Inaugural Cyber West Summit highlights innovation as key to growing threats

From 24-25 June, over 400 delegates will converge at the inaugural Cyber West Summit 21 in Perth to hear from leaders from industry and government on the role innovation plays in protecting against growing global cyber security threats.

The event will focus on the areas of critical infrastructure and law enforcement as well as defence, finance, health, education and data science. It is being hosted by the WA AustCyber Innovation Hub, in partnership with the WA Data Science Innovation Hub and the MTPConnect WA Life Sciences Innovation Hub.

The collective of innovation hubs are funded by the WA Government through the New Industries Fund and represent a unique and highly successful model of collaboration between national growth centres, universities and local government.

Speakers at Cyber West Summit 21 include Michelle Price (Chief Executive Officer of AustCyber), the Hon. Malcolm Turnbull, Keith Howard (Chief Information Security Officer of Commonwealth Bank Group), Tim Watts MP (Shadow Assistant Minister for Communications and Shadow Assistant Minister for Cyber Security), Alastair MacGibbon (Chief Strategy Officer at CyberCX), Professor Peter Klinken (Chief Scientist of Western Australia) and Dr Tracey Wilkinson (Director Stakeholder Engagement Western Australia, MTP Connect).

In addition, twelve cyber security startups from across Australia will be exhibiting, including Hyprfire, Retrospect Labs, Tannhauser, ArchTIS, Cybermerc and Worldstack.

Ms. Price said, "We have been working hard to embed cyber security as a horizontal across our economy. Delegates at Cyber West Summit 21 will hear from leading experts in the field and, more importantly, interact with the Australian cyber security companies who have the products and services, business solutions and sector experience to support organisations to meet their security needs. These innovative companies are helping to secure the supply chains, business IT systems and the databases that hold our data and drive productivity and new forms of economic value."

WA AustCyber Innovation Hub Project and Engagement Coordinator Simon Carabetta said, "In addition to the keynote presentations, delegates will have the opportunity to attend breakout sessions and live demo showcases.

"The breakout sessions, run by mostly Western Australian industry experts, will talk to the various topics of focus for the Summit, providing a high-level view of how the risk of cyber attack is a disruptor to business, and how it can be combatted.

"The Live Demo Showcase component will provide five local WA cyber security companies with the opportunity to demonstrate a capability with potential commercialisation and highlight the export opportunity for new and upcoming businesses in the sector."

For more information about Cyber West 21, visit: www.cyberwestsummit.com.au

About the WA AustCyber Innovation Hub

The WA AustCyber Innovation Hub focuses principally on local capability development and challenges to create jobs, with commitment to national priorities. A strong component of the hub's objectives is to foster innovation through public and private collaboration. The hub engages across multiple sectors in WA, including mining, oil and gas, agriculture, freight and logistics and Defence.

Visit: www.wacyberhub.org

About AustCyber

AustCyber is the Australian Cyber Security Growth Network. Established in 2017 as an independent, not-for-profit organisation, AustCyber's mission is to support the development of a vibrant and globally competitive Australian cyber security sector and in doing so, enhance Australia's future economic growth in a digitally enabled global economy as well as to improve the sovereign cyber capabilities available in defence of the nation.

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