15th National Investigations Symposium

1–3 June 2027

International Convention Centre (ICC) 14 Darling Drive, Sydney, NSW 2000

DAY 1 – WEDNESDAY 2 JUNE 2027

8:00 – 15:30	Registration opens		
9:00 – 10:30	**OPENING PLENARY SESSION** *PYRMONT THEATRE* **Welcome to Country** **Welcome** **Official opening** **KEYNOTE ADDRESS**		
10:30 – 11:00	Morning tea (30 minutes) *Please attend catering station closest to your next session*		
11:00 – 12:30	**STREAM 1: CONTEMPORARY INVESTIGATIVE CHALLENGES**	**STREAM 2: EMERGING RISKS AND ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE**	**STREAM 3: INVESTIGATING IN THE REGULATORY ENVIRONMENT**
Session 1	**Values Without Virtue: Why Good People Do Bad Things in Good Organisations** **Mary Davitt** Associate Director Integrity TAFE NSW **Investigation into the Recruitment of Family and Friends** **Aaron Bantoft** A/Director Investigation and Corruption Prevention NSW Department of Customer Services **Louise Lazzarino** Executive Director, Governance Risk and Assurance NSW Department of Customer Service	**Operation Wyvern: Cryptocurrency-Facilitated Crime and Corruption** **Stephen Watson** Principal Investigator, Independent Commission Against Corruption **Paul Apthorpe** Detective Sergeant NSW Police	**Workplace Integrity, Privacy and Records Access, IPC** **Sonia Minutillo** NSW Privacy Commissioner Information and Privacy Commission **Investigating What Matters Most: A Risk-Based Approach to Maximising Safety Outcomes** **Jim Modrouvanos** CEO & Chief Investigator Office Of Transport Safety Investigations
12:30 – 13:15	Lunch (45 minutes). *Please attend the catering station closest to your next session*		
13:15 – 15:00	**STREAM 1: CONTEMPORARY INVESTIGATIVE CHALLENGES**	**STREAM 2: EMERGING RISKS AND ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE**	**STREAM 3: INVESTIGATING IN THE REGULATORY ENVIRONMENT**
Session 2	**Vulnerable Witnesses and Interviewing: A Trauma-Informed, Culturally Safe Approach** **Vic Gaffney** Team Leader, Investigations Department for Environment and Water	**Panel discussion: AI-Enabled Investigation processes: Governing Automation, External Data and Investigative Intelligence** **José-miguel Bello y Villarino** Senior Research Fellow **Jessica Cahill** Acting Principal Intelligence Analyst ICAC NSW **Jenny Ryan** Senior Corruption Prevention Officer ICAC NSW Possible additional panellists to be confirmed.	**Presenters to be confirmed**

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15:00 – 15:30		Afternoon tea (30 minutes). *Please attend the catering station closest to your next session*		
15:30 – 17:00		**STREAM 1: CONTEMPORARY INVESTIGATIVE CHALLENGES**	**STREAM 2: EMERGING RISKS AND ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE**	**STREAM 3: INVESTIGATING IN THE REGULATORY ENVIRONMENT**
	Session 3	**Investigating the police response to a protest – LECC investigation Operation Makalu** **Wendy Sculthorpe** Manager Investigations Integrity Division Law Enforcement Conduct Commission	**Panel discussion: Sovereign Citizens** Panellists to be confirmed	**Learning from Pain: The Role of Regulatory Self-Reflection in Improving Investigations and Outcomes** **Tom Hall** National Manager of Investigations Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency **The Purpose Shapes the Outcome: Looking Beyond Criminal Liability in a Critical Underground Mine Fire Investigation** **Tom Richards** Senior Regulatory Investigator NSW Resources Regulator
17:00		Welcome drinks *PYRMONT THEATRE FOYER*		
18:30		Symposium dinner *GRAND BALLROOM* **DINNER SPEAKER:** **Geoffrey Watson** Director Centre for Public Integrity		

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DAY 2 – THURSDAY 3 JUNE 2027

8:00 – 15:10	Registration opens		
9:00 – 10:00	**PLENARY SESSION** *PYRMONT THEATRE* **Welcome to Country** **KEYNOTE ADDRESS**		
10:00 – 10:30	Morning tea (30 minutes). *Please attend the catering station closest to your next session.*		
10:30 – 12:00	**STREAM 1: CONTEMPORARY INVESTIGATIVE CHALLENGES**	**STREAM 2: COMPLAINT HANDLING**	**STREAM 3: INVESTIGATING IN THE REGULATORY ENVIRONMENT**
Session 4	**Presenters to be confirmed**	**Listening, Linking, Learning: Creating a Connected Complaints Function** **Sarah Hoskins** Manager Issues and Complaints SafeWork NSW **Lessons from a new independent complaints body** **Jocelyn Yem** Director Advocacy, Complaints and Training Victims of Crime Commissioner	**Regulatory Enforcement and Civil Penalty Proceedings** **Justice Robert Craig** Supreme Court of Victoria **From a Levee Bank to a Landmark Case: Collaboration, Culture and Compliance at Anna Creek Station (DPE)** **Alex Lieneman** Senior Investigator Department for Environment and Water
12:00 – 12:45	Lunch (45 minutes). *Please attend the catering station closest to your next session*		
12:45 – 14:30	**STREAM 1: CONTEMPORARY INVESTIGATIVE CHALLENGES**	**STREAM 2: COMPLAINT HANDLING**	**STREAM 3: INVESTIGATING IN THE REGULATORY ENVIRONMENT**
Session 5	**Presenters to be confirmed**	**Panel discussion: Reviewing complaint handling systems - a discussion with agencies** **Introduced and facilitated by** **Mitchell Robinson** Manager Complaint Handling System Reviews NSW Ombudsman Panellists to be confirmed	**Panel discussion – Public interest disclosures: identifying, managing the risks of detrimental action & responding when it occurs** Panellists to be confirmed
14:30 – 15:00	Afternoon tea (30 minutes).		
15:00 – 16.00	**CLOSING PLENARY** *PYRMONT THEATRE* **PANEL DISCUSSION WITH JOURNALISTS** **WHY TELL A JOURNALIST? TRUTH, DISCLOSURE AND THE PUBLIC INTEREST** Why do people go to journalists instead of authorities • How journalists work with agencies • Lessons learned and shared		
16:00 – 17:00	Farewell drinks		
17:00	Conference close		

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WORKSHOPS – TUESDAY 1 JUNE

08:00	Morning registration
Full-day 09:00 – 17:00	**Workshop 1** ***To be confirmed***
Full-day 09:00 – 17:00	**Workshop 2** ***To be confirmed***
Half-day 09:00 – 12:30	**Workshop 3** ***Beyond Detection: Practitioner Skills for AI-Assisted Complaints and Disputes*** **Beyond Detection: Practitioner Skills for AI-Assisted Complaints and Disputes** **Shiv Martin** Mediator, lawyer, conciliator Shiv Martin Consulting
Half-day 09:00 – 12:30	**Workshop 4** ***To be confirmed***
Half-day 09:00 – 12:30	**Workshop 5** ***To be confirmed***
Half-day 09:00 – 12:30	**Workshop 6** ***To be confirmed***
12:30	Afternoon registration
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch
Half-day 13:30 – 17:00	**Workshop 7** ***Strategies for meeting the challenges of investigative report writing*** **Strategies for meeting the challenges of investigative report writing** **Sanya Silver** Deputy Ombudsman Investigations NSW Ombudsman **Lesya Bryndzia** Investigation Report Editor Victorian Ombudsman **Fiona Hudson** Senior Investigations Analyst Victorian Ombudsman
Half-day 13:30 – 17:00	**Workshop 8** ***To be confirmed***
Half-day 13:30 – 17:00	**Workshop 9** ***To be confirmed***
Half-day 13:30 – 17:00	**Workshop 10** ***To be confirmed***

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