

Data Centre Exchange

Australia

▶ Advancing Australia's Data Centre Ecosystem

Tuesday 26 May 2026

08:15	<i>Registration, Light Breakfast & Networking. Mix, mingle and say hello to peers old and new.</i>
08:50	<i>Welcome remarks by Corinium & Chair's opening remarks</i> James Murphy Managing Director APAC DC Byte (Chair)
09:00	Speed Networking – Making new connections at Data Centre Exchange Australia! During this 5-minute networking session, participants can build their network. Have fun!
09:05	Keynote Headliner Fireside Chat Sovereign Capability & Australia's Digital Infrastructure Advantage <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Australia's unique position in the global digital infrastructure landscape • Designing infrastructure for the AI and hyperscale era • From domestic market to global capability • Industry responsibility: infrastructure that supports communities and the economy <u>Speaker:</u> David Hirst CEO Macquarie Data Centres James Murphy Managing Director APAC DC Byte (moderator)
09:25	Keynote Panel Australia in the APAC Context – Competitive Positioning and Fast-Moving Market Insights <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Australia's place in the APAC market: can stability deliver a lasting competitive edge over faster-moving regional markets? • Deliverable capacity: the power, land, approvals, and supply realities shaping near-term growth • Capital and market confidence: does investment signal long-term conviction or short-term momentum? • Strengthening Australia's APAC role: what must improve to remain a trusted regional gateway <u>Speakers:</u> Anik Akhter Co-Founder & Co-CEO INSITE DC Belinda Dennett Chief Executive Officer Data Centres Australia Sumit Mukhija Group Chief Executive Officer DCI Data Centers David Dzienciol Chief Commercial Officer NEXTDC James Murphy Managing Director APAC DC Byte (moderator)

10:05	<p>Keynote Panel Speed to Market – Accelerating Australia's Path Forward</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Benchmarking global best practice: learning from fast-track approval models in leading markets • Accelerating infrastructure connections: collaborative approaches to power and water delivery • Integrated delivery strategies: aligning approvals, design, and construction for compressed timelines • Cross-sector coordination: building stronger partnerships across the development ecosystem • Addressing the workforce challenge: targeted training programmes, expanding talent pipelines and fostering rapid skill acquisition <p><u>Speakers:</u> Matt Neil Director – Data Centres Datacom Shalini Lagrutta CEO & Managing Director DXN Solutions Heather Feigin Strategic Planning Director - Global Design & Construction Equinix Mary-Catherine Hamill Head of Construction, Australia Aon Simon McFadden Industry Director – Digital Infrastructure Aurecon (<i>moderator</i>)</p>
10:45	<p><i>Morning 'Coffee and connect'</i></p>
11:25	<p>Sustainable Project Delivery</p> <p><u>Speakers:</u> Stuart Cassie Director & APAC Data Centre Lead TBH Dr Paul Hardisty Executive Consultant Adaptus</p>
11:45	<p>Panel Discussion Powering Growth: Grid Solutions & Energy Strategies That Accelerate Deployment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grid infrastructure planning: aligning data centre growth with transmission and distribution capacity roadmaps • Accelerating connection pathways: streamlining processes and building utility partnerships for faster deployment • Renewable energy integration: establishing sustainable power procurement frameworks and PPAs • Energy resilience strategies: behind-the-meter generation, microgrids, and hybrid power solutions <p><u>Speakers:</u> Liam McWhirter General Manager, Enterprise and Strategic Partners Origin Dominic Adams COO Energy Networks Australia Damien Sanford Partner & Founder Celero Infrastructure Chris Cormack Director Energy for Tomorrow (<i>moderator</i>)</p>
12:25	<p><i>Lunch Break! Chat and Refuel.</i></p>

	Track A: Policy, Planning & Partnerships Chair: Tom McMahon Partner Mandala Partners	Track B: Design, Delivery & Innovation Chair: Órla Hogan Cost Manager WT Partnership
13:25	<p>Panel Discussion Identifying Optimal Sites and Building Stakeholder Partnerships that Enable Development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Navigating planning frameworks: zoning strategies and approval pathways for data centre development • Geographic opportunity mapping: emerging locations in outer urban and regional areas • Collaborative site development: early utility and council engagement for aligned outcomes <p><u>Speakers:</u> Matthew Lee Executive Director - Co-head of Australian Data Centres JLL Vicky Grillakis National Data Centre Lead Urbis Alex Moffatt Senior Director - Acquisitions APAC BDx Data Centres Michael Gold Executive GM Data Centre Investments Macquarie Data Centres Matt Madden Head of Data Center Solutions Asia Pacific CBRE (<i>moderator</i>)</p>	<p>Panel Discussion Fast-Track to Commissioning: Integrated Approaches That Cut Delivery Timelines</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Government-industry co-design: building partnerships that align policy with project realities • Innovative approval frameworks: special economic zones, enterprise precincts, and fast-track pathways • Community engagement and social license: establishing trust through transparency and shared value • Integrated project planning: coordinating stakeholders, consultants, and partners from inception through delivery <p><u>Speakers:</u> Mick Mayers Senior Director, Design – Australia AirTrunk Matt Gurr Senior Director of Design Management APAC NTT Global Data Centers Milan Vujasinovic National Leader – Data Centres GHD Órla Hogan Cost Manager WT Partnership (<i>moderator</i>)</p>
14:05	<p>Data Centre Resilience: Securing the Foundation of Uptime <u>Speaker:</u> Damien Lewis Solutions Engineer, ANZ Claroty</p>	<p>From Rack to Facility: Deploying Direct Liquid Cooling for High-Density AI Data Centres <u>Speaker:</u> Echo Li Key Account Manager BEEHE Electric (Taicang) Co., Ltd.</p>

14:25	<p>Panel Discussion Sustainability Leadership: Water, Community & Environmental Excellence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategic water partnerships: co-developing infrastructure solutions with utilities and municipalities • Water innovation: advanced cooling technologies, alternative water sources, and circular systems • Building lasting social license: community investment, shared value creation, and transparent engagement • Regional resource alignment: integrating data centre development with long-term water and sustainability strategies <p><u>Speakers:</u> Danielle Francis Manager Customer and Policy Water Services Association of Australia Olivia Onderdonk Associate Director, Sustainability AirTrunk Bree Trevena Director for Discover Arup Matt Clifford Head of Sustainability & ESG Asia Pacific Cushman & Wakefield (<i>moderator</i>)</p>	<p>Panel Discussion Compressing Construction Timelines: Integrated Delivery, Digital Optimisation, Smart Procurement and Safe Commissioning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Integrated delivery excellence: design-build, EPC, and early contractor involvement strategies • Workflow optimisation: parallel execution, critical path management, and digital coordination platforms • Smart procurement: supply chain strategies that balance speed, availability, and risk • Safe and structured commissioning: accelerated timelines with rigorous protocols <p><u>Speakers:</u> Hatem Attia Director of Engineering DCI Data Centers Scott Bales Chief Customer Officer, Data Centres ESR Group Chris Suttor Regional Solutions Director (Engineering Solutions ANZ) Jacobs Murray Johnstone Associate Director Turner & Townsend (<i>moderator</i>)</p>
15:05	<i>Afternoon 'Coffee and connect'</i>	
15:35	<p>Panel Discussion Designing Next-Gen AI Factories, NeoClouds & Hyperscale Infrastructure for Scalable Growth and Efficiency</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AI infrastructure economics: optimising facility design for high-density compute workloads • Future-ready design: building adaptable infrastructure that scales with evolving AI factory architectures and NeoCloud requirements • Advanced thermal management: liquid cooling, immersion, and hybrid systems enabling next-generation AI factory density • Intelligent capacity deployment: phased strategies that maximise utilisation while meeting market demand <p><u>Speakers:</u> John Henderson General Manager Centuria DC Andrew Leece Co-Founder & Chief Operating Officer SHARON AI Bass Salah Co-Founder and Joint CEO ResetData Dave Cooper Chief Executive Officer Zerra DC Chris Clarkson Principal Consultant double c consultants (<i>moderator</i>)</p>	

16:15	<p>Closing Keynote Panel Discussion Collective Advancement for Australia's Data Centre Ecosystem</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collaboration excellence: identifying strategic partnership opportunities that elevate the entire ecosystem • Shared knowledge frameworks: building industry standards and best practices that benefit all participants • Amplifying industry voice: leveraging peak bodies and associations to drive meaningful policy outcomes • Australia's 2030 vision: commitments, milestones, and collective action for regional leadership <p><u>Speakers:</u> Lauren Ryder Chief Executive Officer Leading Edge Global Pritesh Swamy Head of Data Centre Research & Advisory, Asia Pacific Cushman & Wakefield Jack Dan Chief Strategy Officer CDC Matt Walsh Chief Customer Officer Vocus Belinda Dennett Chief Executive Officer Data Centres Australia (<i>moderator</i>)</p>
16:55	<p><i>Closing remarks by the Chair</i> James Murphy Managing Director APAC DC Byte (<i>Chair</i>)</p>
17:00	<p>Close of Event</p>
17:00	<p>Casual Chats & Connections – Data Centre Exchange Australia Drinks Reception <i>Continue the conversation over drinks.</i></p>