Building scalable cloud infrastructure for an AI-driven future

Cloud Infrastructure Melbourne Tuesday, 12 August 2025 The Events Centre, Collins Square	
08:20	Register; grab a coffee. Mix, mingle and say hello to peers old and new
08:55	**Welcome Remarks from Corinium**
09:00	**Opening Address by Chairperson** **Usman Zafar** Senior Principal Enterprise Architect – Data **Invesco**
09:05	**Speed Networking – Making new connections at Cloud Infrastructure Melbourne!**
09:10	**Agile and Lean Cloud Architecture: Driving Innovation, Governance, and Cost Efficiency** **Robert Fisher** Enterprise Architect - Cloud and Infrastructure **Endeavour Group**
09:35	**Zero Trust in a Hyper-Distributed World** **Hamish Thompson** Sales Engineering Manager **Netskope**
10:00	**Fireside Chat** **Clouds, Code & Chaos: How Data Leaders Are Building Platforms That Don't Break** • How do you lead the successful delivery of enterprise-grade data and AI platform projects with a constantly evolving landscape. • Data governance and compliance considerations when managing data and AI initiatives in cloud environments? • How do you respond to evolving regulatory and legal requirements impacting data democratisation • How cybersecurity and risk considerations are shaping modern data platform architecture **Maruf Hossain** 2024 Global Top 100 Innovators in Data and Analytics **Banking & Finance Sector** **Su Jella** Board Member **Women's Tennis Foundation**
10:25	**Moving AI Applications into Production with Confidence** **Volker Rath** Field CISO **Cloudflare**
10:50	Morning Break & Networking
11:20	**Leveraging Distributed Cloud for Scalable and Resilient Infrastructure** **Sakshee Kohli** Head of Engineering & Site Infrastructure **Coles Group** **Rochana Attale** Enterprise Architect **Coles Group**
11:45	**Panel Discussion** **The Next Wave of Cloud Innovation – Balancing Agility, Cost, and Future-Readiness** • How quantum computing, edge AI, and serverless architectures are reshaping IT infrastructure. • Strategies to maximise ROI while maintaining flexibility and scalability in evolving cloud environments. • Aligning cloud adoption with long-term business goals to stay ahead in an AI-driven landscape.

	Moderator **Hanna Bakker** GTM Lead APAC **Vercel** Panellists **Chandima Miyanadeniya** Global Head of Enterprise Architecture **Kennedys** **Rajesh Padmawar** EM – Architecture **The Salvation Army Australia** **Darragh Kennedy** Director, Software Engineering **Zendesk**
12:20	**Beyond Visibility – Continuous Optimisation** **Denis Duri** Principal Solutions Architect, FinOps **Flexera**
12:45	Lunch & Networking	**Private Lunch hosted by HashiCorp Engineering Efficiency - The Journey to High-Performance Development Teams** *By-invite only*

	Track A Cloud Architecture Chaired by **Usman Zafar** Senior Principal Enterprise Architect – Data **Invesco**	Track B AI Readiness Chaired by **Su Jella** Board Member **Women's Tennis Foundation**
13:45	**Cloud Compliance at Scale: Meeting ISM & AES-CSF Obligations Without Slowing Innovation** **James Galbraith** Network and Cloud Security Engineering Lead - Cyber Defence **APA Group**	**Preparing Organisation for AI: Balancing Cost, Benefits and Risks** **Krishna Soni** Head of Strategy & Architecture **Village Roadshow**
14:10	**Simplify, Modernise, and Protect: Accelerating Cloud Adoption and Cyber Resilience with Rubrik** **Vigyan Jain** Senior Solutions Engineer **Rubrik**	**Above the Cloud: Tackling DLP with Data-Centric Security** **Adam Plotnikov** Senior Solutions Engineer **BigID**
14:35	**Fireside Chat From Legacy to Composable Cloud: Modernising Infrastructure for Agility and Security** • Why traditional data centers are rigid, costly, and insecure. • How a modular, service-driven cloud model enhances agility and scalability. • Steps to transition from on-prem to a modern cloud ecosystem without compromising security or performance. **Rajesh Padmawar** EM – Architecture **The Salvation Army Australia** **Usman Zafar** Senior Principal Enterprise Architect – Data **Invesco**	**Composable Cloud Architecture: Providing the Building Blocks for Storage & Data to Enable AI-Ready Infrastructure** **Darragh Kennedy** Director, Software Engineering **Zendesk**
15:00	**Bridging the Cloud and Security Divide: Working Together for Safer, Faster Innovation** **Andrew Kay** Director Systems Engineering, APJ **Illumio**	**From Visibility to Action: Managing Cyber Risk in Hybrid Cloud Environments** **Himanshu Kathpal** VP, Product Management, Platform &Technologies **Qualys**
15:25	Afternoon Tea & Networking	
15:55	**Panel Discussion Securing the Intelligent Enterprise: The Next Big Cloud Challenges**	

	• Cybersecurity threats facing AI and cloud-powered enterprises. • Balancing AI innovation with security, compliance, and governance. • Future-proofing enterprise cloud environments against evolving risks. Moderator **Rucha Gatti** Associate Director, Technology and Information Risk **NAB** Panellists **Abhra Pal** Lead Solutions Architect – Data and Cloud Infrastructure **Telstra Super** **Dave Vinluan** Senior Release & Delivery Lead (Cloud, Data and Infrastructure Services) **ANZ** **Sean Duxbury** Principal Engineer (Google Cloud Platform) **IAG**
16:35	**Chair's Closing Remark** **Usman Zafar** Senior Principal Enterprise Architect – Data **Invesco**
16:40	**Cheers with Peers**
17:30	**Close of Cloud Infrastructure Melbourne 2025**