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# Technology & Innovation Summit APAC 2025

**Sydney & Digital**

**August 19, 2025 – August 19, 2025**

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**Monday, Aug 18**

3:30 pm – 5:30 pm  
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**Workshop: Build Your High-Performance IT Strategy And Roadmap To Drive Business Value**

Speakers: David Wheable, VP, Global Consulting Delivery, Forrester Frederic Giron, VP, Senior Research Director, Forrester

**Tuesday, Aug 19**

8:30 am – 9:30 am  
AEST

**Registration & General Breakfast**

8:30 am – 9:30 am  
AEST

**Forrester Women's Leadership Program**

Speakers: Jinan Budge, VP, Research Director, Forrester Alisha Coates, VP, Principal Consultant, Forrester Sulata Bhattacharjee, Head of Security Advisory & Risk, Equifax Australia & New Zealand, Equifax Cassandra Highfield, Executive Director, Information Technology and Workplace Services, Department of Jobs, Skills, Industry and Regions

9:30 am – 9:50 am  
AEST

**Acknowledgement Of Country & Opening Remarks**

Speakers: Chiara Bragato, Senior Research Associate, Forrester Frederic Giron, VP, Senior Research Director, Forrester

9:50 am – 10:20 am  
AEST

**Keynote: Gods, Machines, And Kaos: High-Performance IT (Because Prayer Isn't A Strategy)**

Speakers: Sam Higgins, VP, Principal Analyst, Forrester

10:20 am – 10:50 am  
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**Guest Keynote: From Automation to Innovation: How Telstra Reinvented Enterprise AI**

Speakers: Dayle Stevens OAM, Executive for Data & AI, Telstra

10:50 am – 11:20 am  
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**Coffee Break & Networking**

10:55 am – 11:15 am  
AEST

**Analyst-Led Roundtables****CIO Roundtable: Doing More With Less — Can More Tech Help You Master Tech Mayhem?**

Speakers: John Brand, VP, CIO Exec Partner, Forrester

**Deconstruct Human-Related Breaches**

Speakers: Jinan Budge, VP, Research Director, Forrester

**Spot The Agent: Will The Real Agentic Platform Please Stand Up?**

Speakers: Sam Higgins, VP, Principal Analyst, Forrester Leslie Joseph, Principal Analyst, Forrester

**Tuesday, Aug 19**

11:20 am – 11:30 am AEST	<b>Welcome Back</b>  Speakers: Frederic Giron, VP, Senior Research Director, Forrester
11:30 am – 12:00 pm AEST	<b>ColorTokens: Building Breach-Ready Resilient Digital Enterprises</b>  Speakers: Agnidipta Sarkar, Vice President CISO Advisory & Chief Evangelist, ColorTokens Satyen Desai, Vice President - APJ, ColorTokens Gary Fagan, Head of Information Security, Toyota Finance Australia
12:00 pm – 12:30 pm AEST	<b>Keynote: AI Inside: The Rise Of The Intelligent IT Operating Model</b>  Speakers: Charles Betz, VP, Principal Analyst, Forrester
12:30 pm – 1:00 pm AEST	<b>Guest Keynote: From Experimentation To Deployment: Suncorp's Blueprint For AI Success</b>  Speakers: Kranthiram Nekkcalapu, AI Practice Executive, Suncorp
1:00 pm – 2:00 pm AEST	<b>Networking Lunch</b>
1:00 pm – 2:00 pm AEST	<b>Executive Leadership Exchange (Invite-Only): Exclusive Lunch — Breaking Down Silos</b>  Speakers: Charles Betz, VP, Principal Analyst, Forrester John Brand, VP, CIO Exec Partner, Forrester
1:30 pm – 2:00 pm AEST	<b>Networking Roundtables Co-Hosted By ColorTokens</b>  <b>Defend Against Cyberattacks And Emerging Threats</b> Speakers: Agnidipta Sarkar, Vice President CISO Advisory & Chief Evangelist, ColorTokens Jinan Budge, VP, Research Director, Forrester
2:00 pm – 2:10 pm AEST	<b>Welcome Back</b>  Speakers: Frederic Giron, VP, Senior Research Director, Forrester
2:10 pm – 2:40 pm AEST	<b>Guest Keynote: Scaling Agentic AI: Inside KPMG's AI Transformation</b>  Speakers: John Munnelly, Chief Digital Officer, KPMG Australia
2:40 pm – 3:10 pm AEST	<b>Keynote: Address 2025 Cyber Threats With Preparation And A Steady Hand</b>  Speakers: Jinan Budge, VP, Research Director, Forrester

**Tuesday, Aug 19**

3:10 pm – 3:40 pm AEST	<b>Keynote: Forrester’s 2025 Technology Awards</b>  Speakers: Frederic Giron, VP, Senior Research Director, Forrester Dr. Navin Bhatnagar, Chief Technology & Transformation Leader   Digital Innovation Strategist   Asia-Pacific Executive, YCH Group Calvin Lai, Chief Architect, The Hong Kong Jockey Club
3:40 pm – 4:10 pm AEST	<b>Coffee Break &amp; Networking</b>
3:45 pm – 4:05 pm AEST	<b>Analyst-Led Roundtables</b>  <b>The Impact Of Gen AI On IT Management</b> Speakers: Charles Betz, VP, Principal Analyst, Forrester  <b>Meet The Award Winners: Tech Strategy &amp; Impact Award</b> Speakers: Frederic Giron, VP, Senior Research Director, Forrester  <b>Meet The Award Winners: Enterprise Architecture Award</b> Speakers: Sam Higgins, VP, Principal Analyst, Forrester
4:10 pm – 4:20 pm AEST	<b>Welcome Back</b>  Speakers: Frederic Giron, VP, Senior Research Director, Forrester
4:20 pm – 4:50 pm AEST	<b>Guest Keynote: Westpac’s AI Innovations – Deepening Customer Relationships Through Intelligent Technology</b>  Speakers: David Walker, Group Chief Technology Officer, General Manager Technology, Westpac
4:50 pm – 5:20 pm AEST	<b>Keynote: Leadership In The Agentic Era</b>  Speakers: Leslie Joseph, Principal Analyst, Forrester
5:20 pm – 5:30 pm AEST	<b>Closing Comments</b>  Speakers: Frederic Giron, VP, Senior Research Director, Forrester
5:30 pm – 6:30 pm AEST	<b>Reception</b>
6:30 pm – 8:30 pm AEST	<b>Executive Leadership Exchange (Invite-Only): Exclusive Dinner</b>