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- 9:00am **FORUM OPENING**
Welcome
Gayle Milnes, National Data Commissioner and **Chris Fechner**, CEO, Digital Transformation Agency
- 9:03am **WELCOME TO COUNTRY**
Elder Paul House
- 9:10am **INTRODUCTION OF SENATOR THE HON KATY GALLAGHER**
Gayle Milnes, National Data Commissioner and **Chris Fechner**, CEO, Digital Transformation Agency
- 9:13am **ADDRESS BY SENATOR THE HON KATY GALLAGHER**
Minister's address via video
Senator the Honourable Katy Gallagher, Minister for Finance, Minister for Women, Minister for the Public Service
- Senator the Honourable Katy Gallagher delivers an introduction by video on the government's data and digital agenda.
- 9:18am **GRADUATE DATA NETWORK WELCOME**
Moira McLoughlin, Project Lead, Australian Government Data Conference
- The Graduate Data Network welcomes you to the Australian Government Data Forum and invites you to join the discussion on pathways, perspectives and practices for data users.
- 9:25am **INTRODUCTION OF SECRETARY JENNY WILKINSON PSM**
Gayle Milnes, National Data Commissioner and **Chris Fechner**, Digital Transformation Agency



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9:27am **KEYNOTE ADDRESS: A DATA-DRIVEN AND DIGITALLY-ENABLED GOVERNMENT**

Ms Jenny Wilkinson PSM, Secretary, Department of Finance and Co-Chair of the Secretaries Digital and Data Committee

Join Ms Wilkinson as she discusses further strengthening the APS's data and digital capabilities to deliver better outcomes for Australians.

9:55am **INTRODUCTION OF PANEL DISCUSSION 1**

Gayle Milnes, National Data Commissioner and **Chris Fechner**, Digital Transformation Agency

9:57am **PANEL DISCUSSION 1: LEADING A DATA-DRIVEN ENTERPRISE**

Moderator:

Letitia Hope, Deputy Secretary, Department of Social Services

Panellists:

Rob Heferen, Chief Executive Officer Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

Jeremy Hirschhorn, Second Commissioner Australian Tax Office

Dr Kendra Vant, Executive General Manager, Data, Xero

Leading a data-driven enterprise requires innovation, adaptability, and insight. Hear from APS and industry leaders on their strategies for harnessing data to build high-performing organisations.

10:40am **INVITATION TO MORNING TEA**

Gayle Milnes, National Data Commissioner and **Chris Fechner**, Digital Transformation Agency

10:45am **MORNING TEA**

11:10am **INTRODUCTION OF SHOWCASES**

Gayle Milnes, National Data Commissioner and **Chris Fechner**, Digital Transformation Agency



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11:12am **DATA SHOWCASE 1: DATA FOR BETTER OUTCOMES FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITY**

Introduction by Moira McLoughlin

Facilitator and presenter:

Luke Mansfield, Group Manager, Disability Strategy

Second presenters:

Kim Grima, Director, National Disability Data Asset

Dr Suzanne Poynton, Director, NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics & Research

Panellists:

Dr George Disney, Senior Research Fellow, The University of Melbourne

Professor Julian Trollor, Chair of Intellectual Disability Mental Health, and Head of Department of Developmental Disability, University of NSW Sydney (VIRTUAL)

Dr Talia Avrahamzon, National Strategic Partnerships and Impact Manager, First Peoples Disability Network

Data can inform better government services. This showcase explores how better use of data can be a game-changer for Australians with disabilities.

11:12am **DATA SHOWCASE 2: THE ROLE OF DATA IN CLOSING THE GAP**

Introduction by Gayle Milnes

Presenters:

Dr Kalinda Griffiths, Director at the Poche SA+NT and Research and Education Lead at the Victorian Comprehensive Cancer Centre, Centre for Big Data Research, University of New South Wales, Epidemiologist

Kristi Mansfield, Chief Executive Officer and Co-Founder, Seer Data & Analytics

Professor James Ward, University of Queensland

While Australia is known for having some of the best quality data in the world, there are gaps, especially for Indigenous Australians in remote areas. This showcase focuses on how better data can give us the full picture about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and help close the gap.



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11:12am **DATA SHOWCASE 3: AI AND ITS CAPABILITIES**

Introduction by Chris Fechner

Facilitator:

Prof Tim Miller, University of Melbourne, School of Computing and Information Systems

Presenter:

Dr Denis Bauer, CSIRO transformational Bioinformatics Group leader and Women in AI Award recipient, Adjunct Prof, Macquarie University (VIRTUAL)

Panellists:

Ian Oppermann, Chief Data Scientist, NSW Government

Stela Solar, Director, Australia's National AI Centre hosted by CSIRO

Technologies like artificial intelligence and bioinformatics are revolutionising many aspects of our lives and our work. Join our experts as they discuss governance and innovative use of new and advancing technologies.

12:07pm **CLOSE OF SHOWCASES**

Gayle Milnes, National Data Commissioner, **Chris Fechner**, CEO, Digital Transformation Agency and **Moira McLoughlin**, Project Lead, Australian Government Data Conference

12:10pm **LUNCH**

1:10pm **WELCOME BACK FROM LUNCH**

Gayle Milnes, National Data Commissioner, **Chris Fechner**, CEO, Digital Transformation Agency and **Moira McLoughlin**



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1:15pm

PANEL DISCUSSION 2: HOW DATA GOVERNANCE MATTERS FOR BETTER DECISIONS

Moderator:

Dr Andrew Taylor, Assistant Secretary, Strategy and Delivery Branch, Office of the National Data Commissioner

Panellists:

Dr Samira Hassan, Director, Strategic Data Projects, Data & Analytics Branch, Australian Department of Health

Elizabeth Moore, Head of Audience, Data and Insight, ABC

Mark Sowden, New Zealand Government Statistician and Chief Executive of Stats New Zealand (VIRTUAL)

How can organisations and governments protect and better use their data? Hear from our panel of industry and academic leaders as we explore what best practice data governance looks like.

1:55pm

INTRODUCTION OF DR DAVID GRUEN AO

Gayle Milnes, National Data Commissioner, **Chris Fechner**, CEO, Digital Transformation Agency

1:57pm

KEYNOTE ADDRESS: STRENGTHENING APS DATA CAPABILITY

Dr David Gruen AO, Australian Statistician and Head of the APS Data Profession

Australian Statistician, and head of the APS Data Profession, Dr David Gruen has been involved in many high-profile data initiatives. In this keynote address, David will talk about how the APS Data Profession is strengthening APS data capability and showcase how data informs Australia's important decisions.

2:25pm

INVITATION TO AFTERNOON TEA

Gayle Milnes, National Data Commissioner and **Chris Fechner**, CEO, Digital Transformation Agency

2:27pm

AFTERNOON TEA



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- 2:45pm **INTRODUCTION TO KEYNOTE AND PANEL DISCUSSION**
Gayle Milnes, National Data Commissioner and **Chris Fechner**, CEO, Digital Transformation Agency
- 2:47pm **KEYNOTE AND PANEL DISCUSSION 3: CYBERSECURITY AND DATA**
Moderator:
Gayle Milnes, National Data Commissioner and **Chris Fechner**, CEO, Digital Transformation Agency
- Keynote:**
Hamish Hansford, Deputy Secretary Cyber and Infrastructure Security
- Panellists:**
Teresa Dickinson PSM, Deputy Statistician, Australian Bureau of Statistics
Prof Brian Schmidt AC, ANU Vice-Chancellor
Angelene Falk, Australian Information Commissioner
- 3:45pm **INTRODUCTION TO CLOSING REMARKS AND REFLECTIONS**
Victoria Vuori and **Samuel McMurray**, co-chairs of the Graduate Data Network
- 3:50pm **CLOSING REMARKS AND REFLECTIONS**
Gayle Milnes, National Data Commissioner, **Chris Fechner**, CEO, Digital Transformation Agency
- 4:10pm **FORUM CLOSING**
- 4:10-4:40pm **GRADUATE DATA NETWORKING**