

Data & AI Architecture

Sydney

Putting flexible architectures at the centre of your data & AI strategy

Wednesday 4 March 2026	
08:30	<i>Register; grab a coffee. Mix, mingle and say hello to peers old and new.</i>
09:00	<p>Welcome from Corinium and the Chairperson</p> <p>Chair: Gladwin Mendez Fractional CDAO GEC Prudentia</p>
09:10	<p>Speed Networking – Making New Connections!</p> <p>In this 5-minute networking session, enjoy the opportunity to expand your network!</p>
09:15	<p>Engineering the AI Flywheel: Integrating AI Outcomes into Your Data Lakehouse for Scalable Intelligence</p> <p><u>Speaker</u> Steven Mellare Head of Data, AI and Architecture Resimac</p>
09:40	<p>MCP: Modernise Data Architecture and Unlock Intelligent Workflows</p> <p><u>Speaker</u> Ajay Kumar Head of MCP Services InfoTrack</p>
10:05	<p>Panel Discussion Breaking Barriers, Aligning Data Architectures for Seamless Collaboration and Scalable Insight</p> <p><u>Moderator</u> Dimitri Perdikis Principal Data Scientist Westpac</p> <p><u>Speakers</u> Robbie Cook Enterprise Information and Data Architect Endeavour Energy Akansha Aggarwal Data Domain Architect SA Power</p>
10:40	<i>Morning Coffee and Connect</i>

11:15	Lakehouse in Action: Design Strategies, Common Pitfalls, and Real-World Gains <u>Speaker</u> Talat Nauman Senior Data Architect NSW Education	
11:40	AI-Powered Data Excellence with Informatica and Salesforce <u>Speaker</u> Jonathon Bowring Global Field Engineer Informatica from Salesforce	
12:05	Building Knowledge-Centric Architecture for AI Future <u>Speaker</u> Varun Nair Enterprise Architecture Principal Telstra	
12:30	How to Build an AI-Ready Data Architecture for the Year Ahead <u>Speaker</u> Andrew Foo VP, Customer Solutions (Asia Pacific & Middle East) Confluent	
12:55	<i>Lunch</i>	Private Data Leader's Lunch <i>Hosted by Snowflake</i> 13:00-14:05 Venue: Moet Chandon Room <hr/> Private Data Leader's Lunch <i>Hosted by Qlik</i> 13:00-14:05 Venue: Ballroom E, Level 2
14:00	Architectural Trade-Offs: Performance vs. Cost vs. Flexibility <u>Speaker</u> Akansha Aggarwal Data Domain Architect SA Power	
14:25	The Convergence of Data and AI Architecture: What is Changing? <u>Speaker</u> Samit Chandra Head of Digital Transformation & Architecture APM	

14:50	<p>What Does a Successful Data Architecture Look Like?</p> <p><u>Speaker</u> Des Lim Data Architect Uniting</p>
15:15	<p>The Interactions of Data Architecture and Data Governance: Lessons from Practice</p> <p><u>Speaker</u> Ben Meikle Lead Data Architect Anglicare</p>
15:40	<p>Data & AI Architecture Sydney Chairperson's Closing</p> <p><u>Chair</u> Gladwin Mendez Fractional CDAO GEC Prudentia</p>
15:45	<i>Afternoon Coffee and Connect</i>
16:15	Close of Data & AI Architecture Sydney 2026