



## **Strengthening Australia's Cyber Security: AustCyber Innovation Network Set to Transform the Sector**

*AustCyber's Innovation Network to Bolster National Cyber Security Growth*

CANBERRA, AUSTRALIA – 23 May 2023 — Today, [AustCyber](#) announced the launch of the [AustCyber Innovation Network](#) with the support of the Federal Government through the Industry Growth Centre initiative. This crucial initiative coincides with the Australian Government's 2023-2030 Cyber Security Strategy Review and the Defence Strategic Review, both of which underline the importance of cyber security to our nation's defence and national security.

The AustCyber Innovation Network, which will spread across metropolitan and regional areas in Australia, is poised to stimulate innovation, fortify cyber security communities, and offer a unique collaborative platform to stakeholders across the sector.

"Growth of our domestic cyber security capabilities is imperative for the future competitiveness and sustainability of our industries and economy, not to mention national security and resilience," said Michael Bromley, CEO at AustCyber. "We are working closely with governments, industry, and communities as we usher in the AustCyber Innovation Network."

Minister for Home Affairs and Minister for Cyber Security, the Hon Clare O'Neil MP said, "I commend the ongoing work of AustCyber and Stone & Chalk in promoting Australia's domestic cyber industry and the launch of the AustCyber Innovation Network.

"In order to meet our goal of being the most cyber secure nation by 2030 new and innovative cyber security solutions will be paramount – this will be reflected in the 2023-2030 Australian Cyber Security Strategy, which we will release later this year."

Guiding this initiative is an industry co-design team led by AustCyber. This diverse group of cyber security experts will collaborate and co-create solutions to drive the AustCyber Innovation Network forward. Through a series of workshops and virtual meetings, the team will examine the current state of the cyber security industry in Australia and develop strategies to amplify the programs that are designed to grow the industry.

"Our expanding national footprint will increase accessibility for under-served and under-represented regions and groups," said Jason Murrell, Group Executive at AustCyber. "Through the AustCyber Innovation Network, we are committed to providing unwavering support to the cyber security needs of all, including startups, scaleups, corporations, and government."

To strengthen the impact across Australia, Ambassadors will be appointed to AustCyber's Innovation Network throughout the country. These ambassadors, who are passionate about building a vibrant and connected cyber security ecosystem, will play a crucial role in promoting and delivering our products and services across the AustCyber Innovation Network.

As part of the Stone & Chalk Group, AustCyber will utilise [Stone & Chalk Group's](#) ecosystem in alliance with corporate and government partners to help the AustCyber Innovation Network accelerate the growth of the cyber security sector across Australia.

AustCyber continues to play a pivotal role in supporting the development of a vibrant and globally competitive Australian cyber security sector. This includes encouraging people and businesses to protect themselves from cyber threats and ensuring that Australia's cyber security sector receives the necessary support to flourish competitively on a global scale.

The AustCyber Innovation Network will nurture commercial relationships, provide thought leadership, and innovate with emerging technologies. All these efforts align with AustCyber's continued focus on growing and connecting Australia's cyber security ecosystem, promoting and exporting Australia's cyber security to the world, and helping make Australia the leading centre for cyber security education.

The Co-design team represents some of the best in the industry. Experts that are leading the way in driving positive change.

### **AustCyber Innovation Network Co-Design Team:**

- Adam Bennett, CEO at Red Piranha
- Asrar Ismail, Manager – Governance, Strategy and Compliance at Quality Management Australia
- Ben Doyle, Chief Information Security Officer (CISO) at Thales Australia
- Gergana Winzer, Partner Enterprise Advisory – Cyber Services at KPMG
- Jacqui Loustau, Founder and Executive Director at AWSN
- Jo Cave, TAFE Cyber
- Matt Wilcox, CEO at FifthDomain
- Matt Salier, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) at the Australian Cyber Collaboration Centre
- Sarah Box, Program Manager at Willyama
- Tony Vizza, Executive Director - Cyber Security at KordaMentha

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### **About AustCyber**

AustCyber's mission is to support the development of a vibrant and globally competitive Australian cyber security sector. In doing so, we will enhance Australia's future economic growth in a digitally enabled global economy. AustCyber exists to grow Australia's cyber security ecosystem, export our cyber security to the world, and make Australia the leading centre for cyber-education.

**For more information,** [www.austcyber.com](http://www.austcyber.com)

### **About Stone & Chalk Group**

Stone & Chalk Group is the largest innovation community in Australia. We support startups, scaleups, corporations and governments, at every stage of their innovation journey. We foster a community of founders, mentors, experts, corporates, partners, and collaborators to help entrepreneurs and businesses build, grow, and commercialise ideas. Ensuring they have everything they need to adapt and thrive in an age of technological disruption.

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