

Enterprise AI **Melbourne**

▶ Accelerating digital transformation through AI innovation

Wednesday 2 September 2026	
08:15	<i>Register; grab a coffee. Mix, mingle and say hello to peers old and new.</i>
09:00	Welcome from Corinium and the Chairperson Chair: Su Jella Lecturer and Consultant Torrens University
09:10	Speed Networking – Making new connections! In this 5-minute networking session, the goal is to connect with new people - enjoy the opportunity to expand your network!
09:15	Fireside Chat Your Business Became AI-Driven. Your Governance Didn't Join Fernando Mourão for an insightful discussion on why traditional AI governance frameworks are struggling to keep pace with AI adoption. As organisations become increasingly AI-driven, this session will explore how Responsible AI and governance practices are evolving, and how AI itself is being used to strengthen oversight, risk management, and compliance. Expect practical insights into building governance models that can keep up with the speed of innovation while maintaining trust and accountability. <u>Moderator</u> Su Jella Lecturer and Consultant Torrens University <u>Speaker</u> Fernando Mourão Head of Responsible AI SEEK
09:40	From AI Pilot to Everyday Practice: Scaling Agents on the Systems You Already Run <u>Speaker</u> Emie Fernandez Chief Technology Officer InfoTrack

10:05	Panel Discussion AI Transformation: Redesigning the Organisation for an Intelligent Future • How is AI reshaping organisational structures, roles, and decision-making processes? • What capabilities and cultural shifts are required to embed AI across business functions? • How can leaders drive adoption and ensure AI initiatives deliver measurable business impact? <u>Moderator</u> Tristan Tan Commercial Associate Director IFM Investors <u>Speakers</u> Dr Greg Adamson Chief Information Security Officer Department of Transport and Planning (Victoria) NEW Amanda Princi Head of Data & AI Enablement Transurban Bhavika Unnadkat Head of Data and AI Enablement Energy & Utilities Sector & Programme Director Women4STEM (MentorShe) Tim Sparks Head of Data Science and AI QBE Insurance
10:40	<i>Morning Coffee and Connect</i>
11:15	Designing Context-Aware AI Architectures for Scale <u>Speaker</u> Samrat Seal Head of Transformation and Governance Kmart
11:40	Fireside Chat Getting the Organisation Ready for AI: A Fireside Chat between Melbourne Polytechnic and IM Systems on Stakeholder Engagement in AI Strategy Design Melbourne Polytechnic has engaged IM Systems to help develop an enterprise AI Blueprint, but getting to the point of developing the strategy required more than agreeing that AI was important. In this fireside conversation, Melbourne Polytechnic's Karen Mann and IMS engagement lead Peter Houlihan share lessons from the journey so far, from navigating contested ownership and establishing executive sponsorship, through to engaging the Board, Executive Leadership Team, educators, staff and students. They will explore what was necessary before this work could get underway, how stakeholder engagement needs to be deliberately designed, and how different groups require different forms of engagement. They will also discuss general lessons from the journey so far. <u>Speakers</u> Karen Mann Director of Strategy Melbourne Polytechnic Peter Houlihan Strategy & Architecture Practice Director IM Systems

12:05	Debate Work Redefined - Will AI Replace Us or Make Us Stronger? As AI adoption accelerates, the question isn't whether businesses should embrace it—but what role humans will play alongside it. Will AI ultimately replace human decision-making and jobs, or does its greatest potential lie in augmenting creativity, judgment, and trust? In this debate, AI leaders will challenge each other on the realities of automation, the limits of augmentation, and the responsibility of organisations to balance efficiency with human value. Expect sharp perspectives, bold predictions, and a candid look at what the future of work means for business. Affirmative: AI will replace us Negative: AI will not replace us <u>Moderator</u> Tristan Tan Commercial Associate Director IFM Investors <u>Speakers</u> Bhavika Unnadkat Head of Data and AI Enablement Energy & Utilities Sector & Programme Director Women4STEM (MentorShe) Poornima L Nathan Chapter Lead – Technical Solution Design 7-Eleven Amanda Princi Head of Data & AI Enablement Transurban Su Jella Lecturer and Consultant Torrens University
12:35	Cut AI Token & Compute Cost in Half <u>Speakers</u> Andrew Gu Senior Solutions Architect, ANZ Strategy Adam Aston Data Manager Kmart Australia
13:00	<i>Lunch Break! Connect and Converse</i>
14:05	Beyond Accuracy: How Enterprises Build Confidence in AI Agents <u>Speaker</u> Simon Wilson Former Head of Gen AI Data Science Telstra
14:30	Where Does Your AI Data Actually Go? Sovereignty, Regulation, and the Real Enterprise Risk <u>Speaker</u> Arvind Bhatt Founder Skillio
14:55	Economics of AI: Cost Discipline — From Scalability to ROI <u>Speaker</u> Asel Mendis Data & Analytics Lead - Network and Retail Analytics Kmart
15:20	<i>Afternoon Coffee and Connect</i>
15:50	Realising the Value of AI Investments to Drive Measurable Business Impact <u>Speaker</u> Poornima L Nathan Chapter Lead – Technical Solution Design 7-Eleven

16:15	From Shadow AI to Assured AI: A Practical Governance Framework for Enterprise Adoption <u>Speakers</u> Bharat Bajaj Board Director ISACA Melbourne Chapter Ravneet Kaur Chapter Member/Moderator ISACA Melbourne Chapter
16:40	Chairperson's Closing
16:45	Close of Enterprise AI Melbourne 2026