



11th Annual

Australian Financial Crime Summit

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Unleashing The Power Of Collaboration Against Financial Threats!

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WELCOME EVERYONE!

Eleven years ago, a handful of people sat down to talk honestly about financial crime in Australia. This year, that conversation filled a room with nearly 250 of the country's most senior compliance, risk, fraud, and law enforcement leaders, and it felt like real proof of how far this community has come.

This year's summit leaned into the questions the industry can no longer avoid, from what genuine board-level accountability actually looks like, to how criminals are already using AI faster than most institutions can respond to it, to where decades-old assumptions about "good" compliance have quietly stopped serving us.

What stayed with us most wasn't any single session, it was watching a room full of competitors sit shoulder to shoulder and speak candidly about what's broken, what's working, and what they'd genuinely do differently. In our Interactive Discussion Groups, strangers left the room having exchanged notes they'll likely draw on for years. In panels like Breaking the Coordination Bottleneck and Two Decades of Financial Crime Compliance, we watched speakers set aside their prepared talking points to really wrestle with hard questions, together, in front of the room.

That, more than the agenda on paper, is the real work this summit exists to do.

Thank you to every speaker who trusted us with their time and their real experience, to every delegate who showed up ready to engage rather than just observe, and to everyone behind the scenes who made these two days run without anyone in the room ever noticing the effort it took.

Here's to another year of doing this work together.

EVELYN YIN

Conference Director

Australian Financial Crime Summit



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Highlight Sessions at the 11th AFC Summit



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PANEL DISCUSSION

FINANCIAL CRIME IS A BUSINESS RISK, NOT A COMPLIANCE PROBLEM: RESHAPING OWNERSHIP AT THE TOP



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CASE STUDY

ORCHESTRATING AND AGENTIC AUTOMATION OF THE INVESTIGATION ECOSYSTEM



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Davinder Kundan
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PANEL DISCUSSION

COMPLIANCE CHECKLIST VS COMPLIANCE THAT WORKS: RETHINKING HOW WE TRAIN FINANCIAL CRIME TEAMS



Sharon Thorpe
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Stefanie Von Westphalen
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PANEL DISCUSSION

FROM MANUAL TO MANAGED: ACCELERATING THE SHIFT TO INTELLIGENT AML OPERATIONS



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PROVING YOU DID EVERYTHING RIGHT: BUILDING AN AUDIT-READY TRAIL BEFORE THE REGULATOR ASKS



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PANEL DISCUSSION

FROM CAPABILITY TO CONTROL: MAKING FINANCIAL CRIME TECHNOLOGY ACTUALLY WORK



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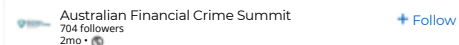
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Australia's response to financial crime is strongest when industry, government and law enforcement work together.

We're pleased to see [Ben Scott](#), AFCX Head of Industry, Government and Relationship Management, join the panel at [Australian Financial Crime Summit](#) to discuss the infrastructure behind proactive fraud response.

The session will explore how real-time intervention, shared intelligence and cross-sector collaboration can help stop losses before they happen.

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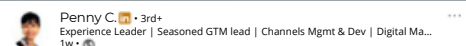
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We're thrilled to welcome [Ben Scott](#), Head of Industry, Government and Relationship Management at the [Australian Financial Crimes Exchange](#), to the 11th Annual Australian Financial Crime Summit!

Ben joins the panel for Stopping Losses Before They Happen: The Infrastructure Behind Proactive Fraud Response. Bringing an industry and government relations lens to the conversation on proactive fraud response, real-time intervention, and the collaborative infrastructure Australia needs to stay ahead of financial crime threats.

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View the full agenda: <https://lnkd.in/g/YqYnHVN>

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The agentic economy moves fast, but most risk and compliance architectures are still held back by sequential silos. If your teams are passing data down a linear chain—from Risk, to AI/ML, to Fraud, and eventually to the Legal team—you're operating with built-in latency. In today's environment, delayed visibility is a vulnerability.

A key theme from my recent panel discussion at [Australian Financial Crime Summit](#) with my panelists [Shiv Toor](#) and [Brian Yeung](#) kept returning to one core priority: the need for a single, unified operational view.

To manage modern risk, organizations need an infrastructure that enables:

- Simultaneous cross-departmental alignment: AI/ML, Fraud, Compliance, and Risk teams reviewing the exact same data in real time, delivering specialized insights concurrently.
- Effective Maker-Checker governance: A centralized structure where General Counsel and decision-makers can weigh distinct departmental perspectives, evaluate signals, and decisively trigger an investigation or regulatory action.

This is the exact challenge we designed Sumsub's Trust Infrastructure to solve.

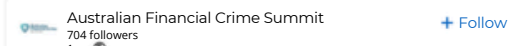
By unifying data and compliance workflows into a single ecosystem, we solve these cross-departmental bottlenecks—enabling teams to act in sync, mitigate risk faster, and stay ahead in a high-speed digital economy.



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It was a great session!



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Day 2 of the Australian Financial Crime Summit 2026 is underway!

After a day of conversations around evolving threats, technology and the future of financial crime prevention, Day 2 begins by looking at how the industry can turn lessons from the past into smarter, more effective action.

Chairperson's Opening Remarks
[Joyeeta D.](#), Executive Manager, Fraud, Scam, and Business Disruption Risk, Commonwealth, will set the direction for the day ahead.

From Manual to Managed: Accelerating the Shift to Intelligent AML Operations
How do financial crime teams move beyond investigator-heavy workflows and into intelligent, scalable operations? This panel will explore automation, AI-driven decisioning, advanced analytics and the changing threat landscape—from synthetic identities and deepfakes to increasingly automated fraud networks.

Featuring:

- ◆ [Zachary Lu](#), Director of Financial Crime Compliance, APAC, Interactive Brokers
- ◆ [Siddhant Sahai](#), CAMS, CFE, Senior Financial Crime SME – Strategic Projects, The Star Entertainment Group
- ◆ [Souveek Halder](#), Senior Manager & Head of Data Science, Analytics & Intel Reporting – Financial Crime Surveillance, Westpac

Two Decades of Financial Crime Compliance: What We Got Wrong and What We Must Change
The industry has spent more than 20 years building financial crime compliance frameworks—but are we still relying on the same playbook?
- [Nathan Newman](#), Group MLRO and Chief Financial Crime Officer, NAB
- [Tess V.](#), Head of Financial Crime Risk Stewardship and Compliance, HSBC Bank Australia Limited
- [Farhana Qaasar, LL.M, CAMS](#), Senior Vice President & MLRO, Bank of New York
will challenge long-standing assumptions and explore what it takes to move from compliance-as-habit to compliance-as-strategy.

From transforming AML operations to rethinking two decades of financial crime practice, Day 2 is focused on what comes next.
Follow the conversation at [#AFC2026](#).

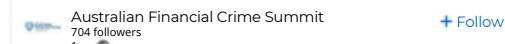
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Policy Director, Company Secretary and Financial Controller
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Many thanks to the [Australian Financial Crime Summit](#) for asking me to discuss the enhanced documentation requirements under the reformed Act and Rules. The benefits from the reforms and AUSTRAC's regulatory approach are significant - but reporting entities need to ensure that requirements are adhered to.



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Can you prove you did everything right — before the regulator asks?

At the Australian Financial Crime Summit 2026, Robert Colquhoun takes a practical look at one of the most important challenges in financial crime compliance: building an audit-ready trail that stands up to scrutiny.

Case Study: Proving You Did Everything Right: Building an Audit-Ready Trail Before the Regulator Asks

Rob Colquhoun
Chief Operating Officer, Head of Tax and AML, Director Policy & Financial Controller & Company Secretary, AFMA

From documenting decisions and demonstrating effective controls to ensuring evidence is available when it is needed, this session will explore what it really takes to move beyond simply doing the right thing — and being able to prove it.

Because when regulatory scrutiny arrives, good intentions aren't enough. The evidence matters.

Follow the conversation at [#AFC2026](#).

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Director, Asia Pacific at AML RightSource
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It's been a busy and rewarding couple of weeks across APAC! From the [Stripe](#) Tour Singapore, to the inaugural AuthX Gateway hosted by [Travel & Payments](#) in partnership with [Stripe](#) and [Yuno](#), and the [Australian Financial Crime Summit](#) in Sydney this week.

Across these events, there were plenty of great conversations and practical insights on the challenges shaping the future of financial crime prevention. One thing that stood out to me: while technology and AI continue to transform our industry, deep financial crime compliance expertise and experienced teams remain critical to delivering successful outcomes.

It's not just about having more resources. It's about having the right expertise, proven processes and operating model to deliver consistent, scalable and measurable results.

That's exactly where [AML RightSource](#) can make a difference, combining highly experienced financial crime professionals, proven processes and deep domain expertise to help organizations strengthen their compliance operations, improve efficiency and ultimately stop bad actors from exploiting the financial system. Great to reconnect with familiar faces, make new connections and hear firsthand what financial crime leaders across the region are prioritizing.

Looking forward to continuing the conversations across APAC! [Mark, Alanya, Chee \(SheueChee\) Beh, Vishal Mehta, Richard K, Lloyd Koong, Mathew Lannu, Andy Rigg](#)



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Website: <https://www.sardine.ai/>



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Recognized as a Leader by Gartner, Liminal, and KuppingerCole, Sumsub combines seamless integration with advanced fraud prevention to deliver industry-leading performance.

Over 4,000 clients—including Bitpanda, Wirex, Avis, Bybit, Vodafone, Duolingo, Kaizen Gaming, and TransferGo—trust Sumsub to streamline verification, prevent fraud, and drive growth. The platform's methodology follows leading global AML standards and regulations, and Sumsub has extensively engaged with leading research and public institutions like the UN, Statista, and INTERPOL.

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Our end-to-end platform, FinCense, leverages Agentic AI, a network of intelligent, task-driven agents that streamline AML and fraud workflows from detection through investigation. These agents operate autonomously but remain auditable, ensuring consistent outcomes and full regulatory traceability.

At the core is the AFC Ecosystem, a global intelligence network of AML and fraud experts. Through federated learning, FinCense continuously ingests scenarios from this ecosystem without exposing sensitive data, delivering cross-border insight while preserving privacy and compliance.

The impact is transformative: 72% fewer false positives, 3.5x faster case resolutions, and up to 65% lower compliance costs. We support over 100 million transactions daily across 11 countries, including deployments in Singapore, Taiwan, Thailand, Indonesia, the Philippines, and Malaysia.

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