CYBERSECURITY & BREACH RESPONSE BOOTCAMP 2026

Speakers - Brisbane

Luke Irwin - ISSMP, CISSP, CISM, GCERT Cybersecurity

Founder and Principal Consultant, Aegis Cybersecurity

Luke Irwin is the Founder and Principal Consultant of Aegis Cybersecurity, a Brisbane-based consultancy specialising in governance, risk, compliance and strategic cyber advisory. He advises boards and executives across regulated, critical infrastructure and mid-market organisations on cyber strategy, vendor risk and third-party assurance, applying frameworks including ISO 27001, Essential Eight, NIST and SOC 2. Luke is a frequent industry speaker, known for translating complex cybersecurity issues into practical, business-led risk decisions.

Clyde Netto

Regional Head of Technology and Cyber Security, Asia and Emerging Markets, Thomson Reuters

With 24 years of experience in the field, Clyde has held diverse roles in Software Development, Engineering, Cyber Security, Governance, Compliance, and Strategic Leadership. A Certified Information Systems Security Professional (CISSP) and a Certified Cyber Security Professional recognized by the Australian Computer Society, Clyde is dedicated to developing and securing intelligent systems that enhance and streamline complex legal and tax workflows, driving efficiency in these sectors.

Sam Fariborz

Chief Information Security Officer, David Jones

Sam is the CISO at David Jones, bringing technical expertise and leadership to cybersecurity, strategic leader skilled in translating cyber risk into business language for boards and executives while building high-performing, diverse security teams. She views security as an enabler of resilience and innovation, and has led transformation initiatives, embedding security into major digital programs. Sam is recognized as an industry leader and speaker, honoured as Australian Information Security Association (AISA)'s Cybersecurity 2024 Professional of the Year, and helps AISA in their mission as an executive committee board member.

Matthew Abbott

Corporate Affairs Leader, Ex-Latitude Financial, Zip, and ASIC.

Matthew Abbott is a Corporate Affairs leader with experience across financial services, fintechs, regulation and property, leading communications, government relations, and public policy functions in these sectors. Matthew has held senior Corporate Affairs roles in the listed world at Latitude Financial, Zip Co and Westfield, and spent nearly a decade leading corporate affairs at the Australian corporate watchdog ASIC. He was also an advisor to former treasurer Hon Joe Hockey and started his career as a reporter with the Australian Financial Review.

A seasoned strategist known for navigating complex regulatory and public environments, Matthew brings deep expertise in stakeholder engagement, media relations, and crisis communications—skills honed over two decades shaping communications for high-impact organisations.

Simone Herbert-Lowe

Cyber Resilience Specialist, Principal, Law & Cyber

Simone Herbert-Lowe is a cyber resilience specialist and Principal of Law & Cyber, the firm she founded in 2018 to help Australian organisations protect themselves from cybercrime. With more than 30 years' legal experience, she advises on cyber incidents, data breaches, professional liability and cyber insurance, and has acted for individuals, businesses and professionals impacted by email fraud and cyber events. Simone is widely recognised for her practical approach to uplifting cyber resilience through legal advisory, contractual protections, incident response planning and education.

2026 Programme - Brisbane

08:00	Registration and arrival
08:30	**Welcome from MC** Clyde Netto, Thomson Reuters

Strategic Foundations

08:40	**How cybersecurity frameworks do not mean you (or your vendors) are secure** Luke Irwin - ISSMP, CISSP, CISM, GCERT Cybersecurity
09:25	**Privacy Law Update: Navigating Compliance** Simone Herbert-Lowe (Law & Cyber)
10:20	Moring Tea & Networking

Crisis Preparation

10:50	**Crisis Communications & Stakeholder Masterclass** Matthew Abbott (Ex-Latitude Financial, Zip Co, and ASIC)

Live Simulation

11:45	**Cyber Breach Response Workshop** Legal Lead: Simone Herbert Lowe, Law & Cyber Blue Team: Sam Fariborz, David Jones Red Team: Clyde Netto, Thomson Reuters

1.30pm Lunch & Networking

15:00	Afternoon Tea & Networking

Deep Analysis & Action Planning

15:30	**Simulation Debrief, Lessons Learned & 30-Day Action Plan** Expert perspectives from all facilitators on what worked, what didn't, and why + 30 day action planning for you to implement in your organisation
17:00	Event Close

Please note agenda is subject to change

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SESSION

How cybersecurity frameworks do not mean you (or your vendors) are secure

Key takeaways

Understand the Limits of Certification

- Attendees will learn why frameworks and attestations represent control design and intent, not proof of operational resilience or immunity from breach.

Identify False Assurance in Vendor Risk Management

- Participants will understand how relying solely on SOC reports or certifications can obscure material third-party risk exposure.

Align Frameworks to Defensible Governance

- Attendees will gain a practical lens for ensuring frameworks are embedded into active oversight, testing and accountability structures rather than treated as compliance artefacts.

Rather than treating cybersecurity as a technical function, this session reframes it as a business risk discipline — one where leadership behaviour, transparency, and trust determine whether organisations withstand disruption or compound it

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NEW FOR 2026 — STOP MISTAKING CERTIFICATION FOR SECURITY

uncover false assurance, expose hidden vendor risk, and turn frameworks into controls that actually hold up under pressure.

SESSION

Privacy Law Update: Navigating Compliance

Privacy regulation is accelerating, and 2026 introduces tighter notification timelines, higher penalties, and far stronger expectations from regulators. In this session, Simone Herbert-Lowe, partner and head of Clyde & Co's Australian Cyber practice, provides a clear and practical breakdown of the changes that matter most for breach response. With more than 30 years advising on complex cyber incidents, regulatory investigations, and high-stakes compliance questions, Simone brings deep insight into how OAIC interprets obligations, what they view as acceptable practice, and where organisations are most exposed.

This session moves beyond a legal overview and focuses on real operational application. You will learn how to navigate OAIC notification rules under pressure, how to structure investigations to preserve legal privilege, and how to avoid the common compliance errors that create unnecessary penalties and prolong incident response.

Simone also highlights lessons from 2025 enforcement activity, showing how regulators are using new powers and what organisations must do differently in 2026 to meet expectations.

Practical templates, case examples, and defensible approaches help you translate legal requirements into clear, actionable steps for your incident response plans.

Key takeaways

- The latest privacy law changes in 2026 and how they affect incident response
- OAIC notification rules including timelines, required information, and common mistakes
- Insights from 2025 enforcement activity and where OAIC is directing attention
- Practical templates and structures for compliant notifications to regulators and affected individuals
- How to protect legal privilege while meeting disclosure requirements
- Strategies for managing OAIC scrutiny during an active incident while keeping investigations on track

Facilitator

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NEW FOR 2026 LEGAL BACKGROUND BRIEFING

Translate legal requirements into clear, actionable steps for your incident response plans.

SESSION

Crisis Communications & Stakeholder Masterclass

When a breach hits, your first message can decide whether you stay in control or lose the narrative entirely. Matthew Abbott brings twenty years of crisis communications experience across financial services, fintech, retail, and regulatory environments to teach the principles of high-pressure crisis messaging. After nearly a decade leading corporate affairs at ASIC and senior roles at Latitude Financial, Zip Co, and Westfield, he understands the tension between transparency and investigation integrity, regulatory expectations and stakeholder pressure, and the battle between speed and accuracy.

This masterclass focuses on what works in real incidents. You will learn the message structure that supports effective response, how to map and prioritise competing stakeholders, and how to communicate cyber incidents in heavily regulated sectors. The session also fills a major gap in traditional crisis training by adding an internal communications component, including employee notification protocols, HR coordination, and how to prevent staff from triggering a secondary crisis. Case studies from Australian breaches highlight what succeeded, what failed, and why timing determines outcomes.

Key takeaways

- What to say first, second, and third in a cyber crisis and why sequencing matters
- How to map and prioritise stakeholders including media, regulators, customers, employees, and investors
- Templates for effective external communications across all phases of an incident
- Internal communications essentials including staff notifications, HR coordination, and managing internal information flow
- How to create two-way communication so frontline teams feed insights back to incident command
- Lessons from recent Australian breaches and what distinguishes effective messaging
- How to balance transparency with investigation integrity
- Approaches for communicating with regulators while staying in control
- Preparing executives for media and stakeholder engagements
- How to manage journalists and prevent speculation
- How to reduce the risk of employees amplifying misinformation

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MASTER THE ART OF CRISIS MESSAGING UNDER PRESSURE

Master Crisis Messaging, Stakeholder Mapping & Internal Response—The Missing Piece in Traditional Crisis Training

SESSION

Cyber Breach Response Workshop

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This live simulation places you inside a fast-moving cyber incident where information is incomplete, pressure is high, and every decision affects the outcome. Participants split into Red and Blue Teams and experience the full lifecycle of a breach, from initial detection through to public crisis escalation. Guided by expert facilitators, you will apply technical, legal, and communications frameworks in real time, testing decision-making, coordination, and leadership under stress. The experience mirrors the reality of modern breaches where technical response and public crisis management collide. The workshop closes with a reverse panel debrief session featuring red, blue, and legal leaders to explore lessons learned.

Part 1: Initial Breach Detection and Response

Part 1 focuses on the first hour of the incident. You must decide how to contain the threat, preserve evidence, determine notification triggers, and coordinate legal, technical, and communications workstreams while the breach may still be active. Teams must apply the crisis messaging principles from Matthew Abbott's masterclass to early stakeholder decisions including board briefings, regulator contact, customer considerations, and internal staff communication.

Key takeaways

- First-hour decision-making under uncertainty
- Technical response fundamentals including containment and forensics engagement
- Cross-functional coordination between IT, Legal, Communications, and Executives
- Legal and regulatory triggers with real-time guidance from Simone
- Early stakeholder notification choices and their consequences
- Applying crisis communication principles to early messaging
- Red Team insights into attacker thinking and escalation patterns
- Practising core incident response roles

Legal Lead: Simone Herbert Lowe, Law & Cyber
Blue Team: Deepika Mahankali, Microsoft (Syd)
Red Team: Clyde Netto, Thomson Reuters

Part 2: Crisis Communications Challenge Inject

At the start of Part 2, the situation escalates into a full media crisis. Reporters are publishing stories, social channels are spiralling, and stakeholders demand immediate answers. Teams must manage the technical response while simultaneously handling a public-facing crisis. You will apply Matthew Abbott's frameworks for media management, stakeholder alignment, and message architecture in a high-pressure environment.

Key takeaways

- How technical incidents turn into public crises and how to stay in control
- Crafting and delivering holding statements under extreme time constraints
- Managing technical containment while handling competing stakeholder demands
- Navigating pressure from insurers, regulators, boards, customers, and media
- Real-time legal boundaries to protect investigation integrity and privilege
- Applying crisis communication principles to a live incident
- Red Team insights on how attackers exploit confusion
- Understanding when to communicate early and when to hold back

IMMERSIVE TEAM-BASED SIMULATION WITH EXPERT FACILITATION

Scenario pack, company profile, and role briefings provided

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