



Day one: Wednesday 21 May 2025

Session one: Setting the scene

Session Moderator: *Jakob Dam Glynstrup, Chairman and Director, Biometrics Institute*

- 09:00 **Welcome by the Chair**
Jakob Dam Glynstrup, Chairman and Director, Biometrics Institute
- 09:05 **Welcome by the Biometrics Institute**
Isabelle Moeller, Chief Executive, Biometrics Institute

Session two: Setting policy – responsible use of biometrics

Session Moderator: *Jakob Dam Glynstrup, Chairman and Director, Biometrics Institute*

- 09:15 **Three Laws of Biometrics in practice**
Jakob Dam Glynstrup, Chairman, Biometrics Institute
- 09:25 **Good Practice spotlight: Privacy principles**
Terry Aulich, Head of Privacy Expert Group, Biometrics Institute
- 09:35 **International presentation: Developing a biometrics code for New Zealand**
Liz MacPherson, Deputy Privacy Commissioner, Office of the Privacy Commissioner of New Zealand (OPC)
- 09:50 **The problem to be solved**
Rachel Dixon, Privacy and Data Protection Deputy Commissioner, Office of the Victorian Information Commissioner
- 10:05 **Digital ID and biometrics standards**
Ian Oppermann, Data Standards Chair, Digital ID and Consumer Data Right
- 10:20 **Biometrics identity enforcement and compliance at OAIC**
Rowena Park, Executive General Manager of Regulatory Action, Office of the Australian Information Commissioner
- 10:35 Questions and discussion
- 10:55 Morning tea

Session three: Developments in Facial recognition

Session Moderator: *Andrew Rice, Advisory Council Member, Biometrics Institute*

- 11:25 **Diamond sponsor: Closing the "holder binding" loop – facial biometrics at enrolment and digital credential presentation**
Andrew Hughes, Vice President Global Standards, Facetec



- 11:45 **Facial recognition in law enforcement and policing – a New Zealand perspective**
Craig Mason, Detective Inspector, New Zealand Police – Forensics
- 12:00 **Humans working with facial recognition: Lessons from behavioural research**
David White, Associate Professor, School of Psychology, University of New South Wales
- 12:15 **Australian attitudes toward facial recognition: National survey results**
Mark Andrejevic, Professor, School of Media, Film, and Journalism, Monash University
- 12:30 Questions and discussion
- 12:50 Lunch
- 14:20 **Panel discussion: Facial recognition in the retail environment, clubs, stadiums and policing – should the same standards apply?**
Moderator: *Brett Feldon, Head of Digital Identity Group, Biometrics Institute*
Panellists:
Annan Boag, General Manager, Regulatory Intelligence and Strategy, Office of the Australian Information Commissioner
Mark Andrejevic, Professor Communication and Media Studies, Monash University
Mohan Aiyaswami, Chief Information Officer, Tennis Australia
Rachel Dixon, Privacy and Data Protection Deputy Commissioner, Office of the Victorian Information Commissioner
Terry Aulich, Head of Privacy Expert Group, Biometrics Institute
- 15:20 Afternoon break
- [Session four: Biometrics in forensics, fraud and identification](#)**
Session Moderator: *Stephen Gee, Director, Biometrics Institute*
- 15:50 **How DNA technology is advancing at the ACIC**
Jeremy Johnson, Executive Director, Business and Partnerships, Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission (ACIC)
- 16:05 **Biometric technologies for disaster victim identification**
Dana Michalski, Biometrics Specialist, Australian Defence Science & Technology Group
- 16:20 **International presentation: Forensics and fraud prevention of face images**
George Azzopardi, Associate Professor in Pattern Recognition (Computer Science), University of Groningen, Netherlands
- 16:35 **Identification of AI-generated faces: The race factor**
Amy Dawel, Associate Professor & Clinical Psychologist, Australian National University
- 16:50 Questions and discussion
- 17:10 **Closing remarks**
- 17:15 **Networking reception**
- 19:00 Close of day one

Day two: Thursday 22 May 2025

- 08:30 Registration and arrival coffee
- 09:00 Opening comments from the Chair

Session five: Digital identification and verifiable credentials

Session Moderator: *Paul Cross, Director, Biometrics Institute*

- 09:05 **Continuing to evolve Australia's Digital ID system**
Matt Sedgwick, Assistant Secretary, Strategy and Policy, Digital ID, Department of Finance

- 09:20 **Platinum sponsor: Countering identity theft and account takeover with selfies and how face biometrics can be used to securely deliver the convenience benefits of digital credentials**
John Duggan, Executive Vice President APAC, Daon



- 09:40 **Law enforcement's role in identity, digital identity and verifiable credentials**
Darren Bark, Executive Director, Investigations and Counter Terrorism, New South Wales Police Force

- 09:55 **Gold sponsor: Leading the fight against fraud & deepfakes in education credentialing**
Xavier Declerck, Business Executive - Government and Identity, Entrust



- 10:10 **National harmonisation of verifiable credentials under Austroads**
Christopher Goh, National Harmonisation Lead – Digital Identity, Austroads

- 10:25 Questions and discussion

- 10:45 Morning tea

- 11:15 **Panel discussion: How to tackle the challenge of acceptance of verifiable credentials?**

- What is it?
- Why do we need it?
- What can I use it for?
- What do I need to be aware of? (data honey pot, vulnerabilities etc)

Moderator: *Brett Feldon, Digital Identity Group Head, Biometrics Institute*

Panellists:

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Matt Sedgwick, Assistant Secretary, Strategy and Policy, Digital ID, Department of Finance
Naomi Gilbert, Assistant Secretary, Data Standards Body, Commonwealth Treasury
Rehan Arif, Group Product Director for Digital ID and Verifiable Credentials, Service NSW

- 12:15 **Silver sponsor: Verifiable credentials as a trusted anchor**
Mark Chadwick, National Manager - Digital ID and Biometrics, NEC



- 12:25 Lunch

Session six: Biometrics in border management

Session Moderator: *Stephen Gee, Director, Biometrics Institute*

- 13:55 **International presentation: Papua New Guinea's ePassport journey**
Clarence Parisau, Deputy Chief Migration Officer – Visas, Passports & Work Permits Division, Papua New Guinea Immigration and Citizen Authority
- 14:10 **International presentation: Biometrics in border management and immigration – an update from Fiji**
Taranaivini Savou, Acting Director, Ministry of Immigration, Fiji
- 14:25 **Gold sponsor: Seamless and secure – the border experience powered by biometrics**
Robert Avell, Sales Manager Federal Government ANZ, IDEMIA Public Security – Travel & Transport
- 14:40 **The good, the bad and the undressed – evaluation of the Australian Immi App**
Mark Schofield, Acting Assistant Secretary, Digital Capability Branch, Department of Home Affairs
- 14:55 Questions and discussion
- 15:15 Afternoon tea



Session seven: A view to the future of biometrics

Session Moderator: *Jakob Dam Glynstrup, Chairman and Director, Biometrics Institute*

- 15:45 **Good Practice spotlight: Relationship of AI and biometrics**
Brett Feldon, Head of Digital Identity Group, Biometrics Institute
- 15:50 **Silver sponsor: Beyond the algorithm – architecting secure, scalable, and compliant biometric ecosystems**
Adam Clarke, Director, Technical Transformation, LMC Digital
- 16:00 **Panel discussion: Future directions in biometrics**
This panel will be a question and discussion with some of the conference speakers, the Institute's directors and heads of working groups and the audience, exploring future directions in biometrics, such as:
- Digital identity, digital wallets and interoperability
 - AI and biometrics
 - Fraud detection, mitigation and protection
 - Biometrics at borders: mass migration and cross-border issues
 - Multi-modal biometrics
 - Biometrics standards
 - Privacy
- Moderator: Jakob Dam Glynstrup, Chairman and Director, Biometrics Institute*
Platinum sponsor: Paulo Da Silva, Solutions Architect, Cognitec Systems
Brett Feldon, Head of the Digital Identity Group, Biometrics Institute
Paul Cross, Director and Head of the Future Directions Group, Biometrics Institute
Ted Dunstone, Co-head of the Technology and Innovation Group, Biometrics Institute
Terry Aulich, Head of the Privacy Expert Group, Biometrics Institute
- 16:55 Closing comments from the chair
- 17.00 Close of conference

