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Tuesday, 25 March 2025

Summit Stage

<p>Tue, Mar 25 9:00am - 9:05am</p> <p>Winthrop Hall</p>	<p>Welcome to the Black Swan Summit</p> <p>Speaker: Dr. Andrzej Gwizdalski, Senior Partner, Global Finance & Technology Network (GFTN); Co-founder & Chairman, Western Australia Web3 Association</p> <p>Moderator: Amanda Wick, Principal, Incite Consulting</p>
<p>Tue, Mar 25 9:05am - 9:15am</p> <p>Winthrop Hall</p>	<p>Welcome to Country</p> <p>Speaker: Alton Walley, Presenter , Aboriginal Productions and Promotions</p>
<p>Tue, Mar 25 9:15am - 9:25am</p> <p>Winthrop Hall</p>	<p>Western Australian Government Welcome – Opening Remarks</p> <p>Hon. Stephen Dawson MLC, Minister for Regional Development; Ports; Science and Innovation; Medical Research; Kimberley, will deliver opening remarks for the Black Swan Summit.</p> <p>Speaker: Hon. Stephen Dawson MLC, Minister for Regional Development; Ports; Science and Innovation; Medical Research; Kimberley,</p>
<p>Tue, Mar 25 9:25am - 9:40am</p> <p>Winthrop Hall</p>	<p>The Global State of FinTech</p> <p>Speaker: Sopnendu Mohanty, Group Chief Executive Officer, Global Finance & Technology Network (GFTN)</p>

Tue, Mar 25
9:40am - 10:10am

Winthrop Hall

What it Means to be a Machine: An Interdisciplinary Perspective on the Future of Humanity-Machine Coexistence

What does it mean to be a machine in a world increasingly shaped by intelligent, autonomous agents performing complex human skills? This panel challenges leaders to rethink the traditional view of technology as a mere tool, inviting the audience to consider how autonomous self-learning algorithms (Agent AI/AGI) in multi-sensory devices (IoT/Robots) perceive their roles and impact on productivity, business efficiency, governance, ethics, sustainability, and coexistence.

This panel will address several critical challenges:

1. How do we define the rights and responsibilities of autonomous AI systems?
2. What governance structures are needed to regulate their actions?
3. How do we prepare for scenarios where AI CEOs or autonomous systems hold critical decision-making power?
4. Who governs, hires, or even retires machines that outperform humans in knowledge, productivity, and control over resources?

Blending futuristic thinking with real-world implications, this session seeks to equip leaders with the insights needed to navigate the complex relationship between humanity and machines.

Speakers:

Neal Cross, Co-founder, PictureWealth

Dr. Justine Lacey, Research Director, CSIRO

Prof. David Lee Kuo Chuen, Chairman, APEX - Asia Pacific Exchange

Moderator:

Sopnendu Mohanty, Group Chief Executive Officer, Global Finance & Technology Network (GFTN)

Tue, Mar 25
10:10am - 10:30am

Winthrop Hall

The Quantum Revolution is Here – Are You Ready?

2025 – the International Year of Quantum Science and Technology is not just to celebrate theory – quantum science is revolutionising industries from finance to mining, healthcare to energy. Quantum technologies are on the way to disrupt conventional computing, redefine cybersecurity, and open new possibilities we've only imagined. Are we prepared for the impact?

This fireside chat with world-renowned quantum scientist Prof. Jingbo Wang will break down the significance of the quantum revolution, its immediate and long-term effects, and what leaders, businesses, and policymakers must do to stay ahead.

Speaker:

Prof. Jingbo Wang, Professor, University of Western Australia

Moderator:

Sopnendu Mohanty, Group Chief Executive Officer, Global Finance & Technology Network (GFTN)

<p>Tue, Mar 25 10:30am - 11:10am</p> <p>Winthrop Hall</p>	<h2>Money 2040: Rethinking Money in the Digital and Quantum Era</h2> <p>How will web3 networks, tokenized assets, and quantum breakthroughs change the nature and functions of money? What happens when money is personalised and tokenized, with programmable features tailored to individual needs? How will quantum technologies redefine the security and trust underpinning global currencies?</p> <p>From Bitcoin's role as a store of value to the geopolitical trade implications of central bank digital currencies, the panel seeks to challenge the conventional perceptions of currency and value, examining money not just as a medium of exchange but as a form of information—personalised, programmable, and embedded into the fabric of communication systems.</p> <p>Speakers: Antonio Alvarez Lorenzo, Chief Compliance Officer, Crypto.com Caroline Bowler, Chief Executive Officer, BTC Markets Effie Dimitropoulos, Chief Executive Officer, AUDC Pty Ltd Alan Scott, Contributor, Railgun Privacy Project</p> <p>Moderator: Dr. Mark Staples, Chief Technology Officer, Digital Finance CRC</p>
<p>Tue, Mar 25 11:10am - 11:45am</p> <p>Winthrop Hall</p>	<h2>Payments of Tomorrow: AI, Inclusion & Borderless Transactions</h2> <p>The payments landscape is undergoing a radical transformation. AI-driven innovations, real-time cross-border transactions, and inclusive financial systems are reshaping how value moves globally. This session explores the technologies redefining payments, the role of AI in financial inclusion, and the challenges of creating a truly borderless financial ecosystem. Join our speakers as they discuss how to future-proof payment infrastructure and ensure equitable access in an increasingly digital world.</p> <p>Speakers: Mishal Ruparel, Chief Commercial Officer, Banking Circle Rajesh Sabari, Chief Commercial Officer, Telcoin Bharadwaj Rao, Head of Sales - Australia and New Zealand, Nucleus Software Exports Limited Lisa Wade, Chief Community Officer, Fableration</p> <p>Moderator: Pat Patel, Executive Director, Global Finance & Technology Network (GFTN)</p>
<p>Tue, Mar 25 11:45am - 12:00pm</p> <p>Winthrop Hall</p>	<h2>Reengineering Finance: The Intersection of Programmability, AI and Blockchain</h2> <p>Take a deep dive into programmable banking and its potential to unlock unprecedented control and automation in financial services. Learn how AI and blockchain are fusing to offer dynamic, custom-tailored financial products. With real-world examples, explore how these technologies are creating new opportunities for instant, secure transactions and radically changing the way businesses manage money and interact with customers.</p> <p>Speaker: Simon Vans-Colina, Co-founder & Chief Technology Officer, Pave Bank</p>

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Insights Forum - Roundtables

Tue, Mar 25
1:30pm - 3:00pm

UniClub - Roundtable
Room 1

Defrag: Sustainable AI Innovation in a Fragmented Financial System

The global financial system has oiled the engine of growth and prosperity, lifting more than a billion people out of poverty since 1990. Integration of the financial system was a critical ingredient in brewing this success, enabling commerce to cross borders and organisations to scale beyond the physical boundaries of their country of origin. 2025 presents a different outlook, with tariffs and threats to security increasing frictions in cross-border transactions, even as we see meaningful momentum accelerating adoption of new technologies.

We ask the questions:

As solutions supported by AI agents begin to pervade, will we be using or losing agency? How do we ensure a global user pool is equipped to engage with these agents safely?

As the world continues to experience the predicted outcomes of climate change, with US\$320bn of losses caused by natural disasters in 2024, how might techno-optimists continue to support innovation that takes a lower toll on long term prosperity?

What tools may exist that support sustainable innovation and growth in the face of increasing regulatory complexity and fragmentation? Programmable compliance, verified data and regulated digital assets have the potential to bridge fragmentation through interoperability, but what conditions are necessary to enable this?

This roundtable examines the interplay of these drivers of change and aims to begin the work of developing an approach for sustainable innovation to thrive.

Speakers:

Brad Carr, Principal & Director, Preparing Futures

Prof. James Ong, Founder & Managing Director, Artificial Intelligence International Institute (AIII)

Juan Perez, Principal Lawyer, Quest Legal

Dr. Justine Lacey, Research Director, CSIRO

Prof. Michael Small, CSIRO-UWA Chair of Complex Systems, Professor & Director, UWA Data Institute

Peter Eckermann, Co-founder & Chief Operating Officer, Apate.AI

Schellie-Jayne ("SJ") Price, Partner, Stirling & Rose

Moderator:

Prof. David Lee Kuo Chuen, Chairman, APEX - Asia Pacific Exchange

Tue, Mar 25
3:30pm - 5:00pm

UniClub - Roundtable
Room 1

Standing on the Shoulders of Giants: Future Models of Value

Economic value, the benefit derived from a good or service, and utility, in the economic sense of the worth of a good or service, have long underpinned financial markets. Yet holistic models recognising the complexity of today's existence are few and far between. Maslow's hierarchy established physiological needs as the very foundation of human requirements; the baseline from which one may experience utility and derive value. These needs for food, water, shelter, rest and health directly relate to SDGs 2 Zero Hunger, 6 Clean Water & Sanitation, 11 Sustainable Cities and Communities, and 3 Good Health & Well Being.

The Sustainable Development Goals Report 2024 confirm that - despite years of ongoing global prosperity - hunger, food insecurity and malnutrition remain prevalent. Billions still go without safe drinking water. There is a deepening global slum crisis, even as urban sprawl stresses the environment. Progress towards universal health coverage has slowed, leaving billions without care and subject to crippling costs, exacerbated by a shrinking workforce that struggles to meet the increasing demands of an ageing population.

In the meantime, the developed world is aging, and Australia leads the pack for life expectancy in English-speaking high-income countries. However, like many of its peers, Australia suffers a pensions gap, with only slightly more than 30% of Australians able to afford a comfortable retirement. A key retirement asset remains the home, where increased climate threats have seen the cost of insuring homes rise significantly, so much so that in March 2024, 15% of Australian households were subject to premiums costing more than four weeks income.

This roundtable asks the question, in a world where basic needs are not being met for many, how might we create and express value differently? What are the measures that matter and how might we incentivise growth that serves humanity and does not enslave it?

Join this interactive session with expert speakers from the fields of finance, technology and health, as they bring fresh perspectives of value.

Speakers:

Dan Jovevski, Founder & Chief Executive Officer, WeMoney

Dr. Mark Staples, Chief Technology Officer, Digital Finance CRC

Rajesh Sabari, Chief Commercial Officer, TelcoIn

Electra Frost, Co-founder & Director, Digital Playhouse Foundation Ltd

Lisa Wade, Chief Community Officer, Fableration

Karen Monaghan, Founder & Chief Executive Officer, Our Kinds

Daisy Ashworth, Coordinator, Communities for Children, Communicare

Effie Dimitropoulos, Chief Executive Officer, AUDC Pty Ltd

Deryck Graham, Founder & Chief Executive Officer, Portal Asset Management

Parul Seth Khanna, Co-founder & Director, pinBox Solutions

Moderator:

Stuart Thornton, Founding Member, British Tech Advisors (B.TA)

Tue, Mar 25
3:30pm - 5:00pm

UniClub - Roundtable
Room 2

Come As You Are: A Vision of Accessible, Inclusive Digital Trade

Despite the Global South experiencing strong economic growth in recent years, it has been unable to bridge the gap to the Global North. A key driver of economic growth remains global trade, which is increasingly digitalising. This presents both an opportunity and a risk for developing economies, who may benefit from the adoption of digital standards to facilitate trade, but risk being further left behind should the digital divide widen.

While the resource-rich Global South may benefit from demand for raw materials to fuel the AI revolution, the ability of the Global South to reap the benefits of AI solutions and investment remains limited due to poor infrastructure on the ground. Already, the Global South has started to respond to the challenges of developed-economy led standards and practices, increasing trade between peers even as they invest in digitisation, with 25% of global trade in goods being South-South while 21% is South-North.

How might systems adapt to offer the Global South the opportunity to keep up as trade adapts to new practices driven by technology developments? What can the Global South do to secure sustainable success?

This roundtable considers different models for convergence that respect individual economy needs and readiness, allowing for growth even as they transform.

Speakers:

Rosie Staude, Assistant Director, WTO Digital Trade, Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

Yuki Aizawa, Women in Tech Global Movement APAC Director, Women in Tech

IGP Rahman Desyanta, Chief Executive Officer, Baliola

Jeremy Tan, Group Chief Executive Officer, Liquid Group

Scott Waller, Asia Pacific Assurance Blockchain Leader, EY

I Putu Yuliartha, Chief Executive Officer, Ketua Badan Kreatif Denpasar

Moderator:

Steve Vallas, Managing Director, BlockchainAPAC

Tuesday, 25 March 2025

Workshop

Tue, Mar 25
1:30pm - 2:30pm

UniClub - Workshop Room
1

Quantum Leap: Unpacking the Quantum Revolution for Industry

Join us for an interactive session exploring how quantum technology is reshaping industries today. From finance to energy, healthcare to logistics, quantum computing and AI are unlocking new possibilities—optimising complex systems, accelerating innovation, and redefining competitive advantage. Our expert speakers will break down real-world applications, industry breakthroughs, and what businesses need to prepare for this technological shift.

Key short presentations followed up by a discussion and Q&A:

- Finance: Portfolio optimisation, option pricing and risk management
- Energy & Mining: Quantum Computing & AI for resource development & sustainability
- Healthcare: Quantum Computing for Next-Gen Diagnostics and Radiotherapy
- Logistics: Optimising supply chains with quantum algorithms

This workshop offers practical insights, real-world case studies, and an opportunity to engage with industry leaders at the forefront of quantum innovation.

Who should attend? Business leaders, tech strategists, and decision-makers looking to future-proof their industries with quantum technology.

Speakers:

Prof. Jingbo Wang, Professor, University of Western Australia

Reinoud Blok, Founder and director, Quantum AI Business Solutions

Dr. Pejman Rowshan Farzad, Associate Professor, University of Western Australia

Tavis Bennett, Co-founder & CTO, Q Factorial

Moderator:

Dr. Andrzej Gwizdalski, Senior Partner, Global Finance & Technology Network (GFTN); Co-founder & Chairman, Western Australia Web3 Association

Tue, Mar 25
2:30pm - 3:30pm

UniClub - Workshop Room
2

Navigating Regulatory Compliance for Businesses Operating in Digital Assets (Australia)

Is your digital asset business prepared for Australia's evolving regulatory landscape?

This essential workshop is designed for startups, established firms, and international companies entering the Australian market. Gain actionable insights into compliance, licensing, and regulatory best practices directly from the regulators.

Key Takeaways:

- Decode the Regulatory Landscape – Get a quick overview of the regulatory landscape
- Navigate Compliance & Licensing – Understand key compliance requirements, licenses, costs, and critical timelines.
- Leverage Support Mechanisms – Discover sandboxes, grants, and funding opportunities to ease regulatory hurdles.
- Take Practical Steps – Learn how to engage with regulators, prepare for costs, and position your business for success.

Why Attend?

Whether you're launching, scaling, or adapting to regulatory shifts, this workshop provides the clarity, connections, and strategic guidance to turn compliance from a challenge into a competitive advantage.

Note: This workshop is not open to media.

Speaker:

Dr. Rhys Bollen, Senior Executive Leader, Digital Assets, Australian Securities and Investments Commission

Moderator:

Dr. Andrzej Gwizdalski, Senior Partner, Global Finance & Technology Network (GFTN); Co-founder & Chairman, Western Australia Web3 Association

Tue, Mar 25
3:30pm - 4:30pm

UniClub - Workshop Room
1

The Strategic Importance of Chartered Fintech Professional Education: Why Now and Why Perth?

This session will explore the growing relevance of the Chartered Fintech Professional (CFtP) designation in today's rapidly evolving financial and technological landscape, with a specific focus on why this education is critical now and why Perth is an ideal hub for its advancement. As fintech continues to reshape industries globally, the CFtP program, offered by the Global FinTech Institute, equips professionals with the knowledge, skills, and ethical grounding needed to lead in this dynamic field. This discussion will highlight the strategic importance of CFtP education in addressing current industry demands, fostering innovation, and building a skilled workforce, while examining Perth's unique position as a growing fintech hub in the Asia-Pacific region.

Speakers:

Prof. David Lee Kuo Chuen, Chairman, APEX - Asia Pacific Exchange

Jag Foo, Partner, Safeheron

Vincent Chan, Co-Founder, Pnuts.AI

Wednesday, 26 March 2025

Summit Stage

<p>Wed, Mar 26 9:00am - 9:05am</p> <p>Winthrop Hall</p>	<h2>Welcome Back to the Black Swan Summit</h2> <p>Speaker: Akanksha Rath, Senior Manager, Knowledge Hub, Global Finance & Technology Network (GFTN)</p> <p>Moderator: Amanda Wick, Principal, Incite Consulting</p>
<p>Wed, Mar 26 9:05am - 9:40am</p> <p>Winthrop Hall</p>	<h2>Future Proofers: Powering 2050 – Recharging the Energy Supply</h2> <p>This panel reimagines the future energy landscape, drawing references from Australian use cases. Leveraging emerging technologies and alternative energy sources, Australia is well positioned to emerge as a global front-runner in clean energy supply chain. The session will explore cutting-edge energy transition innovations, and how they align with the ambitious energy strategies to support the region’s booming digital and industrial sectors. Challenging conventional energy supply practices, this discussion provides evidence-based comparative insights to a range of disruptive energy sources from solar, wind, waves, hydrogen, to the potential of nuclear fusion—a possible “technological black swan”—and their roles in fuelling economic transformation, growth, and global decarbonisation.</p> <p>Speakers: Scott Clements, Partner, Tribeca Capital Takaya Taguchi, Co-founder & Chief Executive Officer, Helical Fusion Dr. Warren McKenzie, Founder & Managing Director, HB11 Energy</p> <p>Moderator: Prof. Peta Ashworth, Director, Curtin Institute for Energy Transition</p>
<p>Wed, Mar 26 9:40am - 10:10am</p> <p>Winthrop Hall</p>	<h2>Future Shapers: When Cloud Gets Clouded – Reconciling Processing Supremacy with Energy Resilience</h2> <p>The world today harnesses an unprecedented level of computational capacity to power a wide range of applications, from large-language-model trainings to artificial intelligence-enhanced industrial operations. This requires staggering amount of energy, leaving behind substantial carbon footprints and increasingly risks compromising such technological gains with its unsustainably hefty environmental “price tags”.</p> <p>This session discusses the pre-emptive ways forward to fuel the sustainable computing development, presenting fresh perspectives on investment, innovation and impact from top financiers, infrastructure providers, quantum experts and policy minds. The discussion will also explore Australia’s transformative potential to become a hub for resilient High-Performance Computing (HPC) and climate-aligned data centres—critical infrastructure for the 21st-century digital economy.</p> <p>Speakers: Aditi Subramanya, Partner Engagement Manager, Pawsey Supercomputing Research Center Dr. Dylan Muir, Vice President, SynSense Vincent Choi, Co-founder, Lana</p> <p>Moderator: Tamara Singh, Sherpa, GFTN Insights, Global Finance & Technology Network (GFTN)</p>

Wed, Mar 26
10:10am - 10:50am

Winthrop Hall

The Future is Tokenized: Redefining Trust and Efficiency from Digital to Real-World Assets

This session explores the transformative impact of Real-World Asset Tokenization (RWAT) on the economy and society. RWAT isn't just an incremental change—it is a radical innovation that reshapes how value is created, exchanged, and stored in the web3 digital economy. By eliminating friction and redundancies, it enhances efficiency, transparency, and security. Most importantly, with the advancing clarity in regulations, RWAT can bring the great promises of the internet technologies to create a true P2P economy by democratising access to wealth for the many, not the few ones.

By addressing what RWAT is and how it works, we will highlight inefficient legacy systems, outline the benefits of tokenization, and examine real-world use cases across industries, such as digital money (stablecoins), art, commodities, precious metals, to key use cases for the panel: real estate.

Speakers:

Edward Nwokedi, Chief Executive Officer, RedSwan CRE

Eli Bernstein, Fintech and Crypto Lawyer, Principal, Nakamoto Legal

Julia Buchholz, Chief Marketing Officer, Blocksquare

Dr. Sabrina Tachdjian, Director, Fintech and Payments, The HBAR Foundation

Moderator:

Dr. Andrzej Gwizdalski, Senior Partner, Global Finance & Technology Network (GFTN); Co-founder & Chairman, Western Australia Web3 Association

Wed, Mar 26
10:50am - 11:25am

Winthrop Hall

Redefining Value: Investing in the Invisible Forces of Transformation

Beyond the mechanics of capital allocation, this panel explores the profound shifts in value creation and economic paradigms driven by technologies like AI, blockchain, quantum computing, and climate tech. Rather than treating these technologies as mere investment opportunities, this session challenges investors to consider their roles as architects of a sustainable digital economy, where value is increasingly tied to intangible assets, decentralised networks, and machine intelligence.

How do we invest in technologies that not only disrupt industries but also redefine what it means to build, own, and share value in a hyperconnected, intelligent world?

Speakers:

Brad Hill, Venture Partner, Pacific Channel

Deryck Graham, Founder & Chief Executive Officer, Portal Asset Management

Prof. Fiona Wood, Director of the Burns Service of WA, Fiona Wood Foundation

Shane Chesson, Founder, General Partner, Openspace Ventures Pte Ltd

Moderator:

Rebecca Martin, Advisor, Global Finance & Technology Network (GFTN)

Wed, Mar 26
11:25am - 12:05pm

Winthrop Hall

Futureproofing the Digital Frontier: Bridging Technology and Policy for a Safer Future

As data, systems, and economies become more interconnected, traditional security approaches face inherent limitations. This panel dives into the critical intersection of technical innovations and regulatory frameworks, highlighting how these two often siloed domains can inform and enhance one another.

From the rise of post-quantum cryptography to the potential of blockchain to decentralise trust, technologists are pushing the boundaries of what is possible in securing the digital landscape. At the same time, policymakers are addressing the challenges of regulating a digital world that transcends borders and jurisdictions. This session seeks to bridge these perspectives, fostering a dialogue that examines how innovative technologies and progressive regulations can converge to protect people and businesses in an increasingly complex environment.

Speakers:

Brendan Maggs, Chief Learning Officer, Humbli

Prof. Heng Wang, Professor, Singapore Management University

Prof. Julia Powles, Director, UWA Tech & Policy Lab

Alex Hassall, Founder & CEO, Your Financial Wellness

Moderator:

Peter Deans, Board Member, The RegTech Association

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Insights Forum - Roundtables

Wed, Mar 26
1:30pm - 3:00pm

UniClub - Roundtable
Room 2

There's a Token for That: Exchanging Value in Modern Times

The financial world has been experimenting with the tokenisation of financial assets for some time. The Monetary Authority of Singapore's Project Guardian has seen more than 15 industry trials conducted in six currencies across various products. With the Bank of England and other central banks enabling their Real Time Gross Settlement systems to accommodate distributed ledger technology infrastructure, there is no denying the inevitability of a rise in these technologies. However, the trials and use cases that have seen the most investment to date have largely offered process optimisation opportunities, with few examples truly leveraging the potential of the technology to solve for transdisciplinary, systemic challenges.

This roundtable will consider the potential of real-world asset tokenisation to transform handling of physical assets as well as financial. It will delve into how on and off-ramping of these assets might operate and what protections need to be in place to manage these? What would a legal framework for mediation and arbitration to support the adoption of these representations of real-world assets need to look like?

It will also consider the applicability of these tokens to improve liquidity and trust in practices like collateralisation, securities financing, and emergent asset classes like the carbon markets.

Speakers:

Amy-Rose Goodey, Chief Executive Officer, Digital Economy Council of Australia (DECA)

David Menz, APAC Policy, Coinbase

Julia Buchholz, Chief Marketing Officer, Blocksquare

Masashi Yanase, Deputy Director, Fintech and Innovation Office, Financial Services Agency

Dr. Sabrina Tachdjian, Director, Fintech and Payments, The HBAR Foundation

Jann Jiang, Head of Partnerships & Ecosystem, WSPN

Moderator:

Dr. Rhys Bollen, Senior Executive Leader, Digital Assets, Australian Securities and Investments Commission

Wed, Mar 26
1:30pm - 3:00pm

UniClub - Roundtable
Room 1

The Role of RegTech in a Rapidly Changing World

Regulatory technology supports organisations in navigating regulation as they conduct business around the world. As the pace of regulatory changes appears to quicken, this roundtable asks what is needed to drive progress in the field, so that businesses may continue to grow without compromising on their regulatory obligations. It will consider the challenges faced by the industry and what opportunities this may present for entrepreneurship and innovation. It will examine the new technologies that are changing the shape of regulation and compliance, delving into what regulators, institutions, and technology companies thinking and reacting to? What is on the horizon?

This roundtable will set the scene using regulatory insights from the RegTech Association's annual research. These include how financial institutions are considering their risks and opportunities, the rise of the consumer protection and inclusion, and fraud and scams entering the mainstream financial crime family, Our expert speakers will consider the readiness of global supervisors, institutions and their tools in managing emerging risks to consumers.

Topics that might be discussed include:

- Key global trends
- AI and scam sophistication
- Data protection
- Privacy
- Cyber
- Climate and sustainability risks

Speakers:

Peter Eckermann, Co-founder & Chief Operating Officer, Apatе.AI

Juan Perez, Principal Lawyer, Quest Legal

Mark Gorriceta, Board Trustee, Fintech Philippines Association; Blockchain Council of the Philippines; Global AI Council Philippines

Natasha Blycha, Founder, Stirling and Rose

Amanda Wick, Principal, Incite Consulting

Larry Simon, Founder, Know Your Solutions

Alex Hassall, Founder & CEO, Your Financial Wellness

Moderator:

Peter Deans, Board Member, The RegTech Association

Wed, Mar 26
3:30pm - 5:00pm

UniClub - Roundtable
Room 2

From Silos to Synergy: A Roadmap for Transformative Energy Systems

The energy transition is ultimately a challenge of systemic alignment. Finance provides the capital to develop and deploy transformative technologies, policy creates the enabling conditions for their success, and technology drives the innovation necessary to reimagine systems. When these pillars operate in harmony, they form a self-reinforcing cycle.

This discussion is one of many that seeks to move past surface-level conversations and delve into the systemic challenges that must be addressed to unlock the potential of transformative technologies. The goal is to create a roadmap that not only accelerates the energy transition but also ensures it is equitable, resilient, and future-ready. The energy systems of 2050 will not emerge organically, they will be built through deliberate, collaborative effort across all three pillars of progress.

Speakers:

Dr. Warren McKenzie, Founder & Managing Director, HB11 Energy

Prof. Heng Wang, Professor, Singapore Management University

Nicole Yazbek-Martin, Executive Manager, Sustainability Standards and Practice, Australian Sustainable Finance Institute

Takaya Taguchi, Co-founder & Chief Executive Officer, Helical Fusion

Vincent Choi, Co-founder, Lana

Prof. Vidyasagar M Potdar, Director, Blockchain Research and Development Centre, Curtin University

Moderator:

Prof. Peta Ashworth, Director, Curtin Institute for Energy Transition

Wed, Mar 26
3:30pm - 5:00pm

UniClub - Roundtable
Room 1

From Security to Continuity: Cyber & Resilience at the Cusp of Quantum

2024 saw record instances of cyber-attacks and widespread outages driven by user behaviours and software updates, impacting widely-used providers. This shone a spotlight on the need for ever more sophisticated approaches to ensure continuity of service. Emerging approaches include zero-trust architecture with its principles of continuous verification and "never trust, always verify", multi-factor authentication and quantum-safe practices. Questions playing on the mind of CISOs include, how do we protect ourselves from the humans in the loop?

This session considers approaches for corporate readiness, how company leadership should support organisational preparedness for these accelerating technologies, with a view to recommending an approach for companies to determine their best course of action to ensure continuity.

Speakers:

Amy-Rose Goodey, Chief Executive Officer, Digital Economy Council of Australia (DECA)
Prof. James Ong, Founder & Managing Director, Artificial Intelligence International Institute (AIII)
Piers Cracknell, General Manager Australia, BC Payments Australia Pty Ltd
Dr. Justine Lacey, Research Director, CSIRO
Jag Foo, Partner, Safeheron
Kieran Mesquita, Contributor, Railgun Privacy Project
Aneirin Flynn, Chief Executive Officer, FailSafe

Moderator:

Dr. Glenn Murray, Director Cybersecurity, Digital Transformation & Innovation, Vescient

Wednesday, 26 March 2025

Workshop

<p>Wed, Mar 26 1:30pm - 2:30pm</p> <p>UniClub - Auditorium</p>	<h3>Inclusive Western Australia: New Land of Opportunities for Investing, Innovating and Inventing in Web3 and Beyond</h3> <p>Watch this space for more information.</p> <p>Speakers: Harriet Bartlett, Perth Landing Pad Lead, Spacecubed Prof. Kevin Pflieger, Director Biomedical and Health Innovation, The University of Western Australia and WA Life Sciences Innovation Hub Sarah Kahle, Manager Entrepreneurship Events & Community, Curtin University Mat Lewis, Director, Creative Tech Village Michele Ong, Creative Technologist, Independent Yuki Aizawa, Women in Tech Global Movement APAC Director, Women in Tech</p> <p>Moderator: Dr. Andrzej Gwizdalski, Senior Partner, Global Finance & Technology Network (GFTN); Co-founder & Chairman, Western Australia Web3 Association</p>
<p>Wed, Mar 26 1:30pm - 2:30pm</p> <p>UniClub - Workshop Room 1</p>	<h3>Celebrating Digital Trade Partnerships: A Networking Reception by Liquid Group</h3> <p>Join us for a dynamic networking reception as Liquid Group celebrates its growing collaborations with Australian partners in digital trade. This event provides an exclusive opportunity to connect with industry leaders, exchange insights and explore new opportunities in the evolving digital trade landscape.</p> <p>Enjoy tasty nibbles and beverages while engaging in meaningful discussions and strengthening international partnerships.</p> <p>Speaker: Jeremy Tan, Group Chief Executive Officer, Liquid Group</p>
<p>Wed, Mar 26 3:00pm - 4:00pm</p> <p>UniClub - Workshop Room 2</p>	<h3>Papers Presentation</h3> <p>Watch this space for more information.</p> <p>Speakers: Juan Ignacio Ibanez, General Secretary, MiCA Crypto Alliance Fabian Ong, PhD Candidate, National University of Singapore (Asian Institute of Digital Finance) Dr. Simon Dawkins, Executive Director, Oil Mallee Association of Western Australia Inc</p> <p>Moderator: Akanksha Rath, Senior Manager, Knowledge Hub, Global Finance & Technology Network (GFTN)</p>

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