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08:20	<i>Register; grab a coffee. Mix, mingle and say hello to peers old and new.</i>
09:00	Welcome remarks by Corinium & Chair's opening remarks Chair: Tara Whitehead Senior Manager Security Engineering Education CommBank
09:10	Speed Networking – Making new connections at AppSec & DevSecOps Melbourne!
09:15	Headliner Debate Shift Left vs AI: Who Owns the Future of AppSec? Security teams are split: should we embed security early in the SDLC or rely on AI to detect and fix vulnerabilities faster? This interactive debate explores the trade-offs, risks, and real-world impact. No easy answers, just insights to challenge how you secure modern delivery pipelines. • Can AI replace secure coding practices, or is developer education irreplaceable? • Are AI tools creating hidden risks, or do traditional processes slow innovation? • How do you balance human judgement, automation, and team accountability in modern DevSecOps? Facilitator: Angelina Liu Account Executive Aikido Speakers: Kalpana Venkatesan Senior DevSecOps Engineer Kmart Australia Dilip Konar Former Application Service & Engineering Manager ex-Australia Post Matt Kellock Group DevSecOps Lead Deel Ibrahim Mohammed DevSecOps Design & Assurance Manager Insignia Financia
09:50	The AI Challenge You Don't Yet Know About - Software Supply Chain Clarence Cheah Regional Director ANZ Chainguard
10:15	Panel discussion Is AppSec Still Ignored in GRC? Application security is often mentioned in compliance frameworks, but does it actually get integrated into risk management processes? This panel examines the disconnect between GRC requirements and engineering reality, and how teams can close the gap. • Why are AppSec risks still overlooked in many GRC frameworks?

	- How can compliance obligations become actionable for developers without creating friction? - What metrics or reporting approaches best link AppSec outcomes to business impact? - Should GRC professionals and engineers collaborate differently to improve adoption and visibility? <u>Moderator:</u> Tara Whitehead Senior Manager Security Engineering Education CommBank <u>Panellists:</u> Jugal Nayal Application Security Specialist Data Capture Experts Andy Hsu Senior Application Security Engineer Flexera Priyank Sharma Application Security Engineer Lead, ANZ Black Duck
10:50	Pentesting in the Age of AI: Evolution or Extinction Angelina Liu Account Executive Aikido
11:15	<i>Get refreshed! Mingle</i>
11:55	AI in DevSecOps: Powering the Lifeblood Donate Blood App Andrew Cunningham Application Development Manager Australian Red Cross Lifeblood
12:20	AppSec is Dead? Why Frontier Models Demand Evolution, Not Replacement. Nir Weinberg Senior Solutions Engineer Snyk
12:45	What DevSecOps Teams Must Do Now for the Post-Quantum Transition Roma Singh Portfolio Security Advisor Department of Transport and Planning
13:10	<i>Lunch Break!</i>
14:10	Panel Discussion Breaking Boundaries: Securing APIs, Microservices, and SaaS Across Teams This panel explores how organisations manage security beyond the code they own. Panellists share how they maintain visibility, enforce standards and reduce risk across APIs, microservices and SaaS integrations. - What blind spot in an API, SaaS, or dependency later turned into a security issue? - Where have ownership gaps caused problems, and how did you fix them in practice? - What security approach sounded good on paper but failed once teams had to move fast? <u>Moderator:</u> Andrew Bandeira Security Architecture, Strategy & Advisory Lead Australian Payments Plus <u>Panellists:</u> Luke Bampton Application Security Lead Monash University Medha Mishra Lead Application Security Engineer Wrkr Ibrahim Mohammed DevSecOps Design & Assurance Manager Insignia Financia
14:45	Locking the Vault: Real-Time Mobile Threat Defense for Modern Apps Jason Salway Sales Engineering Manager, Asia Pacific Zimperium
15:10	Closing Keynote Presentation Carrot vs Stick: What Actually Drives Secure Engineering Behaviour?

	Abdullah Muhammad Application Defence Manager Bupa
15:35	<i>Closing Remarks by the Chair</i> Tara Whitehead Senior Manager Security Engineering Education CommBank
15:45	Close of AppSec & DevSecOps Melbourne 2026 & Afternoon Tea