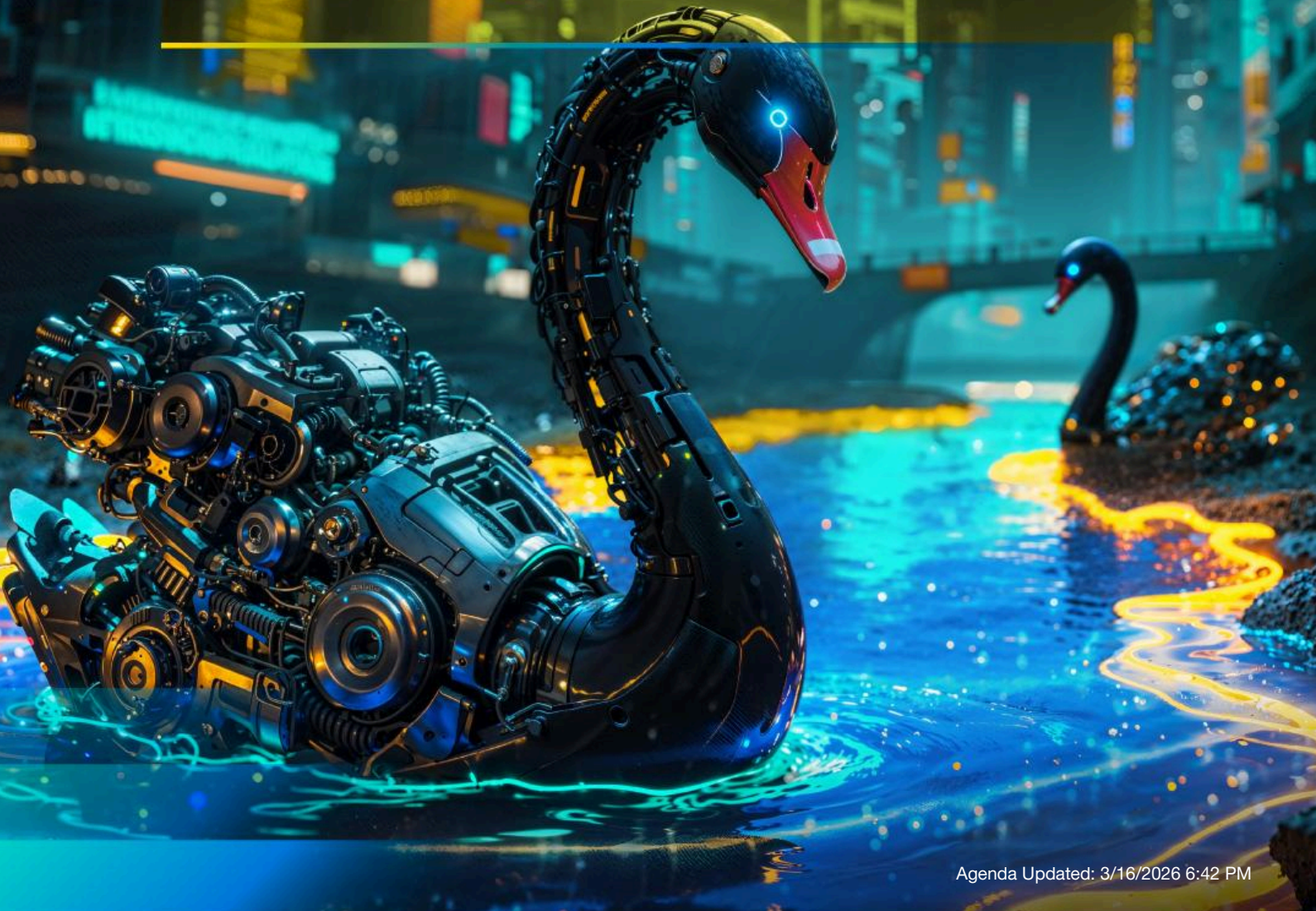


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Impact of Quantum Computing, Tokenization and Next-Gen Data Centres on the **Future of Capital** and **Digital Infrastructure**

The Big Questions

- If quantum breaks today's encryption, what happens to banking and digital identity?
- How do we secure public digital infrastructure before disruption?
- Can next-gen data centres power AI and quantum - securely and sustainably?
- Will tokenisation reshape global capital markets?

What You Will Walk Away With

- Live quantum computer in action, beyond theory
- Clear post-quantum risk assessment for finance and digital infrastructure
- Strategic clarity on tokenised markets
- A framework for next-gen compute and sovereign resilience
- Access to the leaders shaping the shift

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Distinguished Speakers



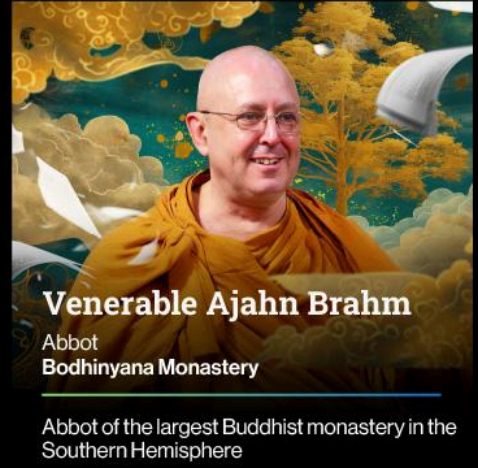
Hon. Stephen Dawson MLC
Minister for Regional Development; Ports; Science and Innovation; Medical Research; Kimberley Government of Western Australia

Driving economic diversification and advocating for regional communities across Western Australia



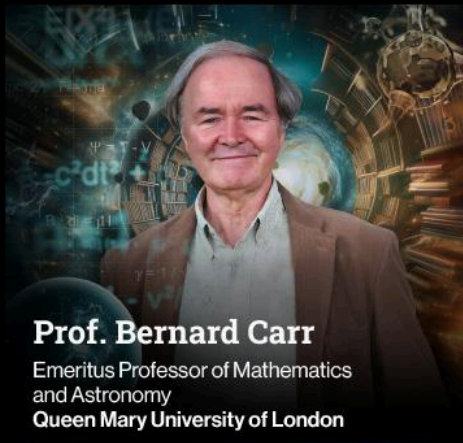
Ravi Menon
Ambassador (Climate Action), Singapore, Former Managing Director, Monetary Authority of Singapore, Chairman of the Board of Directors, Global Finance & Technology Network

Harnessing technology and innovation for resilient and inclusive financial ecosystems globally



Venerable Ajahn Brahm
Abbot
Bodhinyana Monastery

Abbot of the largest Buddhist monastery in the Southern Hemisphere



Prof. Bernard Carr
Emeritus Professor of Mathematics and Astronomy
Queen Mary University of London

Studied the first second of the universe with Stephen Hawking at Cambridge University and Caltech



Kate Cooper
Chief Executive Officer and Board Director
OKX

Author of EDGE - guiding leaders to retain judgment as systems move faster and stakes rise



Dr. Michelle Simmons
Founder & Chief Executive Officer
Silicon Quantum Computing

Multi-award winner leading the global race to build a quantum computer in silicon



Dr. W. Scott Stornette
Chief Executive Officer
SureMark Digital Identity Services

Co-inventor of blockchain



Sopnendu Mohanty
Group Chief Executive Officer
Global Finance & Technology Network (GFTN)

Established Singapore as a global fintech hub and credited with developing PayNow, Singapore's digital public infrastructure for payments



Tan Bin Ru
President
Enterprise Digital ST Engineering

Leading Enterprise Technologies in Quantum, Blockchain and AI

Innovation Tours

DUG Technology

An inside look at green, mobile high-performance computing and how it enables scalable AI, decentralised infrastructure (DePIN), and resilient digital systems

Monday 23 March | 10:00 – 11:00
DUG Technology

This Innovation Tour showcases one of Western Australia's most advanced digital infrastructure developments: high-density, energy-efficient high-performance computing (HPC) designed for an AI-first era, with green compute, resilience, and rapid deployment at its core.

Through direct engagement with DUG's facilities and experts, Black Swan Summit delegates can gain practical insight into how mobile and modular HPC can support next-generation AI workloads, edge analytics, and emerging decentralised infrastructure models, while strengthening regional capability and sovereign-grade digital capacity.

Located in Western Australia, a politically and economically stable jurisdiction powered by expanding renewable energy and strategically positioned in the Indo-Pacific, the tour highlights a scalable model for how Australia can deliver trusted, greener compute capacity to partners across Southeast Asia.

Pawsey Supercomputing Research Centre

Meet Setonix: The Southern Hemisphere's computational powerhouse driving breakthroughs in climate, health, and discovery

Monday 23 March | 11:45 – 13:30
Pawsey Supercomputing Research Centre

This session takes participants inside Pawsey's world-class supercomputing centre to explore how classical High-Performance Computing (HPC) and emerging quantum technologies will coexist in practice.

Through an innovation tour and interactive presentation, attendees will see how Setonix, a supercomputer located at the Pawsey Supercomputing Research Centre, and Pawsey's on-site quantum capabilities can be orchestrated together as hybrid workflows, where quantum acts as a specialised accelerator within familiar supercomputing environments.

The session will highlight real-world use cases, integration challenges, and the talent and infrastructure Western Australia is building to lead in quantum enhanced digital innovation.

UWA Innovation Tour

Step Inside the Quantum Revolution

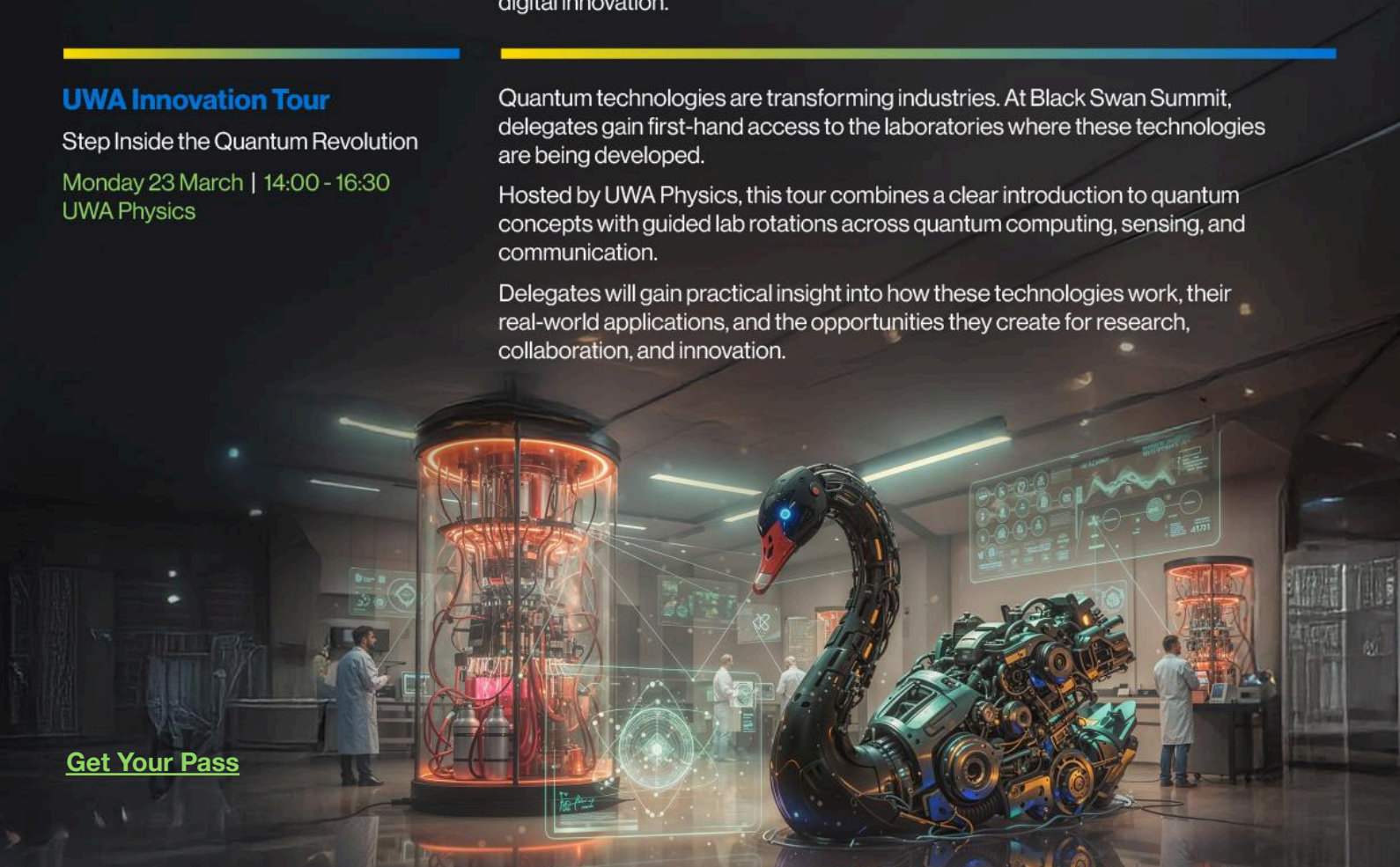
Monday 23 March | 14:00 - 16:30
UWA Physics

Quantum technologies are transforming industries. At Black Swan Summit, delegates gain first-hand access to the laboratories where these technologies are being developed.

Hosted by UWA Physics, this tour combines a clear introduction to quantum concepts with guided lab rotations across quantum computing, sensing, and communication.

Delegates will gain practical insight into how these technologies work, their real-world applications, and the opportunities they create for research, collaboration, and innovation.

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The Quantum Experience.

Quantum is Reshaping Our Industries - Are You Ready?

Quantum computing, tokenisation, and next-generation data infrastructure are no longer emerging concepts. They are active priorities for governments, financial institutions, and technology leaders worldwide.

Australia is making significant investments in quantum technology. The nation is home to world-leading silicon quantum research. And Perth sits at the intersection of energy, compute, and capital, making it a uniquely important location for this conversation.

Black Swan Summit Australia bring together the researchers, policymakers, and senior industry leaders who are defining what comes next across quantum, tokenized markets, and the infrastructure that will power both.


Introducing Q-FINEX

Tuesday 24 March

Q-FINEX (Quantum Finance Industry Experimentation) is a GFTN programme that lets financial institutions test quantum computing against their own real-world problems without committing to the technology prematurely. Run in partnership with UWA's quantum research group (QUISA), it pairs finance teams with researchers to evaluate whether quantum or hybrid methods could add value to challenges like portfolio optimisation, risk modelling, and cryptography transition planning.

Black Swan Summit Australia marks the official launch of Q-FINEX. Join us for a dedicated workshop where our programme leads will walk through the framework and open the floor for institutions interested in submitting a use case.

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A futuristic exhibition space with a large mechanical swan sculpture, holographic displays, and people interacting with technology. The scene is illuminated with blue and green light, creating a high-tech atmosphere. The swan sculpture is the central focus, surrounded by various interactive displays and people in business attire. The background features large windows and more displays, suggesting a modern, high-tech environment.

Tuesday, 24 March 2026

Summit Stage

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| <p>24 Mar 9:00am - 9:15am</p> <p>Winthrop Hall</p> | <p>Building the Next Economy - Machines • Money • Humanity</p> <p>This opening sets the Summit’s narrative arc, how the next economy will be defined by resilient infrastructure, trusted financial rails & human-centred outcomes. We zoom out across history, systems & the future to frame why AI, quantum, digital assets & green infrastructure must be built as public-private impact infrastructure, not just technology. Expect a clear “why now” & shared North Star for the entire program.</p> <p>Speakers: Dr. Andrzej Gwizdalski, Co-founder & Chairman, Western Australia Web3 Association Robyn Collard, Cultural Services Consultant, First Nations Noongar Community Leader</p> |
| <p>24 Mar 9:15am - 9:30am</p> <p>Winthrop Hall</p> | <p>Address by Guest of Honour</p> <p>Speaker: Hon. Stephen Dawson MLC, Minister for Regional Development; Ports; Science and Innovation; Medical Research; Kimberley, Government of Western Australia</p> |
| <p>24 Mar 9:45am - 10:25am</p> <p>Winthrop Hall</p> | <p>Green Critical Infrastructure for the Next Economy - Building the Indo-Pacific Stack for Energy, Compute & Trust</p> <p>The Next Economy won’t be built on AI software alone — it requires clean energy, a resilient supply of chips, scalable compute and data centres, high-performance connectivity, trusted governance, and talent that investors and partners can rely on.</p> <p>This panel presents Western Australia as a live case study that is illustrative of the “Indo-Pacific Multi-Layer Next Economy Stack”, with discussions on how regional advantage translates into bankable projects, resilient digital markets and real jobs. Audiences will leave with a clearer insights into what can move in the next 12–24 months across energy, compute, connectivity, and trust rails.</p> <p>Speakers: Brad Carr, Executive, Geopolitical Risk, National Australia Bank Brett Looney, Principal Solutions Architect, AWS Prof. Gordon Flake, Chief Executive Officer, Perth USAsia Centre Serena King, Assistant Director Cyber Security Engagement WA, National Office of Cyber Security, Department of Home Affairs</p> <p>Moderator: Prof. Peta Ashworth, Director, Curtin Institute for Energy Transition</p> |

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| <p>24 Mar 10:25am - 11:00am</p> <p>Winthrop Hall</p> | <h2>The Race for Quantum Resilience & First-Mover Advantage - How Industry & Governments Should Act</h2> <p>Quantum isn't just a future promise - it is a revolutionary technology that reshapes industries & places governments in competition to adopt & control it first. This session cuts through hype to focus on where quantum delivers practical advantage, what "quantum-ready" infrastructure means & what preparations must begin immediately for long-lifecycle systems & security. Attendees will gain clarity on what's real, what's next & how quantum intersects with AI, digital assets & critical infrastructure.</p> <p>Speakers: Mark Stickells, Chief Executive Officer, Pawsey Supercomputing Research Centre Prof. Jingbo Wang, Professor, Founder and Director, Research Centre for Quantum Information, Simulation and Algorithms, The University of Western Australia Dr. Michelle Simmons, Founder & Chief Executive Officer, Silicon Quantum Computing Tan Bin Ru, President, Enterprise Digital, ST Engineering</p> <p>Moderator: Sopnendu Mohanty, Group Chief Executive Officer, Global Finance & Technology Network (GFTN)</p> |
| <p>24 Mar 11:10am - 11:50am</p> <p>Winthrop Hall</p> | <h2>How to Build Better Money - Trust Stack for Money in Motion</h2> <p>Money is critical infrastructure & most people only notice it when it fails. This session explains how trust in digital payments & settlements can be strengthened as cyber threats rise, economies digitize, and quantum moves from theory to threat. You'll leave with practical trust upgrades that matter most for the decade ahead - access to resilient, secure money & payments in the age of disruption.</p> <p>Speakers: Kate Cooper, Chief Executive Officer, OKX Dr. Mark Staples, Chief Technology Officer, Digital Finance CRC Effie Dimitropoulos, Chief Executive Officer, AUDD Stablecoin Alvinder Singh, Head, Innovation Acceleration Office, Monetary Authority of Singapore</p> <p>Moderator: Maha El Dimachki, Chief Executive Officer, GFTN Advisory, Global Finance & Technology Network (GFTN)</p> |
| <p>24 Mar 12:20pm - 1:00pm</p> <p>Winthrop Hall</p> | <h2>Why Are We Here? Beyond Machines & Money - Meaning, Consciousness & the Human Future</h2> <p>This session closes Day 1 by reframing the real challenge - not only what we can build, but what we should build, & what must remain deeply human. This fireside dialogue brings together perspectives across science, wisdom traditions & living knowledge to explore how we maintain humanity in the age of machines to grow beyond intelligence defined by language models - how we gain clarity, new perspectives & a stronger internal compass for navigating uncertainty.</p> <p>Speakers: Venerable Ajahn Brahm, Abbot, Bodhinyana Monastery Prof. Bernard Carr, Emeritus Professor of Mathematics and Astronomy, Queen Mary University of London</p> <p>Moderator: Dr. Andrzej Gwizdalski, Co-founder & Chairman, Western Australia Web3 Association</p> |

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Public-Private Roundtables

24 Mar
1:30pm - 2:45pm

UniClub - Roundtable
Room 1

[Closed-Door Roundtable] Indo-Pacific Digital Money Infrastructures - Building the Next Wholesale Payment Rails

Wholesale digital money is moving from experimentation to infrastructure. Across the Indo-Pacific & Europe, central banks, regulators & financial institutions are testing tokenised settlement models to improve cross-border payments, liquidity efficiency & risk management through initiatives such as Project Acacia (Australia), Project Guardian and BLOOM (Singapore).

This closed-door session convenes senior leaders from policy, banking, market infrastructure, and technology providers to compare takeaways from leading pilots and align on what it will take to move from proofs-of-concept to interoperable, secure, scalable wholesale settlement rails across jurisdictions.

The roundtable builds on GFTN's recently launched Digital Money principles, emphasising interoperability, sovereignty, resilience, trust, and inclusion. Participants will also consider enabling foundations underpinning trusted digital markets.

Speakers:

Alvinder Singh, Head, Innovation Acceleration Office, Monetary Authority of Singapore

Doulos Lee, Manager, Bank Negara Malaysia

Dr. Mark Staples, Chief Technology Officer, Digital Finance CRC

Kylie Stewart, Digital Currencies Senior Manager, Reserve Bank of Australia

Victoria Richardson, Partner, ID Partners

Robert Porter, Head of Digital Asset Services (Business), Australia and New Zealand Banking Group (ANZ)

Steve Vallas, Chief Executive Officer, Blockchain APAC

Moderator:

Maha El Dimachki, Chief Executive Officer, GFTN Advisory, Global Finance & Technology Network (GFTN)

24 Mar
1:30pm - 2:45pm

UniClub - Roundtable
Room 2

[Roundtable] Wiring the Indo-Pacific - Why Western Australia is the Place for Green Compute Infrastructure at Scale

Against a backdrop of rising geopolitical and geo-economic uncertainty, the Indo-Pacific's fast-growing digital economies are looking for infrastructure that can deliver both cost efficiency and ESG-aligned resilience.

In this context, Western Australia is drawing increasing interest for the foundations that matter: clean and reliable energy, critical minerals for high-performance chips, global connectivity, secure and scalable compute, lower operating costs for business, and a stable, trusted operating environment.

This session will explore how WA can convert these advantages into long-term strategic value for the state and international markets: offering internationally competitive services while supporting local industries and SMEs, creating future jobs, attracting investment, strengthening sustainable development, and positioning the state as a trusted hub in the region for next-generation digital infrastructure. It will also examine how public and private sectors and academia can work together to unlock this opportunity and ensure the benefits build a stronger regional economy.

Speakers:

Angela Trevithick, Executive Director, Manufacturing & Supply Chains Development, Department of Energy & Economic Diversification

Brett Looney, Principal Solutions Architect, AWS

Margarita Kongawoin, Senior Vice President of Software & HPC, DUG Technology

Matthew Meszaros, Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Project Ohm

Nils Hay, Chief Executive Officer, Mid West Development Commission

Prof. Kate Brooks, Head, School of Electrical Engineering, Computing and Mathematical Sciences, Curtin University

Moderator:

Jason McFarlane, Director, Western Australian GreenTech Innovation Hub

24 Mar
3:00pm - 4:15pm

UniClub - Roundtable
Room 1

[Roundtable] What Works in AI Delivery? Successes, Failures, & Solutions that Scale

AI is already improving productivity, safety and customer outcomes — but results vary widely. Some deployments deliver measurable gains; others stall because the basics aren't in place: weak data foundations, no clear owner, gaps in governance, security exposure, missing talent, hidden costs — and a failure to treat AI as operational infrastructure, not a plug-in tool.

This roundtable moves beyond “what is AI?” and focuses on what works—and what doesn't—when organisations deploy AI responsibly at scale. Leaders from banking, mining, healthcare, government and startups will share real examples: what they shipped, what got stuck, what made it succeed, and the lessons learned the hard way.

Speakers:

Brad Hill, Co-GM, Pollinators

Dr. Brindha Jeyaraman, Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Aethryx

Iqbal Jumabhoy, Chief Executive Officer, Edge Capital Pte Ltd

Jisoo Kim, Co-Founder and Director, ClearAI

Prof. Damminda Alahakoon, Professor of Business Analytics and Artificial Intelligence, La Trobe University

Prof. Fiona Wood, Director of the Burns Service of WA, Fiona Wood Foundation

Prof. James Ong, Founder & Managing Director, Artificial Intelligence International Institute (AIII)

Prof. Wei Liu, Associate Professor, University of Western Australia

Schellie-Jayne (SJ) Price, Partner, Stirling & Rose

Shane Plant, Chief Commercial Officer, IMDEX

Moderator:

Peter Deans, CEO and Co-Founder, Shelf Labs

24 Mar
3:00pm - 4:15pm

UniClub - Roundtable
Room 2

[Roundtable] Where's the Real Value? Investing Beyond Hype in the Next Economy (Quantum, AI, Tokenization, Green Infrastructure)

The “next economy” is already here (but not evenly distributed) with AI in everyday services, new digital markets through tokenisation, quantum-driven security upgrades, and green infrastructure powering modern compute. But not all growth stories are sustainable, and bubbles do happen (is AI due for a reset? Is Quantum finally ready?). That leaves a simple question for everyone—from mums and dads, VCs and family offices to Australia’s super funds:

What does this mean for savings, wealth, retirement and the kind of economy we’re building?

This roundtable brings together investors, technologists and researchers, regulators and practitioners to separate durable value from hype, and to define what high-return, responsible investing looks like under real uncertainty.

We also ask the hard questions: if some jobs disappear or shift, how do large funds still deliver for members and the broader economy—not just short-term winners?

Speakers:

Alvinder Singh, Head, Innovation Acceleration Office, Monetary Authority of Singapore

Deryck Graham, c, Portal Asset Management

Drew Bradford, Chief Executive Officer, Macropod

Josh Phillips, Chief Executive Officer and Co-founder, ClearAI

Laksh Gangwani, Chief Growth Officer, ViewTrade

Lisa Schroeder, Associate Managing Director, QAI Ventures

Sebastien Picard, Founder & Chief Executive Officer, xcube.co

Tetiana George, Co-Chair / CEO, Insurtech Australia / Curium

Moderator:

Dr. Jo Hawkins, Head of Research Translation and COO, International Centre of Radio Astronomy

Tuesday, 24 March 2026

Workshop

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| <p>24 Mar 1:30pm - 2:15pm</p> <p>UniClub - Workshop Room 1</p> | <h3>Quantum Finance in Practice - Launch of the Q-FINEX Testbed</h3> <p>This session introduces Q-FINEX (Quantum Finance Industry Experimentation), a dedicated testbed for exploring quantum computing algorithms and optimisation in real financial use-cases.</p> <p>Project authors from GFTN and UWA, including key research lead, Prof Jingbo Wang (UWA), will outline how quantum and quantum-inspired methods can support portfolio optimisation, risk simulation and other complex finance problems, before moving into a live demonstration of the Q-FINEX environment.</p> <p>Participants will see how a use-case moves from idea to experiment, and how Q-FINEX enables financial institutions and researchers to collaborate on evidence-based evaluation, not hype.</p> |
| <p>24 Mar 2:30pm - 4:00pm</p> <p>UniClub - Workshop Room 2</p> | <h3>Building the Blockchain Foundation - Reinventing Decentralised Systems for a Resilient Next Economy</h3> <p>As economies digitalise, over-centralised platforms create systemic cyber, operational, and climate risks - while many blockchain experiments remain speculative and poorly governed. This session brings together global research and regional industry perspectives to examine how blockchain can overcome these challenges and serve as the best foundation for organising decentralised mainstream societies.</p> <p>In the first part, Bill Roscoe, Director of the University College Oxford Blockchain Research Centre, draws on his new book <i>Understanding Decentralised Systems</i> and the work of his <i>Digital Civilisation</i> project. He addresses the inefficiencies and governance challenges that have kept blockchain from mainstream adoption, and makes the case that the very qualities which make it ideal for cryptocurrency also make it the best way to organise decentralised mainstream societies.</p> <p>The second part, presented by members of the Australian Computer Society (ACS) Blockchain Committee, offers a timely snapshot of where blockchain stands today in Australia. The panel explores adoption across finance, supply chains, digital identity, and the creative economy, alongside regulatory developments, ecosystem challenges, and opportunities for innovation and growth.</p> <p>Together, both parts provide attendees with a practical and forward-looking view of what is needed to strengthen capability, collaboration, and global competitiveness in this rapidly evolving technology sector.</p> <p>Speakers: Dolly Brtan, VIC Chair, Australian Computer Society Rachael Jones, Vice Chair, ACS National Blockchain Committee Karen Cohen, Chair, ACS National Blockchain Committee Dr. Andrzej Gwizdalski, Co-founder & Chairman, Western Australia Web3 Association Prof. Bill Roscoe, Director, University College Oxford Blockchain Research Centre</p> |

Wednesday, 25 March 2026

Summit Stage

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| <p>25 Mar 9:00am - 9:05am</p> <p>Winthrop Hall</p> | <p>Welcome Back to the Black Swan Summit - From “Why” to “How”</p> <p>This session provides a fast reset that connects Day 1’s big-picture story on resilience, trust, sovereignty & human purpose to Day 2’s focus on delivery, scaling & real-world implementation. This is the pivot from insight to execution - what gets built, how, who owns it, & how we move from talk to outcomes.</p> <p>Moderator: Dr. Andrzej Gwizdalski, Co-founder & Chairman, Western Australia Web3 Association</p> |
| <p>25 Mar 9:15am - 9:45am</p> <p>Winthrop Hall</p> | <p>Agentic AI Is Here: How to Deploy Autonomous Agents Without Losing Control</p> <p>Agentic AI is no longer a lab experiment - it’s becoming a new operational layer in companies. The latest agent platforms are designed to plug into real workflows (risk, fraud, compliance, customer service, operations) & act with increasing autonomy. That’s why executives & markets are paying attention - autonomous agents can reshape productivity, cost structures, revenue models & even the definition of “the workforce.”</p> <p>But scale without control is a liability. When agents act at machine speed, across interconnected systems, small design choices can create big consequences - from conduct & compliance failures to cyber exposure, customer harm or systemic risks. This session focuses on what it takes to deploy agentic AI responsibly & competitively in practice.</p> <p>Speakers: Janie Plant, Chair, Women in Technology WA; Tech Lawyer; WA State Govt AI Advisory Board Member, Women in Technology WA Inc. Charles Street, Executive Manager: Everyday Digital Experiences, Bankwest Natasha Blycha, Chief Executive Officer, Stirling and Rose</p> <p>Moderator: Prof. James Ong, Founder & Managing Director, Artificial Intelligence International Institute (AIII)</p> |
| <p>25 Mar 9:55am - 10:35am</p> <p>Winthrop Hall</p> | <p>Trust Under Attack - The Identity Layer We Need for Real Time Money, Tokenization & AI</p> <p>Speed & convenience mean nothing if systems are fragile, surveillant or easy to break. Discussants will explore how to design digital infrastructures that remain secure, resilient & privacy-safe even under pressure, the safeguards that must be built in from Day One & approaches that are mature enough to deploy now.</p> <p>Speakers: Victoria Richardson, Partner, ID Partners Prof. Michael Small, CSIRO-UWA Chair of Complex Systems, Professor & Director, UWA Data Institute Prof. Bill Roscoe, Director, University College Oxford Blockchain Research Centre Dr. W. Scott Stornetta, Chief Executive Officer, SureMark Digital Identity Services</p> <p>Moderators: Paula Rogers, Principal Program Adviser, International Partnerships and Engagement, Perth USAsia Centre Dr. Andrzej Gwizdalski, Co-founder & Chairman, Western Australia Web3 Association</p> |

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| <p>25 Mar 10:35am - 11:15am</p> <p>Winthrop Hall</p> | <h2>Tokenizing Real-World Assets: Can Pilots Mature into Real Markets?</h2> <p>Tokenization is moving beyond experiments into economic infrastructure across trade, commodities, energy, carbon & finance - but only when it becomes institutional-grade in terms of custody, legal clarity, interoperability & governance. This session focuses on the leap from “interesting demo” to scalable market workflows that banks, industry & regulators can trust. Participants gain practical insight into how tokenized corridors can reduce friction, improve provenance, accelerate settlement & unlock new financing pathways.</p> <p>Speakers: Rob Allen, Head of Hedera Enterprise Adoption Team , Hashgraph Kassia Kazmer, Chief Executive Officer and Co-founder, ProspEx Group Dr. Mark Staples, Chief Technology Officer, Digital Finance CRC Robert Porter, Head of Digital Asset Services (Business), Australia and New Zealand Banking Group (ANZ)</p> <p>Moderator: Amy-Rose Goodey, Chief Executive Officer, Digital Economy Council of Australia (DECA)</p> |
| <p>25 Mar 11:15am - 11:55am</p> <p>Winthrop Hall</p> | <h2>Regulation as Enabling Infrastructure - Trust, Interoperability & Investment-Ready Markets</h2> <p>The next economy will be built on rules, standards, supervision & cross-border interoperability that make innovation safe to scale. This session reframes regulation as enabling infrastructure by reducing uncertainty, protecting consumers, preventing systemic failure & unlocking capital. Attendees leave with greater clarity on what “investment-ready” markets require in the next 12–24 months.</p> <p>Speakers: Jag Foo, Chief Security and Policy Officer, Safeheron Jannah Patchay, Executive in Residence & Board Member, Global Digital Finance Nina Skewes, Privacy Deputy Commissioner, Office of the Information Commissioner WA</p> <p>Moderator: Steve Vallas, Chief Executive Officer, Blockchain APAC</p> |
| <p>25 Mar 11:55am - 12:35pm</p> <p>Winthrop Hall</p> | <h2>Talent as Critical Infrastructure - Rebuilding Work, Skills & Opportunity in the Age of AI</h2> <p>Talent and research are crucial engines of digital economies. This session tackles the systemic challenge of tech-driven disruption, examining how to build robust talent pipelines and bridge the gap between lab and market. Experts will discuss how academic research translates into deployable innovations, how industry-university partnerships can be fostered to deliver real-world applications, and how reskilling can be scaled to meet market demand. Attendees will gain outcome-driven insights with illustrative examples from Western Australia’s experience as a live testbed for scalable models of collaboration.</p> <p>Speakers: Amy Stanley, Chief People Officer, HBF Health Limited Prof. David Lee Kuo Chuen, Chairman, Global Fintech Institute Dr. Diane Smith-Gander AO, Chancellor, University of Western Australia Prof. Lam Khin Yong, Vice President (Industry), Nanyang Technological University, Singapore</p> <p>Moderator: Paula Rogers, Principal Program Adviser, International Partnerships and Engagement, Perth USAsia Centre</p> |

Wednesday, 25 March 2026

Public-Private Roundtables

25 Mar
1:30pm - 2:45pm

UniClub - Roundtable
Room 1

[Roundtable] How to Design Quantum-Safe Systems - A Post-Quantum Cryptography Migration Plan for Critical Infrastructure

Quantum computing is driving a security transition—not because the “quantum apocalypse is tomorrow,” but because long-lived data and systems in finance, government identity, healthcare, defence, energy networks and communications can be compromised today through “harvest now, decrypt later.” The systemic risk is straightforward: if we wait until the last minute, migration becomes chaotic, expensive, and operationally disruptive while compromising critical systems.

This is a how-to roundtable for moving from PQC awareness to execution. Banks, big tech, government, security agencies and critical infrastructure operators will align on practical steps: cryptographic inventory, crypto-agility, standards alignment, vendor and supply-chain readiness, procurement language, testing, and staged migration—so organisations can upgrade without breaking interoperability or service continuity.

Outcomes: Insights from discussions will contribute towards GFTN's work on a practical Quantum-Safe Migration Starter Pack with priority systems list, decision points, recommended timelines and a minimum target state for crypto-agility plus a shortlist of “next-wave” opportunities worth piloting.

Speakers:

Prof. Gavin Brennen, Chief Quantum Officer, BTQ Technologies

Dr. Rajiv Shah, Director, Australian Information Security Association

Eamonn Darcy, Chief Technology Officer, AQ Intelligence

Prof. Michael Small, CSIRO-UWA Chair of Complex Systems, Professor & Director, UWA Data Institute

Tara Lie, Cyber Security GRC Manager / PhD Candidate, Department of Water & Environmental Regulation / Edith Cowan University

Riaz Hussain, Head of Security and Standards, Australian Payments Network

Mats Parkinson, Director, Bare Cove Technology

Bavani Chetty, Senior Manager, Cyber Digital Trust, Deloitte

Prof. Gia Parish, Director, UWA Defence and Security Institute, The University of Western Australia

Moderator:

Robert Laurie, Chief Security Architect, Ciphershield

25 Mar
3:00pm - 4:15pm

UniClub - Roundtable
Room 2

[Roundtable] Tokenized Trade & Investment Advantage - Making Real-World Assets Liquid & Trusted Across Borders

Tokenisation is moving from experimentation to industrial advantage - but only for organisations that can translate pilots into real workflows and profitable business models, compliant structures & interoperable cross-border trade corridors. From critical minerals & energy to carbon credits, inventory, invoices & high-value goods like art, tokenized assets can reduce friction, accelerate settlement, improve provenance & unlock new financing models.

This roundtable focuses on execution: where tokenization truly beats current systems, how to start with the right use cases, how to design compliant structures & how to build pilots that scale across borders. Western Australia's position in critical minerals, resources, agriculture, First Nations art & energy makes it a natural launchpad for Indo-Pacific tokenized trade corridors.

Speakers:

IGP Rahman Desyanta, Chief Executive Officer, Baliola

Josh Hunt, Director and General Counsel, ProspEx Group

Julia Buchholz, Chief Marketing Officer, Blocksquare

Liam Hennessy, Partner, Thomson Geer

Prof. Bill Roscoe, Director, University College Oxford Blockchain Research Centre

Steve Vallas, Chief Executive Officer, Blockchain APAC

Moderator:

Scott Waller, Asia Pacific Assurance Blockchain Leader, EY

Attending Organisations

Central Bank or Regulator

- Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency
- Australian Securities & Investments Commission (ASIC)
- Bangladesh Bank
- Bank Negara Malaysia
- Central Bank of Nigeria
- Monetary Authority of Singapore
- National Pensions Regulatory Authority
- Republic Bank of Burundi
- Reserve Bank of Australia
- Securities and Exchange Regulator of Cambodia

Financial Institutions

- Australia and New Zealand Banking Group (ANZ)
- Australian Payments Network
- Hong Leong Bank
- National Australia Bank
- Prime Bank
- RAC Insurance
- Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation (SMBC)
- Westpac & DBS
- Willis

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- Ahafo Regional Coordinating Council, Republic of Ghana
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- Department of Education, Western Australia
- Department of Energy and Economic Diversification, Government of Western Australia
- Eastern Metropolitan Regional Council
- Federal Reserve Financial Services
- Government of Western Australia
- Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO), Singapore Representative Office
- Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (New Zealand)
- National Assembly, Federal Parliament of Nepal
- Regional Development Australia (RDA) Peel
- WA Innovation Calendar / Evolv3
- Water Corporation

FinTech

- AUDD Stablecoin
- Binance
- Cash Cow Loans
- CashRich
- ElectraFi @ Network School
- Flash Payments
- Insurtech Australia / Curium
- OKX
- Pagsmile
- Safeheron
- Simpaisa Technologies
- SureMark Digital Identity Services
- WeMoney
- Widoph Remit
- Zodia Custody

Professional Services Firm

- Consulta Mirabilis
- Deloitte
- Deloitte & Touche
- DXD Agency
- EY
- Fortson Asia Pacific
- NextLevel Corporate Advisory & PitchhAWK
- SRK Consulting
- Stirling & Rose
- Thomson Geer

Solution Providers

- AIUC Global
- Baliola
- Blocksquare / TecStack
- ChainDoX
- ClickSend / Atlassian Community
- Cruxdata
- Cuushstone
- Cyber Team One
- Digijanus
- Fableration
- Fusara MedTech
- IBM Payments Centre Global, IBM Consulting
- IMDEX
- Kakama | WithIT
- Know Your Solutions
- Monvia
- Orange Brick Road
- Q-CTRL
- rAlse IT right
- Redbelly Network
- Shelf Labs
- Silicon Quantum Computing
- Spektrumlab
- StrideMate
- Synchrogen Energy
- Synclature Global
- The Blockhouse Technology
- The Sentinel Yuvoice
- Torch Partners
- Veqtor8
- Walee
- Webcom Systems
- Womby AI
- xcube

Industry Association or Nonprofit

- Africa Research Institute for AI (ARIFA)
- Artificial Intelligence International Institute (AIII)
- Asia Pacific Financial Forum
- Australian Strategic Policy Institute
- BlockchainAPAC
- Bodhinyana Monastery
- Creative Tech Village
- Curtin Institute for Energy Transition
- Digital Economy Council of Australia (DECA)
- Fiona Wood Foundation
- GDF (Global Digital Finance)
- Global Fintech Institute
- Indian Ocean Group
- Noongar Chamber of Commerce & Industry
- Parkerville Children and Youth Care
- Pollinators
- Spacecubed
- WA Data Science Innovation Hub
- Western Australia Web3 Association
- Western Australian GreenTech Innovation Hub

Investors

- Alpha Node Global
- CapBridge
- ID Partners
- Invest Global
- Lima Investment Management
- Prospex Group
- QAI Ventures
- RheinGold Family Office

Media

- Red Dog Studios
- South West Conference Solutions
- The Update Rwanda Media House

Academia and Research

- Baku State University
- Curtin University
- Edith Cowan University (ECU)
- International Centre for Radio Astronomy Research (ICRAR), UWA
- La Trobe University
- Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology
- Murdoch University
- Nanyang Technological University, Singapore
- North Metropolitan TAFE
- Queen Mary University
- Queensland University of Technology
- Sacred Heart School – Ateneo de Cebu
- Singapore University of Social Sciences
- SZABIST University
- University College Oxford – Blockchain Research Centre
- University of Barcelona
- University of Brighton
- University of Western Australia
- UWA Data Institute

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