

▶ Connecting you to what's next in data and AI

## DAY 1

Tuesday 3 March 2026

08:00	<i>Register; grab a coffee. Mix, mingle and say hello to peers old and new.</i>
08:45	<p>Welcome remarks by Corinium &amp; Chair's opening remarks</p> <p><u>Chair:</u> <b>Simone Roberts</b> Head of Data and AI <a href="#">Snowy Hydro</a></p>
08:55	<p><b>Speed Networking – Making new connections at CDAO Sydney!</b></p> <p>During this 5-minute networking session, participants can build their network. Have fun!</p>
09:00	<p><b>Keynote Fireside Chat</b> <b>Data &amp; AI Strategy Reimagined: From Governance to Enterprise Growth</b></p> <p><u>Moderator</u> <b>Gladwin Mendez</b> Fractional CDAO <a href="#">GEC Prudentia</a></p> <p><u>Speakers</u> <b>Shiva Storer</b> Chief Strategy Officer <a href="#">Allianz Australia</a> <b>Ash Nair</b> General Manager - Data Analytics Automation and AI (CDAO) <a href="#">icare</a></p>
09:25	<p><b>Connecting Your Organisation to Trusted Data Sources Using MCP</b></p> <p><u>Speaker</u> <b>John Ahern</b> CEO <a href="#">InfoTrack</a></p>

09:50	<p><b>Panel Discussion</b>  <b>The AI Mandate – What the Business Expects from Data Leaders</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Are there any tangible business outcomes driven by AI?</li> <li>• Is AI out of control and is governance holding us back?</li> <li>• Can data leaders ensure the organisation has the right talent and skills to uplift capability?</li> </ul> <p><u>Moderator</u>  <b>Shashank Pawar</b> Data Modernisation Lead, Asia <b>Microsoft</b></p> <p><u>Speakers</u>  <b>Suzie Cardwell</b> Chief Data Product &amp; Technology Officer – Enterprise <b>Nine</b>  <b>James Fitzpatrick</b> Chief Data Officer <b>Allianz Australia Insurance</b>  <b>Urvashi Chadha</b> Head of Data <b>ASX</b></p>
10:25	<p><b>Preparing for Agentic AI: The Top Trends in Data and AI for 2026</b></p> <p><u>Speaker</u>  <b>Cindi Howson</b> Chief Data &amp; AI Strategy Officer  <b>ThoughtSpot</b></p>
10:50	<p><i>Morning Coffee and Connect</i></p>
11:20	<p><b>Keynote Panel</b>  <b>Why Data Projects Struggle to Launch and How to Get Them Over the Line</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What are the most common points of disconnect that prevent data teams from delivering value—strategy, culture, skills, or something else?</li> <li>• How do you ensure individual hires come together as a cohesive team that can execute and deliver under pressure?</li> <li>• What frameworks or practices have helped your teams move beyond the proof-of-concept phase into scaled, operational success?</li> </ul> <p><u>Moderator</u>  <b>Durjoy Patranabish</b> VP and Head of Global Business <b>Tiger Analytics</b></p> <p><u>Speakers</u>  <b>Andrew Spiegelman</b> Head of Data &amp; Analytics <b>Service NSW</b>  <b>Vasyl Nair</b> Group Chief Executive Officer <b>Team Super</b>  <b>Kate Carruthers</b> Head of Data, Analytics &amp; AI <b>Australian Institute of Company Directors</b>  <b>Brett Wilson</b> Chief Information Officer <b>The Royal Australasian College of Physicians</b></p>

11:55	<b>Trusted Context: Context is the New Currency</b> <u>Speaker</u> <b>Daniel Hein</b> Chief Architect, APJ <a href="#">Informatica from Salesforce</a>	
12:20	<b>Keynote</b> <b>Governance for Ethical and Responsible Data and AI Use</b> <u>Speaker</u> <b>Paul Robards</b> Chief Data Integration Officer (CDIO) <a href="#">Australian Department of Defence</a>	
12:45	<b>Agentic AI: The Path to an Autonomous Workforce</b> <u>Speaker</u> <b>Bharath Vasudevan</b> VP of Data Innovation and GTM <a href="#">Quest Software</a>	
13:10	<b>Fireside Chat</b> <b>The Integration Dilemma, Embedding AI Without Losing Trust</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How can CDAOs scale AI responsibly while ensuring governance and compliance keep pace?</li> <li>• What strategies build trust across the business, so AI adoption is embraced, not resisted?</li> <li>• How do leaders balance the urgency for AI-driven growth with the risks of misalignment or misuse?</li> </ul> <u>Speakers</u> <b>Matt Minor</b> Group Manager Enterprise Data & Analytics <a href="#">Evolution Mining</a> <b>Robbie Cook</b> Enterprise Information and Data Architect <a href="#">Endeavour Energy</a>	
13:35	<i>Lunch Break! Connect and Converse.</i>	<b>Private Data Leader's Lunch – Hosted by InfoTrack</b>
	<b>Track A: Governance</b>	<b>Track B: Innovation</b>
	Chair: <b>Bismi Palatty</b> Manager, Data Platforms and Integrations <a href="#">Alfred Health</a>	Chair: <b>Gladwin Mendez</b> Fractional CDAO <a href="#">GEC Prudentia</a>

14:40	<p><b>Data Governance with Data Integrity: Enabling Scalable, Agile, and Trusted Data Management</b></p> <p><u>Speaker</u>  <b>Gunjan Shrestha</b> Senior Solution Architect <b>Tricentis</b></p>	<p><b>Accelerating AI at Scale, Safely</b></p> <p><u>Speaker</u>  <b>Tim Stead</b> Technical Director, APAC <b>Securiti</b></p>
15:05	<p><b>The Data Leader's Blueprint: Architecture, Governance, and Risk on a Scalable Platform</b></p> <p><u>Speaker</u>  <b>Duhita Khadepau</b> Head of Data &amp; Analytics <b>Blackmores Group</b></p>	<p><b>Steering a Century: Balancing Foundations and Fast-Follows in the LLMOps Journey</b></p> <p><u>Speaker</u>  <b>Adrian Sheather</b> General Manager, Customer Data and Customer Intelligence <b>NRMA</b></p>
15:30	<p><b>From Legacy Gridlock to Data Freedom: Accelerating Mainframe Migration for CDOs</b></p> <p><u>Speaker</u>  <b>Glenn Smyth</b> Chief Architect and CE <b>Fragile to Agile</b></p>	<p><b>Real-Time, Contextual Customer Data: The Key to Winning in the Age of AI</b></p> <p><u>Speaker</u>  <b>Robert Rizman</b> Senior Solutions Consultant ANZ <b>Tealium</b></p>
15:55	<p><b>From Governance Gatekeeper to Innovation Enabler: Rethinking the Role of Data Teams</b></p> <p><u>Speaker</u>  <b>Alix Higgins</b> Associate Director, Data Governance and Analytics <b>NSW Telco Authority</b></p>	<p><b>Interview What Do Leaders Need to Embrace to Thrive in the AI Era?</b></p> <p><u>Moderator</u>  <b>Su Jella</b> Board Member <b>Women's Tennis Foundation</b></p> <p><u>Speaker</u>  <b>Ram Radhakrishnan</b> Chief Analytics Officer <b>TEG</b></p>
16:20	<p><b>Governing for Impact: From Minimum Viable Governance to Strategic Acceleration</b></p> <p><u>Speaker</u>  <b>Sandeep Mathur</b> Head of Data and Engineering <b>Greenpeace Australia</b></p>	<p><b>The Rise of AI-Driven Enterprise Workflow Orchestration: Is Your Business Ready?</b></p> <p><u>Speaker</u>  <b>Jason Bromley</b> Regional Director APJ, Value and Solutions Engineering <b>BMC</b></p>
16:45	<i>Afternoon Coffee and Connect</i>	

	<p>Chair:</p> <p><b>Bismi Palatty</b> Manager, Data Platforms and Integrations <b>Alfred Health</b></p>
17:15	<p><b>Fireside Chat</b></p> <p><b>From Individuals to Impact – Building Data Teams That Actually Work Together</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Why does hiring top technical talent individually not guarantee a high-performing team?</li> <li>• How do you foster collaboration and proactivity in newly formed data teams?</li> <li>• What hiring and retention strategies help turn strong individuals into a cohesive unit that delivers value?</li> </ul> <p><u>Moderator</u>  <b>Gladwin Mendez</b> Fractional CDAO <b>GEC Prudentia</b></p> <p><u>Speakers</u>  <b>Andrew Spiegelman</b> Head of Data &amp; Analytics <b>Service NSW</b>  <b>Steven Turnbull</b> Associate Director – Performance Insights <b>Optus</b></p>
17:40	<i>Closing Remarks by the Chair</i>
17:45	<b>Close of Day 1</b>
17:45	<p><b>Cheers with Peers: CDAO Drinks Reception</b></p> <p><i>Continue the conversation over drinks.</i></p>

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## DAY 2

Wednesday 4 March 2026

08:30	<i>Register; grab coffee. Mix, mingle and say hello to peers old and new.</i>
09:00	<p>Welcome remarks by Corinium &amp; Chair's opening remarks</p> <p><u>Chair:</u> <b>Bismi Palatty</b> Manager, Data Platforms and Integrations <a href="#">Alfred Health</a></p>
09:10	<p><b>Opening Keynote</b></p> <p><b>From Catalogue to Confidence – Adoption and Self-Service for the Data-Driven Future</b></p> <p><u>Speakers</u></p> <p><b>Yash Khanna</b> General Manager, Data Governance <a href="#">nbn</a></p> <p><b>Ken To</b> Executive Manager, Metadata and Data Quality <a href="#">nbn</a></p>
09:35	<p><b>The Aftermath of AI — The Future of Your Team</b></p> <p><u>Speaker</u></p> <p><b>Vini Cardoso</b> CTO A/NZ <a href="#">Cloudera</a></p>

10:00	<p><b>Keynote Panel</b>  <b>Data Storytelling and Communication Skills for Data Leaders in the Era of AI</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What's still the same in terms of data storytelling since recent AI adoption, and what has changed?</li> <li>• How can data leaders effectively translate complex AI-driven insights into compelling, actionable narratives for diverse audiences, and explain probabilistic results?</li> <li>• How do data leaders balance transparency and simplicity without oversimplifying AI models or data nuances when communicating to non-technical stakeholders?</li> </ul> <p><u>Moderator</u>  <b>Simone Roberts</b> Head of Data and AI <b>Snowy Hydro</b></p> <p><u>Speakers</u>  <b>Imma Chippendale</b> Senior Strategic Advisor, Data <b>ACCC</b>  <b>Sam Stark</b> Head of Capabilities – Data &amp; AI <b>Endeavour Group</b>  <b>Iain Hart</b> Head of Risk Management <b>Crown Resorts</b>  <b>Jonathan Shen</b> AI Practice Executive – Strategy &amp; Governance <b>Suncorp</b></p>
10:35	<i>Morning Coffee and Connect</i>
11:10	<p><b>Show Me the Money: Answering the Executive Demand for ROI</b></p> <p><u>Speaker</u>  <b>David Miller</b> Chief Data Officer <b>Macquarie University</b></p>
11:35	<p><b>Turning Data Readiness into Scalable AI Value</b></p> <p><u>Speaker</u>  <b>David Irecki</b> CTO, APJ <b>Boomi</b></p>
12:00	<p><b>Keynote Panel Discussion</b>  <b>From Buzzword to Business Driver – Embedding a True Data Culture Across the Enterprise</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How do you move beyond slogans to real executive accountability and aligned data behaviours?</li> <li>• What's working (and what's not) when shifting mindsets in teams that aren't data-native?</li> <li>• How do you know your culture is actually changing – and not just your strategy deck?</li> </ul> <p><u>Moderator</u>  <b>Chantal Velasque</b> Head of Data &amp; Analytics <b>Uniting</b></p> <p><u>Speakers</u>  <b>Alix Higgins</b> Associate Director, Data Governance and Analytics <b>NSW Telco Authority</b>  <b>Mudit Srivastav</b> Director, Data Science and Engineering <b>Colonial First State</b>  <b>Imma Chippendale</b> Senior Strategic Advisor, Data <b>ACCC</b>  <b>Bish Nath</b> Principal, Data Platforms <b>AMP</b></p>

12:35	<p><b>The Three Pillars of a Scalable, Secure and Monetised AI Strategy</b></p> <p><u>Speaker</u>  <b>Ned Shawa</b> Vice President &amp; CTO, Solutions Engineering – APJ <b>Kong</b></p>	
13:00	<p><i>Lunch Break! Connect and Converse</i></p>	<p><b>Private Data Leader’s Lunch</b>  <i>Hosted by Snowflake</i></p> <p>13:00-14:05</p> <p>Venue: Moët Chandon Room</p> <hr/> <p><b>Private Data Leader’s Lunch</b>  <i>Hosted by Qlik</i></p> <p>13:00-14:05</p> <p>Venue: Ballroom E, Level 2</p>
14:05	<p><b>Panel Discussion</b>  <b>Scaling Data Stewardship Without Losing Control</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Can you help us understand the strategic goal of data stewardship in today’s world and how it plays a part in managing risk and realising value for our organisations?</li> <li>• For data stewardship to be effective it must have impact within the overall data management lifecycle. In your experience, when designing and building the end-to-end data management capabilities for an organisation, how best is data stewardship “built in”?</li> <li>• The best data-driven organisations are not created by accident, but by intent. What makes for great data stewards?</li> <li>• The bad tradie blames their tools. What tools can we provide Data Stewards and others in the organisation given everyone now has a responsibility for data and how do we measure the results we’re achieving?</li> </ul> <p><u>Moderator</u>  <b>Fergal Murphy</b> Regional Manager Australia &amp; New Zealand <b>Ab Initio Software</b></p> <p><u>Speakers</u>  <b>Akanksha Wangnoo</b> Chief Privacy, Data Ethics and Data Governance Officer <b>NAB</b>  <b>Urvashi Chadha</b> Head of Data <b>ASX</b>  <b>Simone Roberts</b> Head of Data and AI <b>Snowy Hydro</b></p>	
14:40	<p><b>Data and Digital Governance: Building Trust at Enterprise Scale</b></p> <p><u>Speaker</u>  <b>Ahona Dutta</b> Data Quality, Governance and Reporting Manager <b>NSW Health SESLHD</b></p>	

15:05	<p><b>Panel Discussion</b>  <b>Data 2026 - Bold Predictions, Big Bets &amp; Rethinking What's Possible</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If you were placing a bold bet on where data is headed in 2026 — technology, talent, AI, governance, anything — what would you bet on, and what do you think would make it succeed or flop?</li> <li>• What's one 'unsexy' data trend that you think will quietly dominate in 2026 – and how can we make the most of it today?</li> <li>• If there's one overused data buzzword or practice you'd like to retire in 2026, what would you replace it with to create more value?</li> </ul> <p><u>Moderator</u>  <b>Bismi Palatty</b> Manager, Data Platforms and Integrations <b>Alfred Health</b></p> <p><u>Speakers</u>  <b>Craig Price</b> Head of Artificial Intelligence <b>Suncorp</b>  <b>Ahona Dutta</b> Data Quality, Governance and Reporting Manager <b>NSW Health SESLHD</b>  <b>Matt Minor</b> Group Manager Enterprise Data &amp; Analytics <b>Evolution Mining</b>  <b>Hari Marappan</b> Senior Manager - eCom Data Strategy and Delivery <b>WooliesX</b></p>
15:40	<i>Afternoon Coffee! Connect and Converse</i>
15:45	<b>Close of CDAO Sydney 2026</b>