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| **Wednesday 11th February** | |
| 08:20 | *Register; grab a coffee. Mix, mingle and say hello to peers old and new.* |
| 09:00 | **Welcome from Corinium and the Chairperson**<br><u>Speaker:</u><br>**Shikha Chandna** Product Security Transformation Lead **Growing Tech Companies** |
| 09:10 | **Speed Networking – Making new connections!** |
| 09:20 | **Panel: From SDLC to SSDLC: Making Security Part of the Definition of Done**<br>Too often security is still a final gate. Shifting to SSDLC means embedding security into every sprint and backlog item. This panel explores how organisations are approaching the shift and what it takes to make it stick.<br><ul><li>What does embedding security into agile delivery look like at different maturity levels?</li><li>How can friction between security and development be reduced?</li><li>What cultural or organisational shifts are most critical to sustain SSDLC?</li></ul><u>Moderato:</u><br>**Tim Pollock** Head of Cyber Security Operations **Beyond Bank Australia**<br><u>Panellists:</u><br>**Akella Divyatej** Senior Application Security Engineer **Endeavour Group**<br>**Nina Juliadotter** Application Security Practice Lead **Westpac**<br>**Amith Raj** Head of Information Security **Fluent Commerce** |
| 09:55 | **Securing APIs as the New Perimeter in DevSecOps Pipeline**<br><u>Speaker:</u><br>**Srinivas Karthik** Principal Product Security Engineer **CBA** |
| 10:20 | **From Blind Spots to Shared Context: Observability for DevSecOps — Lessons from Datadog & Fone Dynamics**<br><u>Speakers:</u><br>**Matthew Moore** Principal Observability Strategist APJ **Datadog**<br>**Benjamin Norris** General Manager of Product & Technology **Fone Dynamics** |
| 10:45 | **Transition Journeys: How Organisations Matured their DevSecOps Practice**<br><u>Speaker:</u><br>**Claude Wittebron** Lead Security Engineer **Hipages Group** |

| 11:10 | *Morning Coffee and Connect* |
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| 11:40 | **Frog-proof security: How to Confidently Ignore 88% of Your Critical Vulnerabilities** <br> <u>Speaker:</u> <br> **Mike Holland** Senior Solutions Engineer **JFrog** |
| 12:05 | **Panel: Move Beyond Compliance – How to Measure ROI and Communicate Security's Business Impact** <br><br> Compliance alone doesn't prove security's value. Executives want clear measures of risk reduction, business enablement and resilience. This panel explores how to link DevSecOps to business impact and communicate it in terms that matter to decision-makers. <br><br> • Which metrics and frameworks resonate with senior management the most? <br> • How can security leaders frame their impact in business terms rather than cost? <br> • What reporting practices have worked in helping organisations secure greater buy-in and investment? <br><br> <u>Moderator:</u> <br> **Neha Boora** DevOps Manager **Class** <br> <u>Panellists:</u> <br> **Didar Chy** Information Technology Security Architect **Reserve Bank of Australia** <br> **Richard Hawkes** Senior Manager, DevSecOps & Platform Engineering **ASX** <br> **Grace Aulakh** Cyber Security Manager **LEAP Dev** |
| 12:35 | **Shai-Hulud & the Nx Campaign: When Your Dependencies Turn on You** <br> <u>Speaker:</u> <br> **Cameron Townshend** Principle Solutions Architect APJ **Sonatype** |
| 13:00 | *Lunch! Connect and converse!* **VIP Luncheon** |
| 13:55 | *Prize Draw* |
| 14:00 | **Secure Application Lifecycle Management in Regulated Industries** <br> <u>Speakers:</u> <br> **Abdullah Muhammad** Application Defence Manager, Technology Security **Bupa** <br> **Malik Ayub** Principal Consultant **DevOps1** |
| 14:25 | **Giving Your AI Agent a Security Conscience** <br> <u>Speaker:</u> <br> **Suganthi Krishnavathi** Staff Solutions Engineer **Snyk** |
| 14:50 | **Panel: Plugins and Extensions in the Dev Toolchain - New Vectors for Supply Chain Attacks** <br><br> Plugins and extensions accelerate development and connect the modern toolchain but they're also unvetted third-party code that can introduce hidden risks. Attackers are increasingly targeting them as weak links in the software supply chain. <br><br> • Should plugins and extensions be treated as part of the software supply chain and if so, who owns their security? <br> • How do we balance developer freedom to install tools with the need for governance and risk control? |

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| | • What practical steps can teams take to detect, manage, and update vulnerable or malicious plugins/extensions before attackers exploit them?<br><br>Speakers:<br><br>**Anmol Atkin** Infrastructure Security Engineer **Culture Amp**<br><br>**Tim Pettersen** Head of Developer Experience **Atlassian**<br><br>**James Green** Manager DevSecOps **NSW Education Standards Authority** |
| 15:25 | **Group Discussion: Shadow AI in the Enterprise - How Do We Manage What We Can't See?**<br><br>As generative AI tools slip into daily workflows, much of their use happens outside formal security or governance controls. Unapproved, unmonitored, but widely adopted "shadow AI" raises critical questions about risk, compliance, and productivity. This is an open discussion for everyone to share experiences and strategies for balancing innovation with oversight.<br><br>• How can organisations discover and track AI usage happening outside official channels?<br><br>• What risks does shadow AI introduce and where might it actually drive positive outcomes?<br><br>• What policies, training, or guardrails are realistic without stifling adoption?<br><br>**Anmol Atkin** Infrastructure Security Engineer **Culture Amp** |
| 15:50 | **Chair's Closing Remarks** |
| 16:00 | **Afternoon tea and close of AppSec & DevSecOps Sydney 2026. Join us to reflect, connect and network over afternoon tea.** |