory insights
- › Digital and visualization – Using dashboards, visuals and data storytelling to enhance understanding and engagement
- › Communication is key – Enhancing impact through verbal delivery, EQ and understanding audience needs
- › Relationships and influence – Building credibility and tailoring messages for Boards, senior management and key stakeholders

Negar Murray, Internal Audit Manager, Chorus

Sally Vuong PMIIA CIA, Deputy CAE - Internal Audit and Fraud, NBN Co

Janice Scott AMIIA, Head of Internal Audit, TPG Telecom

7F Future-ready assurance – Aligning regulation, organisational requirements and AI capabilities

- › Building a proactive company culture – Understanding how mapping obligations supports early identification of risks and promotes a culture of accountability within an organisation
- › Defining organisational ownership – Ensuring clear responsibilities across the first, second and third lines of defence, from the Board throughout the organisation
- › Assessing risk, compliance and organisational coverage – Evaluating controls, identifying gaps or overlaps and supporting the second line in assessing control effectiveness to enable organisation uplift and compliance
- › Practical implementation insights – Sharing real-world experiences, tools and approaches, including the use of AI for controls reviews, uplift, compliance interpretation and regulatory impact assessments

Alex Lord, Head of Risk and Compliance Frameworks and Assurance, Hostplus

7G Auditing the customer journey risks

- › Mapping the customer journey end-to-end – Identifying critical touchpoints and experience drivers linked to risk exposure
- › Evaluating risks to satisfaction, loyalty and reputation – Assessing how poor experiences translate into risk
- › Auditing processes that shape the customer experience – Reviewing consistency, responsiveness, fairness and quality of interaction
- › Delivering insights for risk-informed improvements – Providing actionable guidance to improve trust, engagement and protections for customers while mitigating organisational risk

Sarah Boulton AMIIA, Head of Group Audit, Group Audit and Risk, Qantas

Andrew Erzikov, Head of Group Audit, Group Audit and Risk, Qantas

7H Personal wellbeing for the effective assurance professional

- › Explore what wellness truly means for assurance professionals and why it's vital for sustained performance and sound judgment
- › The eight elements of wellness – A holistic look at the key dimensions of wellness, with simple and practical tips for each
- › From awareness to action – Understand the psychology of behaviour change and how to turn good intentions into daily habits
- › Creating your personal wellness plan – Identify your priorities and design a realistic plan to enhance wellbeing, balance and resilience

Jo Carroll PMIIA CIA, Professional Coach (Wellness), 11:11 Health and Wellbeing

3.50pm – 4.20pm Afternoon networking break and exhibition viewing

4.20pm – 5.10pm Keynote 5

Resilience in action – Courage under the spotlight

This session explores resilience as a critical capability for assurance professionals, focusing on the courage required to navigate complexity, challenge constructively and add value when judgement, integrity and credibility are under the spotlight.

The courage to speak up: Why resilience matters when auditors must raise difficult issues and challenge assumptions:

- › Operating under scrutiny - Sustaining independence, confidence and professionalism when findings and judgements are highly visible
- › From insight to impact - Stepping beyond issues to provide a clear strategic pathway and practical, risk-informed solutions
- › Stepping up when it counts - Maintaining clarity, credibility and effectiveness under pressure

Dr Margie Warrell

5.05pm – 5.15pm Closing Remarks

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Member	\$2,750	\$2,995
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Corporate Ticket*	\$4,500	\$4,500
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Additional Sessions – In person

	Registered Delegate	Guest
Conference Lunch	Included in conference registration fee	\$85
Welcome Reception		\$95
Gala Dinner		\$190

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	Member	Non-Member
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SUNDAY, 1 MARCH – WELCOME RECEPTION

Yes, I will attend

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Purchase additional ticket(s) \$95 per person

No. Persons _____ TOTAL \$ _____

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MONDAY, 2 MARCH – GALA AND AWARDS DINNER

Yes, I will attend

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Monday, 2 March

Tuesday, 3 March

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(Additional Payment Applies)

SUNDAY, 1 MARCH 2026, 1.30PM–5.30PM

WS1 Building an Integrated assurance model: Connecting risk, internal audit and assurance

WS2 Finding the red flags of fraud and the role of internal audit

WS3 Auditing AI - Ensuring trust, transparency and control

\$490 Member

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TOTAL FOR WORKSHOPS \$

5. SELECT YOUR CONCURRENT SESSIONS

MONDAY, 2 MARCH 2026

11.25am – 12.15pm	AI1	AI2	AI3	
12.25pm – 12.55pm	S1	S2	S3	
2.10pm – 3.00pm	2A	2B	2C	2D
3.10pm – 4.00pm	3A	3B	3C	3D

TUESDAY, 3 MARCH 2026

9.30am – 10.00am	S4	S5	S6	
10.30am – 11.20am	4E	4F	4G	4H
11.30am – 12.20pm	5E	5F	5G	5H
2.00pm – 2.50pm	6E	6F	6G	6H
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