

DAY 1 Wednesday 18 November, 2026	
08:15	*Register; grab a coffee. Mix, mingle and say hello to peers old and new.*
08:50	Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei - Mihi Whakatau **Te Aroha Grace**
09:00	*Welcome remarks by Corinium & Chair's opening remarks* *Chair:* **Denise Carter-Bennett** Co-Chair **NZNWS**
09:10	**Speed Networking – Making new connections at CISO New Zealand!**
09:15	**Keynote Presentation** **The Upcoming Arrival of Micro-Breaches: Defining the New Reality of Cyber Resilience** **Alastair Miller** GM Network & Security **Genesis Energy**
09:40	**Agentic Runtime Security - Solving Identity and Access Gaps in Agentic AI** **Andrew Brydon** Field CTO ANZ **HashiCorp, an IBM Company**
10:05	**Cross-Industry Panel** **Critical Infrastructure Regulation on the Horizon: What Does Resilience Look Like Across Sectors?** New Zealand is moving toward a single critical infrastructure cyber security system defined by shared minimum expectations, increased visibility, and coordinated oversight but built on sectors with very different maturity, capacity, and operational realities. This panel brings together a few critical infrastructure perspectives to discuss how the shift is actually being interpreted on the ground.

	• Is a more coordinated cyber security regime seen as incremental uplift or structural change? Where are organisations already aligned? • Where does coordination help vs create new friction? • Is resilience still sector-defined, or is it becoming something defined at a system level? Moderator: **Lee Wainwright** Enterprise Account Executive, New Zealand **Rubrik** Panellists: **Eli Hirschauge** Head of Info Security **ANZ** **Laura Ross** CISO **One NZ** **Alastair Miller** GM Network & Security **Genesis Energy**
10:35	*Morning 'Coffee and Connect'*
11:05	**Presentation** **When Understanding Isn't Enough: Influencing Decisions When Risk Competes with Business Priorities** **Cathy Sneyd** Senior Security Consultant **Woolworths New Zealand**
11:30	**Presentation** **Preserving the Capacity to Defend: When Global Cyber Threats Meet Fragmented Regulation** **Nicole Henry** Head of Government Affairs, Australia and New Zealand **Fortinet**
11:55	**Fireside Chat** **When Malicious Activity Looks Like Normal Behaviour** Traditional detection approaches often struggle when malicious actions mimic normal patterns or unfold slowly over time. This interactive session explores: • Why detection failures occur in highly dynamic environments • How insider-like and low-and-slow behaviours evade traditional controls • Why defining "normal" has become a core detection challenge Moderator: **Jason Wood** Chair **ISACA Auckland** Speakers: **Deepak Veerasamy** Director of Information Security (Group CISO) **Restaurant Brands** **Puva K** CISO | Strategy, Governance & Transformation | OT & Critical Infrastructure
12:20	**Presentation**

	AI is Breaking Data Security… And Fixing It: The New Reality of AI-Driven Risk and How to Stay Ahead **Tim Roughton** Country Manager - New Zealand and Australia **Concentric AI**	
12:45	*Lunch Break!*	
	Track A: Detect & Defend	**Track B: Evolve & Adapt**
13:45	Chair: **Jason Wood** Chair **ISACA Auckland**	Chair: **Denise Carter-Bennett** Co-Chair **NZNWS**
13:50	**Presentation** **AI Didn't Create Your Data Risk. It Exposed It.** **Securing Data in the Age of AI** **Andrew Chisholm** Principal Information Protection Specialist **Proofpoint**	**Presentation** **Behavioural Anomalies - From Stopping Threats in Email to Ringfencing Shadow AI** **Matt Berry** Field CTO **Abnormal AI**
14:15	**Case Study** **Beyond the Scan: Turning Vulnerability Management into Risk Reduction** **Andy Pace** Head of Network & Information Security **MediaWorks**	**Fireside Chat** **Has Shift Left Security Had Its Day?** This structured debate looks at how AI is reshaping security in the software development lifecycle. With AI now supporting code generation, testing, and security automation, there is growing discussion about whether shift-left security remains the dominant approach, or whether control is shifting toward more continuous, embedded models across the SDLC. Panellists will explore both perspectives through structured opposing views. Moderator: **Denise Carter-Bennett** Co-Chair **NZNWS** Speakers: **Tracey Bond** Head of Engineering Operations **NZME** **Pubudini Prasanna** Software Engineering Manager **2degrees**

14:40	**Presentation** **Closing the Exposure Gap Before Attackers Do** **Ben Mudie** Field CTO APJ **Tenable**	**Presentation** **Start Left: Securing the Supply Chain by Design** **Scott Norris** Principal Solutions Architect **Chainguard**
15:05	*Afternoon 'Coffee and Connect'*	
15:35	**Case Study** **Secure by Design vs Secure by Behaviour in Practice** Speakers: **Manuel Miguez** Service Group Owner - Cyber Operations **Westpac NZ** **Antoinette Murray** Information Security Consultant **Westpac NZ**	**Case Study** **A Different Lens on AI: How Data & Analytics Delivers Secure & Responsible AI** **Mike Congdon** Head of Data & Analytics **Southern Cross Healthcare**
16:00	**Presentation** **Surviving the AI vulnerability storm - Resilience in the age of frontier AI** **Ash Smith** Principal Technology Strategist **CrowdStrike**	**Presentation** **AI, Phishing, and the Modern Workforce: Where Do We Stand?** **Steve Popely** Channel Sales Manager ANZ **KnowBe4**
16:25	**Executive Panel Discussion** **How Do Executive Teams Align Under Pressure During a Cyber Incident?** Cyber incidents require fast, coordinated decision-making across leadership teams as organisations navigate uncertainty, operational disruption and competing priorities. Bringing together senior leaders, this session explores key dynamics in real-time incident response: • How different executive roles frame risk and urgency during a live incident • What triggers executive escalation and board involvement • How decisions change as facts emerges and assumptions are challenged • How leaders align internal and external communication strategies to maintain trust and confidence during a rapidly evolving crisis Moderator: **Denise Carter-Bennett** Co-Chair **NZNWS** Panellists: **Catherine Buhler** CISO **Fonterra** **Julie Watson** CIO **WorkSafe** **Sharyn Reichstein** Chief Risk Officer **Tower Insurance**	

	Shivali Kukreja Head of Risk & Compliance/CRO **nib New Zealand**
17:00	*Closing Remarks by the Chair* **Denise Carter-Bennett** Co-Chair **NZNWS**
17:00	**Cheers with Peers: CISO Drinks Reception** *Continue the conversation over drinks.*

DAY 2 Thursday 19 November 2026	
08:20	*Register; grab coffee. Mix, mingle and say hello to peers old and new.*
08:50	*Welcome remarks by Corinium & Chair's opening remarks* Chair: **Lakshya Mehra** National Security Awareness & Phishing Lead **Health New Zealand Te Whatu Ora**
09:00	**Panel Discussion** **Has Cloud-First Shifted Risk Responsibility Rather Than Reducing It?** New Zealand was an early adopter of cloud services, driven by geography, scalability needs, and resilience expectations. While cloud has changed how enterprises operate, it has also redistributed risk across providers, platforms, and dependencies rather than reducing it. • Where does cloud-first actually fail in practice: design, operations, or decision latency between teams? • Which part of the stack is now hardest to secure in reality: identity, data, or the control plane and why? • What risk are we systematically underestimating in cloud environments today that still doesn't show up in reporting or dashboards? Moderator: **Cristian Ares** Senior Manager - Head of Cyber Security Governance & Compliance **SkyCity Entertainment Group** Panellists: **Jamie Smith** Head of Architecture, Platforms, Cloud & Security **The Warehouse Group** **Andrew Meyer** Head of Cyber Security **TVNZ** **Matt Ramsey** Senior Solutions Engineer **Wiz**

09:30	**Presentation** **The AI Security Paradox: Why Frontline AI Defences Aren't Enough** **Mark Shaw** Regional Lead for Data Security, ANZ **Zscaler**
09:55	**Keynote Presentation** **Supply Chain Blind Spots: What Threat Intelligence Reveals in an Era of Geopolitical Uncertainty** **Sarah Penman** Director Enterprise Information Security Group **NCSC**
10:20	*Morning 'Coffee and Connect'*
11:00	**Panel Discussion** **Can Zero Trust Survive the Complexity of Modern SaaS Ecosystems?** Zero Trust was designed for a world of defined systems, identities, and enforceable boundaries. The environments today challenge these assumptions through continuous change in applications, identities, and access paths. • Is Zero Trust still a meaningful journey in dynamic AI-driven systems? • What happens when systems and decisions are continuously changing? • Can identity realistically remain the primary control plane in SaaS sprawl? • Is Zero Trust becoming a mindset rather than an enforceable architecture? Moderator: **Sam Johnstone** Group IT Security Manager **Fulton Hogan** Panellists: **Adarsh Lal** Cyber Security Manager **REANNZ** **Nick Draper** A/Head of Cyber & Architecture **Foodstuffs South Island** **Reza Khaleghparast** Head of Information Security **Naylor Love**
11:30	**Presentation** **Non-Human Identities and the Expanding Attack Surface** **Johan Fantenberg** Director, Product & Solutions Marketing **Ping Identity**
11:55	**Fireside Chat** **Are We Over-Engineering Security While Missing the Basics?** A practical, peer-led discussion exploring whether increasing security complexity is actually improving outcomes, or whether organisations are losing focus on foundational controls. Join this interactive session to compare approaches, share your experiences and discuss where simplification could improve overall risk reduction. • Where are basic controls failing in your environment?

	• What security capability is actually reducing risk and what is just adding complexity? • If you had to simplify your security programme, what would you strengthen first? Speakers: **Andy Pace** Head of Network & Information Security **MediaWorks** **Hassham Idris** Manager Cyber Risk and Assurance **Ministry of Justice NZ**
12:20	**Presentation** **The End of the Slowest Gazelle: Rethinking Cyber Defence in the age of AI** **Vaidik Patel** Cyber Consultant **FUJIFILM CodeBlue**
12:45	**Presentation** **The Security Decisions That Didn't Make It and What That Tells Us About Risk** **Cristian Ares** Senior Manager - Head of Cyber Security Governance & Compliance **SkyCity Entertainment Group**
13:10	*Lunch Break! 'Connect and Converse'*
14:10	**Keynote Panel Discussion** **AI Ecosystem Maze: Can Organisations Maintain Data Sovereignty?** Enterprise data now flows through SaaS platforms that embed AI capabilities and introduce additional processing layers beyond the original system boundary. Visibility over how data is handled across these environments is increasingly limited. This panel delves into: • How can organisations maintain visibility over how and where their data is processed? • Does data sovereignty still hold meaning in AI-embedded SaaS ecosystems? • How should accountability be assigned when data is processed across multiple third-party AI layers? • Do current privacy and disclosure expectations (e.g. IPP3A-type obligations) reflect operational reality? Moderator: **Jason Wood** Chair **ISACA Auckland** Panellists: **Eric Troebner** CTO **Tax Management NZ** **Oleg Zavivaev** Data Security & Privacy Manager **Les Mills International** **Manuel Miguez** Service Group Owner - Cyber Operations **Westpac NZ**
14:40	**Fireside Chat** **Humans and Machines in the Security Workforce: What Changes in Practice?**

	This candid discussion explores how security leaders are adapting their workforce, skills, and operating models as humans and machines increasingly work side by side. • How is AI changing your day-to-day work and expectations? • Where is pressure increasing on judgment, accountability, and capacity? • What does the future pipeline of skills, roles, and experience in cyber security teams look like? Moderator: **Clare Montgomerie** Senior People & Change Business Partner **Daifuku Oceania** Speakers: **Deepak Veerasamy** Director of Information Security (CISO) **Restaurant Brands** **Phil Ross** CISO **Air New Zealand**
15:05	**Closing Keynote Presentation** **Given Everything We're Carrying, How Do We Move Forward Together?** **Rudo Tagwireyi** CISO **University of Canterbury**
15:30	Chair's Closing Remarks **Lakshya Mehra** National Security Awareness & Phishing Lead **Health New Zealand Te Whatu Ora**
15:40	**Close of CISO New Zealand 2026 & Networking Afternoon Tea**