



Event Agenda #PSSNSW2026

8:30 AM	Registration Morning Tea
9:00 AM	Opening Address: Launching PSS NSW 2026 - Reinforcing Protective Security Where Strategy Meets Operational Reality Professor Paul Andon (Interim Dean, UNSW Business School)
9:10 AM	Welcoming Our Thought Leaders: Setting the Stage for Insightful Discussions Dr Gav Schneider (Director, Australian Security Research Centre) Dr Pranit Anand (Senior Lecturer, UNSW Business School)
9:20 AM	Operational Realities: The Threat Environment Facing NSW Today Darren Bark (Executive Director, Investigations & Counter Terrorism, NSW Police Force)
9:45 AM	Beyond Compliance: Strengthening Protective Security Capability Under the PSPF Natalie Pearse (Director Protective Security Policy, Dept of Home Affairs) In conversation with Dr Gav Schneider (Director, Australian Security Research Centre)
10:10 AM	From Intelligence to Operational Impact: Closing Gaps in National Threat Response James Blakely (Director - Head of Government Relations, Atmos) Matt Riley (Global Security, Toll Group) Stephen Leahy OAM (Chief Superintendent, NSW State Emergency Service) Facilitated by Dr Kayleen Manwaring (Associate Professor, UNSW Law & Justice)
10:55 AM	Whole-of-Government Assurance: Aligning Policy, Performance and Accountability Jim Henry (Director Protective Security, NSW Department of Customer Service)
11:20 AM	Workshop: Security, Resilience and Business Continuity Dr Gav Schneider (Director, Australian Security Research Centre)
11:50 AM	Key Insights from the ASRC Bondi Beach Terrorist Attack Report Dr Gav Schneider (Director, Australian Security Research Centre) Dave Owens APM (Founder, Risk-e Business Consultants Former NSW Police Deputy Commissioner) Facilitated by Dave Cohen (CEO, Risk 2 Solution Group)
12:20 PM	Networking Lunch
1:00 PM	Protective Security as an Enabler of Service Delivery Michael Morris OAM CF (Deputy Commissioner Field Operations, Fire and Rescue NSW)
1:25 PM	AI, Cyber and National Security Dr Sue Keay (Director, UNSW Ai Institute) Simone Wheatley (National Security Lead, Microsoft) Luke Irwin (CEO & Principal Consultant, Aegis Cybersecurity) Facilitated by Dr Pranit Anand (Senior Lecturer, UNSW Business School)
2:10 PM	Critical Infrastructure, Consequence and Systemic Resilience Tony Vizza (Founder and Managing Partner, Novera) Grant McKay (Head of Protective Security and Chief Security Officer, Sydney Water) Steve Limebeer (Head of Security, Ausgrid) Facilitated by Dave Cohen (CEO, Risk 2 Solution Group)
2:55 PM	Workshop: When Strategy Breaks Down Under Digital Disruption Prof Richard Buckland (Professor in CyberCrime Cyberwar and Cyberterror, UNSW Director, CySEA)
3:55 PM	Final Thoughts and Future Directions: Closing PSS NSW 2026 Dr Gav Schneider (Director, Australian Security Research Centre) Dr Pranit Anand (Senior Lecturer, UNSW Business School)
4:00 PM	Networking Drinks (concluding at 4:30 PM)