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PROGRAM

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DAY 1 TUESDAY 15 SEPTEMBER

Morning

8:00 – 9:00	Registration <i>Mezzanine Foyer</i>
9:00 – 9:45	Official Opening <i>M3</i> 1A - Welcome to Country Aunty Kathryn Fisher 1B - Summit Welcome from Wesnet National Chair Amie Carrington, Wesnet 1C - Summit Overview from Wesnet CEO Karen Bentley, Wesnet
9:45 – 10:30	1D - Industry Keynote - Designing Safer Dating Platforms at the Intersection of LGBTQ+ Safety and Gender-Based Violence <i>M3</i> Dr Yoel Roth, Match Group (USA)
10:30 – 10:45	1E - What Does Tech Safety Mean? <i>M3</i> Catherine Plunkett, Wesnet
10:45 – 11:15	Morning Tea <i>Mezzanine Foyer</i>
11:15 – 12:00	2A - Technology Abuse Foundations <i>M3</i> Annabelle Harrison, Wesnet
12:00 – 12:45	2B - Monitoring and Surveillance: Tools of Coercive Control <i>M3</i> Sarah Biordi, Wesnet
12:45 – 13:45	Lunch <i>Mezzanine Foyer</i>

Afternoon

13:45 – 14:25	3A - Online Spaces are Powerful Forces that Reflect, as well as Shape, Norms, Attitudes and Behaviours <i>M1</i> Christine Gregory, <i>Our Watch,</i> Shehelah Dassenaik, <i>YLab</i>	3B - Preventing and Disrupting Technology-Facilitated Abuse Against Women Using Targeted Digital Advertising and Search Engine Optimisation Techniques <i>M2</i> Assoc. Prof. Diarmaid Harkin, <i>Deakin University</i>	3C - Technology-Facilitated Abuse in Australia: Insights from the 3rd National Survey of Tech Abuse and Domestic Violence <i>M3</i> Karen Bentley, <i>Wesnet,</i> Prof. Donna Chung, <i>Curtin University</i>
Move between rooms (15 mins)			
14:40 – 15:20	3D - Elder Abuse and Tech Safety <i>M1</i> Audace Garnett, <i>NNEDV (USA)</i>	3E - AI in the Domestic and Family Violence Sector: Vulnerabilities, Risks and Opportunities <i>M2</i> Andrew Collins & Rose MacDonald, <i>The Digital Safeguard Centre</i>	3F - The Digital Environment: A Key Primary Prevention Site <i>M3</i> Tess Fuller, <i>Teach Us Consent</i>
15:20 – 15:50	Afternoon Tea <i>Mezzanine Foyer</i>		
15:50 – 16:20	4A - Beyond an Incident: The Persistent Experience of Technology-Facilitated Abuse <i>M3</i> Payal Tiwari, Lived Experience		
16:20 – 17:00	4B - Day 1 Wrap up & Techtionary <i>M3</i> Sarah Biordi, Wesnet and Audace Garnett NNEDV (USA)		
17:15 – 18:00	Continue the dialogue: Join us for a drink or a chat <i>Fox Rooftop: Hotel Terminus, 73 Melbourne Street, South Brisbane - just across the road from the BCEC and on the top floor - venue is fully accessible</i>		

DAY 2 WEDNESDAY 16 SEPTEMBER

Morning

9:00 – 9:15	5A - Opening of Day 2 M3 Catherine Plunkett , Wesnet		
9:15 – 10:30	5B - Tech Safety and Women's Safety - An International Perspective M3 Catherine Plunkett , Wesnet (Australia) & Audace Garnett , NNEDV (USA) & Elizabeth Ashby , Ngā Whare Whakaruruhau o Aotearoa – The National Collective of Independent Women's Refuges (NCIWR) (NZ)		
10:30 – 11:00	Morning Tea Mezzanine Foyer		
11:00 – 11:40 <i>Choose one of these three concurrent sessions</i>	6A - U Right Sis? Staying Safe Online: Tackling Technology-Facilitated Abuse in Central Australian Aboriginal Communities Through Community-Led Prevention M1 Kayla Glynn-Braun , Her Story	6B - Highlighting Cross-Industry Collaboration to Bridge TFA Knowledge M2 Annabelle Harrison , Wesnet	6C - Falling Through the Cracks: Closing Gaps in Australian Technology Regulation to Disrupt Domestic Violence Cyberstalking M3 Carina Stone , Policy Researcher
<i>Move between rooms (10 mins)</i>			
11:50 – 12:30 <i>Choose one of these three concurrent sessions</i>	6D - Keeping Women Safe on Uber M1 Nicole Ashcroft & Alison Stefan Iared , Uber	6E - Building a Safe and Inclusive Digital World M2 Linda Berrigan , Good Things Australia & Grace Oryem , Arise Women Support Association	6F - Men or Manosphere? Recentering Culpability in Analyses of Online Misogyny M3 Dr Stephanie Wescott , Monash University
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch Mezzanine Foyer		

Afternoon

13:30 – 15:00 (90 mins) <i>Choose one of these three workshop sessions</i>	7A - Me, Myself and A M1 Audace Garnett , NNEDV (USA)	7B - Respectful Connections: Trans Women's Experiences of Tech-based Abuse and Pathways to Inclusion M2 Starlady , Zoe Belle Gender Collective, Dr Sophie Hinds , La Trobe University	7C - Being Young, Being Digital: Responding to Partner Violence Against Young Women M3 Dr Natalie Thorburn & Elizabeth Ashby & Cleo Arathoon , Ngā Whare Whakaruruhau o Aotearoa – The National Collective of Independent Women's Refuges (NCIWR) (NZ)
15:00 – 15:30	Afternoon Tea Mezzanine Foyer		
15:30 – 16:15	8A - The Role of Regulators in Disrupting TFA M3 Julie Inman Grant PSM , Australian eSafety Commissioner & Carina Stone , Policy Researcher & Stephanie Tonkin , Consumer Action Law Centre Facilitator: Karen Bentley , Wesnet		
16:15 - 16:35	8B - From Dial-up to Deepfakes: Gender, Technology and the Dark Side of the Internet M3 Julie Inman Grant PSM , Australian eSafety Commissioner		
16:35 – 16:45	8C - Summit Wrap-Up M3 Karen Bentley , Wesnet		

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In some of the sessions we'll be talking about very specific ways abusers misuse technology to stalk, harass, and abuse. Please do NOT share this content on social media or elsewhere online.

You can talk about how survivors can strategise safely and raise awareness about the issue, but please don't give abusers ideas or methods to misuse technology.

2. Get consent before you share

Before you share what someone said or take a photo of someone, please ask permission.

To make it easier, we're asking delegates to wear a red, orange or green lanyard to show if they're willing to be photographed. If someone isn't wearing a lanyard, just ask. If you need a lanyard, please pick one up from registration.



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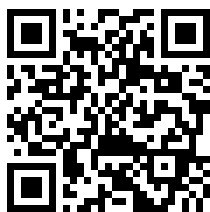
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3rd National Survey



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