

SYMPOSIUM 2025: CONVERGENCE

*Uniting industry to combat child
sexual exploitation and abuse*



Thursday, 6 November 2025



9:00am - 3:45pm Symposium
3:45pm - 5:00pm Networking



Sydney Harbour Marriott,
30 Pitt Street, Sydney NSW 2000



Program

8.30am - 9.00am

Registration

9.00am - 9.10am

Welcome to Country

9.10am - 9.25am

Welcome from ICMEC Australia

Keynote

**Colm Gannon***Chief Executive Officer, ICMEC Australia*

9.25am - 9.40am

Morning address

Keynote

**The Hon. Natasha Maclaren-Jones MLC***NSW Shadow Minister for Families and Communities, Shadow Minister for Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, and Shadow Minister for Youth*

9.40am - 10.15am

CSEA: Evolving threats, emerging opportunities

Discussion

**David Palmer***Detective Acting Superintendent, Western Australia Police Force***Dr Janis Dalins***Head of Emerging Technology, ICMEC Australia***MODERATOR:****Sal Gunawardena***Head of Intelligence Information, National Australia Bank*

10.15am - 10.45am

Making a difference: Protecting children in a digital future

Keynote

**John Penn II***Senior Architect for Law Enforcement Technologies, Adobe*

10.45am - 11.10am

Morning tea

Program

11.10am - 12.05pm

Panel

Split session 1A | Henry Lawson room**Convergence in motion: Fintech, banking, and the future of payments**

Christopher Hellyer
*Executive Manager, Financial
Crime Intelligence Unit,
Commonwealth Bank*



Giselle Lindley
*Head of Financial Crimes,
Indue*



Grace Mason
Partner, KordaMentha



MODERATOR:
Toby Evans
*Head of Economic Crime,
Australian Payments Network*

11.10am - 11.25am

Presentation

Split session 1B | Dorothea Mackellar room**Setting the scene: How to protect children in travel and tourism**

Shaun Baker
Superintendent, Australian Border Force

11.25am - 12.05pm

Panel

Split session 1B | Dorothea Mackellar room**How to protect children in travel and tourism**

Gerrard Ivins
*Manager, Public Safety
Liaison, Uber*



Nicky Whelan
*Safety and Security
Manager, Marriott Hotels*



Shaun Baker
*Superintendent,
Australian Border Force*



MODERATOR:
Sarah Minahan
Principal Consultant, Eskala

12.05pm - 12.10pm

Transition between sessions

Program

12.10pm - 1.10pm

Panel

Henry Lawson room

The power of information sharing and collaboration



Brendan Thomas
Chief Executive Officer,
AUSTRAC



David Pegley
Managing Director,
Australian Financial Crimes
Exchange



Natali Stojceski
Detective Sergeant, New
South Wales Police Force



Paul Jevtovic APM OAM
Chief Financial Crime Risk
Officer & Group MLRO,
National Australia Bank



MODERATOR:
Jeremy Moller
Board Chair, ICMEC Australia

1.10pm - 1.50pm

Lunch

1.50pm - 2.35pm

Panel

Split session 2A | Henry Lawson room

Making CSEA a business priority



Ainslea Milthorpe
Financial Crimes Team
Leader, Hume Bank



Brett Martin
Vice President (Programs),
United Nations Association
of Australia (NSW Division)



Richard Storey
Partner - Risk Consulting,
Grant Thornton



MODERATOR:
Mary-Frances Murphy
Special Counsel, Norton Rose
Fulbright

1.50pm - 2.35pm

Panel

Split session 2B | Dorothea Mackellar room

A system response



Beth McNamara
National Education
Manager, Daniel
Morcombe Foundation



**Emeritus Professor
Kerryann Walsh**
Senior Advisor Education
Sectors, eSafety
Commissioner



John Cardamone
Body Safe Advocate and
Disclosure Response
Specialist



MODERATOR:
Dannielle Kelly
Head of Government Affairs
and Law Enforcement
Outreach, ICMEC Australia

Program

2.35pm - 2.40pm

Transition between sessions

2.40pm - 3.30pm

Panel

Henry Lawson room Turning the digital tide



Dr Jed Horner
*Regional High Harm Policy
Lead, TikTok*



Dr Joel Scanlan
*Senior Lecturer in
Cybersecurity and Privacy,
University of Tasmania, and
Co-Lead, CSAM Deterrence
Centre*



Madeline Shepherd
*Digital Safety, Trust and
Privacy Lead - Asia Pacific,
Microsoft*



MODERATOR:
Colm Gannon
*Chief Executive Officer,
ICMEC Australia*

3.30pm - 3.45pm

Keynote

ICMEC Australia closing



Colm Gannon
Chief Executive Officer, ICMEC Australia

3.45pm - 5.00pm

Networking | Dorothea Mackellar room

Our speakers

**Ainslea Milthorpe**

Financial Crimes Team Leader
Hume Bank

Ainslea Milthorpe is the Financial Crimes Team Lead at Hume Bank, bringing over 11 years of experience in the financial services industry, with a specialised focus on financial crime including fraud/scams, ML/TF and sanctions. Ainslea is passionate about protecting and educating the community and believes that collaboration through intelligence sharing and trust are the key to success in combating financial crime.

**Beth McNamara**

National Education Manager
Daniel Morcombe Foundation

Beth is a qualified social worker (Hons 1) who lives and works on beautiful Gubbi Gubbi/Kabi Kabi & Jinibara country. She has worked in violence prevention for 20 years, specifically in the areas of child sexual abuse and domestic and family violence. A career highlight was working at the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse, from its inception in 2013 to its conclusion in 2017, as a counsellor and lead policy writer. As National Education Manager for the Daniel Morcombe Foundation, Beth leads national primary prevention projects to strengthen child safety education. She is also a sitting member of the Queensland Child Death Review Board.

**Brendan Thomas**

Chief Executive Officer
AUSTRAC

Mr Brendan Thomas commenced his five-year appointment as AUSTRAC Chief Executive Officer (CEO) in January 2024. As CEO, he leads Australia's financial intelligence unit and anti-money laundering and counter-terrorism financing (AML/CTF) regulator. Brendan is AUSTRAC's representative on the ACIC Board, the Serious Financial Crime Taskforce CEO Board, and the Criminal Justice and Law Enforcement Forum. He is also responsible for agency head-level engagement with the Office of National Intelligence and other NIC members.

Brendan is a Wiradjuri man, with significant experience in public service leadership, particularly in criminal and civil justice systems in NSW. He previously served as a Deputy Secretary at the NSW Department of Communities and Justice, working to reduce Indigenous over-representation in justice and child protection systems. Brendan also served as CEO of Legal Aid NSW and Deputy Secretary at the NSW Department of Justice.



Our speakers

**Brett Martin**

Vice President (Programs)

United Nations Association of Australia (NSW Division)

Brett Martin is the Vice President (Programs) with the United Nations Association of Australia (NSW Division) and has over 30 years' experience in the field of Child Protection with the NSW Department of Communities & Justice and NGOs. He received his Masters of Social Work from the University of Sydney.

**Christopher Hellyer**

Executive Manager, Financial Crime Intelligence Unit

Commonwealth Bank

Christopher Hellyer has over 20 years' experience protecting the banking industry and community from risk. His career spans protective security, crisis management, and—over the past nine years—financial crime operations and compliance. As Executive Manager of CBA's Financial Crime Intelligence Unit, Christopher leads CBA's contribution to the Fintel Alliance and ICMEC Australia working group, and partners closely with law enforcement and government. He is deeply committed to enhancing Australia's collective capability to combat financial crime, including efforts to prevent the exploitation of children through intelligence sharing and cross-sector collaboration.

**Colm Gannon**

Chief Executive Officer

ICMEC Australia

Colm Gannon, CEO of ICMEC Australia, is a seasoned professional with a strong commitment to child protection and extensive expertise in digital safety, cybercrime investigations, and software development. With 20 years in law enforcement, he has been involved in national and international investigations and prosecutions relating to online harms, child sexual exploitation, violent extremism, and harmful online communication. Previously a Product Manager at Rigr AI involved in the software development process, policy development, and impact assessments, Colm's wealth of experience positions him at the intersection of technology and child protection.

**Dannielle Kelly**

Head of Government Affairs and Law Enforcement Outreach

ICMEC Australia

Dannielle Kelly (Danni) is the Head of Government Affairs and Law Enforcement Outreach at ICMEC Australia, where she draws on 17 years in law enforcement and extensive advocacy experience to strengthen child protection efforts. Previously with the Australian Centre to Counter Child Exploitation and the Australian Federal Police, she led cultural reform initiatives, strategic projects, and future capability planning. At ICMEC Australia, Danni leads the Government Affairs and Law Enforcement Outreach team in developing research-informed programs and fostering partnerships across law enforcement, government, industry, and NGOs. Her work focuses on building collaborative, national and international responses to prevent and deter child exploitation.



Our speakers

**David Palmer**

Detective Acting Superintendent
Western Australia Police Force

With 29 years of dedicated service to the Western Australia Police Force, Detective Acting Superintendent David Palmer currently leads the Sex Crime Division. He brings a wealth of frontline and investigative experience to his role, driving innovation in the response to victim-based crimes. David is committed to strengthening both local and international partnerships to equip his team with the tools, training, and support necessary to investigate sexual offences and protect vulnerable members of the community. Under his leadership, the division has significantly expanded its online investigative capabilities, resulting in key advancements in the identification and rescue of children from harm - within Western Australia and across global jurisdictions.

**David Pegley**

Managing Director
Australian Financial Crimes Exchange

David is Managing Director of the Australian Financial Crimes Exchange (AFCX). In 2016, he led the development of a secure data and intelligence-sharing capability across member banks, creating a first-to-market technology platform enabling financial and cybercrime monitoring. He works closely with law enforcement, cyber-security experts and technology partners to enhance capacity and capability in addressing financial and cybercrime as priority threats.

With over 30 years' management experience at Cash Services Australia, Commonwealth Bank, Citibank and Fuji Bank, David has worked across corporate finance, retail banking, superannuation, insurance, funds management and intermediary based distribution. His work has encompassed a wide range of management disciplines including distribution, marketing, project management, business management, and IT. He holds a Bachelor of Science, an MBA, is a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Company Directors and a Justice of the Peace.

**Dr Janis Dalins**

Head of Emerging Technology
ICMEC Australia

Dr Janis Dalins is the Head of Emerging Technology at ICMEC Australia. With a Bachelor of Computing and a PhD in Machine Learning, as well as his former work as a police officer for the Australian Federal Police (AFP), Janis has honed his expertise in data science, forensics, and engineering. A leader in artificial intelligence (AI), Janis co-founded AiLECS Lab, a joint AFP/Monash University research centre focused on the responsible and accountable use of AI and data science in law enforcement worldwide. He remains an affiliate of AiLECS and contributes to numerous child protection initiatives as part of international law enforcement working groups.

Our speakers

**Dr Jed Horner**

Regional High Harm Policy Lead
TikTok

Dr Jed Horner leads TikTok's High Harm Policy team, within Trust & Safety, across Northeast Asia and Oceania. He is responsible for policy responses to global incidents, localisation and product rollout implementation, as well as engaging with multi-lateral organisations, safety and regulatory bodies. Previously, he was an advisor to government agencies in Australia and New Zealand, worked in non-government organisations on law reform and has contributed internationally to work by Mila, UNESCO and others on AI and safety and to standards-setting in this area.

**Dr Joel Scanlan**

Senior Lecturer in Cybersecurity and Privacy, **University of Tasmania**, and Co-Lead, **CSAM Deterrence Centre**

Dr Scanlan is a cybersecurity and privacy expert at the University of Tasmania with two decades of experience in academic teaching and industry consulting. His research investigates the technical and social harms of the internet, with a specific focus on preventing child exploitation. He partners with major technology companies to disrupt harmful online behaviours and co-leads the CSAM Deterrence Centre; a new initiative between Stop It Now (Australia) and the University of Tasmania.

**Emeritus Professor Kerryann Walsh**

Senior Advisor Education Sectors
eSafety Commissioner

Emeritus Professor Kerryann Walsh is a Senior Advisor in the Education Sectors team at the eSafety Commissioner. She leads eSafety's engagement with schools via the National Online Safety Education Council and develops online safety guidance for education sectors. Previously, Kerryann was a Professor in Education at Queensland University of Technology where she served for 25 years teaching and conducting research on prevention and response to violence against children.

**Gerrard Ivins**

Manager, Public Safety Liaison
Uber

Gerrard Ivins is the Manager, Public Safety Liaison at Uber for Australia and New Zealand. He leads strategic engagement with law enforcement, advancing public safety and supporting critical investigations while safeguarding data privacy. A dedicated advocate for child protection, Gerrard served 23 years with the NSW Police Force, finishing as a Detective Sergeant in the Child Abuse Squad. His work bridges operational policing with technology to deliver trusted, responsible safety outcomes.



Our speakers

**Giselle Lindley**

Head of Financial Crimes
Indue

With over two decades of experience in financial crimes operations, analytics, and product management, Giselle joined Indue in August 2022 as Head of Financial Crimes. She leads a team of specialists dedicated to 24/7 protection against fraud, scams, and money laundering. Under her leadership, the team also manages fraud and AML compliance and reporting obligations as part of Indue's ADI responsibilities. Giselle's career spans leadership roles at a Big 4 bank, global payment intermediary, major insurer, a mutual financial institution, and global fraud and regtech providers. She is a recognised subject matter expert in payments protection, with a focus on intelligence-led, customer-centric financial crime risk management.

**Grace Mason**

Partner
KordaMentha

Grace joined KordaMentha in 2022 and provides AML/CTF and financial crime risk and compliance advisory across financial services, banking, gaming, superannuation, remittance, digital currency exchanges, and payments. She advises on AML/CTF frameworks and aligning non-financial risk with strategy.

Previously at AUSTRAC she led regulatory, international, and intelligence functions for over a decade and drove strategic transformation and technology programs. Grace also led key pillars of AUSTRAC's international programs across ASEAN and at the Financial Action Taskforce. Grace is a proactive leader with deep financial crime expertise, known for navigating complex regulatory environments and promoting operational outcomes through strong partnerships and program delivery.

**Jeremy Moller**

Board Chair
ICMEC Australia

Jeremy Moller is a risk advisory lawyer based in Sydney and serves as Chair of the ICMEC Australia Board. He has over 15 years' experience working in Australia, the United Kingdom and New Zealand as a lawyer specialising in anti-money laundering, counter-terrorism financing and international sanctions. Jeremy is experienced in dealing with a range of regulators both in Australia and overseas, including the Australian Transaction and Reports and Analysis Centre (AUSTRAC). Jeremy is a member of the Law Council of Australia's AML/CTF Working Group, the NSW Law Society AML/CTF Working Group, the NSW Law Society Ethics Committee and is on the Advisory Board of the Australasian Chapter of the Association of Certified Anti-Money Laundering Specialists (ACAMS).



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John Cardamone

Body Safe Advocate and Disclosure Response Specialist

John Cardamone is a Body Safe advocate, Disclosure Response specialist, senior educator, and child sexual abuse survivor. His two year ordeal at the age of six, and 30+ years on his healing journey, have allowed him to navigate trauma and now formulate what helped create the foundation of his healing journey – connection and a sense of belonging. Through his experience, John learned that no matter our past experiences (or present challenges), nurturing connection and a sense of belonging is the catalyst for prevention and antidote to our rising mental health problems, as well as many of the flow-on effects that occur from disconnection. It is now John's mission to share his message about the importance of prevention, protection, and connection to create a sense of belonging for mental health and happiness.



John Penn II

Senior Architect for Law Enforcement Technologies
Adobe

John Penn II, Senior Architect for Law Enforcement Technologies at Adobe, Inc San Jose, California, has spent over four decades writing software and 27 years at Adobe. His first eleven years were spent working as a Senior Computer Scientist on Photoshop. But after attending the first Silicon Valley Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Conference, John was so profoundly affected by what he heard that he moved into what has become the most challenging, rewarding chapter of his career: helping locate missing and exploited children around the world. He's now spent over 20 years working with government, law enforcement and non-profits in the missing and exploited children space. He currently sits on the board of directors for the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children in Alexandria, VA.



Madeline Shepherd

Digital Safety, Trust and Privacy Lead - Asia Pacific
Microsoft

Madeline is the digital safety lead for Microsoft, covering a range of online safety policy and advocacy issues across the Asia Pacific region. She is passionate about promoting and responding to online safety challenges, with a particular interest in multistakeholder collaborations with government and civil society to achieve meaningful outcomes. Prior to joining Microsoft, Madeline worked for the New Zealand Government in countering violent extremism online and cyber security awareness. She has also worked for the State Government of Victoria (Australia) in similar fields.



Our speakers



Mary-Frances Murphy

Special Counsel
Norton Rose Fulbright

Mary-Frances Murphy is a Special Counsel in Norton Rose Fulbright's pro bono legal team. She advises on domestic and international projects spanning human rights, environmental and climate change risks, and financial abuse, collaborating closely with major financial institutions and corporate clients. With over 15 years' experience in banking and finance law, Mary-Frances has advised on institutional and corporate financings, including green and sustainable finance, project finance, construction, and cross-border transactions. She has undertaken secondments to three of Australia's Big Four banks in institutional banking and insolvency/restructuring. Recognised by Best Lawyers for her expertise, she has a strong interest in innovation to improve access to justice.



Natali Stojceski

Detective Acting Inspector
New South Wales Police Force

Natali Stojceski is a Detective Sergeant and current team leader at the Child Exploitation Internet Unit within the New South Wales Police Force. With over 15 years of policing experience across Southwest Sydney, she has investigated a wide range of serious crimes including homicides, armed robberies, and major drug offences. For the past five years, Natali has found her true calling in combating child exploitation, leading complex online investigations and driving inter-agency collaboration. A passionate advocate for child safety in the digital age, she regularly presents at national forums and works closely with schools, law enforcement, and industry partners to strengthen prevention and response strategies.



Nicky Whelan

Safety and Security Manager
Marriott Hotels

Nicky Whelan is an accomplished Safety and Security Manager at Sydney Harbour Marriott, bringing over 15 years of experience across a diverse range of industries including shipping, retail, education, corporate, and banking. Since joining the hotel in July 2022, Nicky has been instrumental in driving initiatives that elevate associate awareness around human trafficking and exploitation. This includes integrating a customized human trafficking and exploitation awareness module into the hotel's orientation which complements and reinforces Marriott International's mandatory training. This initiative also reflects Nicky's proactive and deeply committed approach to fostering a safe, informed, and vigilant hospitality environment. Nicky's leadership continues to shape a culture of safety and responsibility that supports the hotel's ongoing efforts to protect guests and associates.



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Paul Jevtovic APM OAM

Chief Financial Crime Risk Officer & Group MLRO
National Australia Bank

Paul Jevtovic has enjoyed a long career serving our nation in national and international law enforcement, national intelligence, anti-corruption and as CEO of AUSTRAC – Australia's AML/CTF regulator and national financial intelligence unit. Paul is currently the Chief Financial Crime Risk Officer and Group MLRO at National Australia Bank. Prior to joining NAB, at HSBC and based in Hong Kong, Paul was responsible for establishing and leading a financial crime and threat mitigation capability across the Asia Pacific. Paul has been recognized for his services to Australia with the Australian Police Medal (for services to international policing) and the Order of Australia (for his services to anti money laundering and regulation).



Richard Storey

Partner - Risk Consulting
Grant Thornton

Richard is a seasoned financial crime risk and compliance expert with nearly three decades of experience helping organisations navigate complex regulatory landscapes across banking, gambling, digital finance, and funds management. He has held senior in-house and consulting roles, including as an AML Compliance Officer at a publicly listed company and as Partner and Associate Partner at leading consulting firms. Richard has led large-scale AML/CTF risk assessments, independent reviews, remediation programs, and regulator engagement strategies. Known for his pragmatic and strategic approach, he advises boards and executives on risk appetite, program design, and reporting clarity, and is a regular contributor in the AML/CTF space.



Sal Gunawardena

Head of Intelligence Information
National Australia Bank

Sal Gunawardena is Head of Intelligence, within Financial Crime Risk Mitigation at National Australia Bank. Sal has been at the bank for five years and brings a depth of experience in crime and compliance from his time in multiple Government agencies. Sal has had a career spanning 17 years and has had the unique opportunity to work in multi-agency partnerships throughout his career, collaborating and working together to tackle financial crime issues leading to disruption and prevention.



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Sarah Minahan
Principal Consultant
Eskala

Sarah is a Principal Consultant at Eskala, a social risk and impact consultancy. She specialises in people-centred strategy, policy, risk management and impact measurement and has built a career working with organisations to embed respect for people into business-as-usual. She previously led human rights & social impact advisory services to the finance industry at KPMG, was Director of KPMG's Global Business & Human Rights Network, and has written industry guidelines on leading practice modern slavery risk management. Alongside her work at Eskala, Sarah currently holds the role of Head of Impact at a technology investment firm and sits on the Australian Investment Council's ESG Committee.



Shaun Baker
Superintendent
Australian Border Force

Shaun Baker is a Superintendent in the Australian Border Force (ABF) who is responsible for the NSW Investigations Branch. His team investigates traveling child sex offenders, possession/importation of child abuse material and childlike sex dolls. Shaun has extensive experience investigating these matters over a 15 career and served as a Special Member with the Australian Federal Police (AFP) in the Joint Anti Child Exploitation Team (JACET) with Investigators from AFP, NSW Police and ABF. Shaun holds a Bachelor of Policing and Criminology and is passionate about child protection. He is privileged to lead a team that identifies victims and perpetrators of child exploitation across the globe.



The Hon. Natasha Maclaren-Jones, MLC
NSW Shadow Minister for Families and Communities, Shadow Minister for Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, and Shadow Minister for Youth

The Hon. Natasha Maclaren-Jones was elected to the NSW Legislative Council in 2011 and currently serves as Shadow Minister for Families and Communities, Disability Inclusion, Homelessness, Youth, and the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault. She has previously held ministerial office as Minister for Families and Communities and Minister for Disability Services, introducing key reforms in child protection and out-of-home care. Natasha has extensive committee experience and has led multiple parliamentary inquiries. Before entering Parliament, she worked as a Registered Nurse and then a policy and government affairs consultant to multinational companies. A long-standing Liberal Party member, she has also served as State President for the NSW Liberal Party.



Our speakers



Toby Evans

Head of Economic Crime
Australian Payments Network

Toby Evans is the Head of Economic Crime at the Australian Payments Network (AusPayNet), overseeing all areas of economic crime related to the payments industry, including fraud, scams, money laundering, cybercrime and child exploitation. Toby participates in various public-private & industry groups, including the National Anti-Scams Centre, Economic Crime Forum, International Centre for Missing and Exploited Children Risk and the Global Anti-Scams Alliance Oceania Board. Before AusPayNet, Toby had a 20-year career in various leadership and operational roles within international and domestic intelligence, anti-corruption and law enforcement.



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