

13TH ANNUAL FinTech & Banking Summit 2026

HOW DIGITAL INNOVATION IS CHANGING FINANCE

DATE: Thurs 15th Oct 2026
REGISTER: fintechsummit.com.au

VENUE: Level 8, Ashurst,
 39 Martin Place, Sydney

Price: \$350 (+gst)

Opening Keynote



Andrew Speers
 Chief Executive Officer



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KEYNOTE PANEL SESSION



Andrew Speers
 Chief Executive Officer



Patrick McQuaid
 Group Head of Data



Dalibor Siroky
 GM



Banking on the future: Innovation & Partnerships Explored



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 Founder & Chairman



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Travis Tyler
 Chief Product Officer



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Josh Foreman
 Founder



Banking on Ai: Ai with empathy

Breaking Boundaries: Understanding the Stablecoin & Tokenized Assets Revolution



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Andrew Ward
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Banking on the future: Building for Differentiation and Customer Experience



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PROGRAM

Date: Thursday 15th Oct 2026
Venue: Level 8, Ashurst, 39 Martin Place, Sydney

9.00 – 9.05 Opening Remarks & Welcome

9.05 – 9.45 **OPENING KEYNOTE: RE-INVENTING RETAIL BANKING IN THE ERA OF AI**

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Their flagship product, FarmerCard, is the first card enabled working capital product designed specifically for farmers, giving them access to flexible, seasonal credit aligned to how agriculture actually works.

Andrew Speers, Chief Executive Officer, Ryze Money



9.50 – 10.30 **KEYNOTE PANEL SESSION: Re-inventing Banking in the era of Ai**

How can banks offer customers products they know and need at scale, as well as new ways to engage and a new experience of banking?

Andrew Speers, Chief Executive Officer, Ryze Money

Patrick McQuaid, Group Head of Data, Analytics & Ai, NGM Group

MC: Dalibor Siroky, GM, Wonderful AI



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10.30 – 11.00 Morning Break

11.00 – 11.40 **Banking on the future: Innovation & Partnerships Explored**

How is financial technology, as well as new partnerships, changing the shape of banking?

Craig Carroll, Founder & Chairman, JustFund

Aaron Bassin CEO and Co-Founder, Bridgit

Travis Tyler, Chief Product Officer, Lendi Group

Dean Mendelowitz, Founder & CEO, Lendus



Bridgit



PROGRAM

11.45 – 12.30 Banking on Ai: Ai with empathy

How InDebted is transforming its business with Ai. A global collections business, with customer engagement tailored to the individual, in any language, with machine learning and robust infrastructure at scale, with guard rails and ethical oversight.

Josh Foreman, Founder, InDebted



12.40 – 1.40 Lunch Break

AFTERNOON: Note re session timings: afternoon sessions are listed for an hour, however, each session is 40 minutes of speaking/Q&A and 20 minutes for networking

1.40 – 2.40 Breaking Boundaries: Understanding the Stablecoin & Tokenized Assets Revolution

How innovations like real-time payments, stablecoins, and improved security is reshaping cross-border transactions, and how tokenised assets are reshaping banking, collateralisation and marketplace trading. The panel will discuss collaboration opportunities among banks, fintechs, and regulators to address challenges and drive growth.

Sheron Mendis, Director, Money Movement/Head of Stablecoins, Visa Direct

Andrew Ward, MD & Co-Founder, Liquidise

MC: Lee Eaton, Independent Reserve



3.00 – 3.40 Afternoon tea/coffee break

3.45 – 4.45 Banking on the future: Building for Differentiation and Customer Experience

How will core banking plus architecture innovation layers change the face of retail banking and enable banks to compete & engage at scale whilst offering differentiated products from their competitors? From CX to Agentic Commerce, this panel will discuss all aspects of what it means to be a modern bank.

Keerthi Iyengar, Chief Operating Officer, Constantinople

Francois Henrion, Head of Business Banking, Great Southern Bank

Steen Andersson, Chief Product Officer at Tyro Payments

MC: Rebecca Cope, Partner, Ashurst Perkins Coie

Constantinople



5.00 – 7.00 Drinks Function & Lucky Door Prize