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Data Center World and The AI Summit Series Reveal Global Keynote Line-Up for Melbourne Event

Government, enterprise and technology leaders to explore the accelerating convergence of AI and digital infrastructure

MELBOURNE, Australia – 28 May 2026 – [Data Center World Australia](#) and [The AI Summit Australia](#) today unveiled a keynote speaker line-up set to address the co-located conference at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre from 7-9 September 2026. Featuring distinguished representatives from the Australian Department of Defence, Mercedes-Benz, DHL, Amazon Web Services and more, the programme will open with an introductory keynote address from **The Hon. Steve Dimopoulos MP**, Minister for Economic Growth and Jobs, Victorian State Government.

"Bringing this calibre of global talent to Melbourne for the inaugural event creates a rare opportunity for attendees of Data Center World Australia and The AI Summit Australia to learn from, connect with and challenge the leaders driving one of the most significant technology shifts happening anywhere in the world today," said Frankie Brewer, General Manager and Event Director, Informa Australia. "These will not be theoretical conversations about the future of AI and digital infrastructure — these are the executives, engineers and policymakers building it in real time."

Data Center World Australia Speakers

The Data Center World Australia conference speakers will share real-world insights on topics including sustainable expansion, modular construction, power and grid resilience, quantum computing, and the growing demand for sovereign and connected digital infrastructure. An expansive speaker lineup will explore how Australia can remain globally competitive as AI accelerates investment, energy demand and large-scale data centre development. Speakers include:

- **Cameron Evans**, Director, Data Centre Planning and Delivery, APAC, Amazon Web Services
- **Belinda Dennett**, Chief Executive Officer, Data Centres Australia
- **Ben Boudreau**, Chief Technology Officer, Zerra DC
- **Kieran Habojan**, Head of Sales APAC, SharonAI
- **Joao Almeida**, GM and Director of Global Business, XENON Systems
- **Dino Georgiou**, Executive, Customer Success, Telstra
- **Alex Moffatt**, Sr. Director Acquisitions APAC, BDX
- **John Burgess**, Head of Microsoft Datacentre Academy, Victoria University

- **Craig Scroggie**, CEO and MD, NEXTDC
- **David Dzienciol**, Chief Customer and Commercial Officer/Executive VP Technology, NEXTDC

The AI Summit Australia Speakers

The AI Summit Australia features distinguished addresses on digital transformation alongside comprehensive presentations from senior representatives of the Australian Department of Defence, the Australian Taxation Office, and leading technology enterprises. The carefully curated programme addresses critical AI deployment concerns including infrastructure requirements, cybersecurity protocols, ethical governance frameworks, and practical implementation guidance for organisations seeking to harness artificial intelligence capabilities responsibly within the Australian business landscape. Speakers include:

- **Andrew Watson**, Deputy Commissioner and Chief Data Officer, Australian Taxation Office
- **Professor Tanya Monro**, Chief Defence Scientist, Defence, Science and Technology Group, Australian Department of Defence
- **Anu Karunakilaka**, Chief Technology Officer, Intrepid Travel
- **Ben Morley-John**, GM, Digital and Data, Anglicare
- **Milind**, Principal AI Scientist, Mercedes-Benz
- **Nicole Livingstone**, CEO, Victorian Institute of Sport
- **Elicia McDonald**, CEO & General Partner, AirTree
- **Pretit Mishra**, Domain Director, DHL
- **Jayne Howley**, AI Strategy and Assurance Lead, Dept. of Government Services, Victoria
- **Himanshi Juneja**, Head of Data and Analytics, CBRE

The two events address the unique position Australia is in to tackle the Asia-Pacific market's region-specific opportunities and challenges, from regulatory compliance to scaling AI and digital infrastructure responsibly.

Registration is now open at [Data Center World Australia](#) and [The AI Summit Australia](#). Each event features dedicated sessions and conference tracks, complemented by shared keynote presentations and access to a combined exhibition floor. An optional pass upgrade provides full access to the conference tracks of both events.

For speaker submissions and partner inquiries, please contact [Laura Horwell](#). To inquire about sponsorship opportunities, contact [David Espitia](#). Interested press and analysts may register [here](#) to attend.

ABOUT DATA CENTER WORLD AND THE AI SUMMIT SERIES

Data Center World and The AI Summit Series are leading global event platforms bringing together innovators, technologists and infrastructure leaders shaping the future of digital transformation.

Data Center World serves data center facilities and IT infrastructure professionals through expert-led education, technology showcases and strategic insights focused on building and operating the next generation of digital infrastructure.

If you're building, buying or backing AI, The AI Summit Series is where ideas become outcomes. We cut through the buzzwords to spotlight real use cases, live demos and candid playbooks that help you deploy faster, govern smarter and prove ROI with confidence. No hype, just AI that transforms business.

Together, the events connect the rapidly converging worlds of AI and digital infrastructure, bringing the global ecosystem together to explore how intelligent technologies are built, deployed and scaled.

Learn more about the Australia edition at www.datacenterworldaustralia.com/ and www.australia.theaisummit.com/.

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