Cybersecurity Awareness Webinar Series for Harvard Club of Australia (HCA)

"Cybersecurity is everyone's responsibility."

As a certified cybersecurity practitioner and Cybersecurity Sector Chair at Harvard Kennedy School (HKS)'s Business & Government Professional Interest Council, George Hlaing (HKS PLC '23, MPA '25) is committed to sharing his expertise and giving back to the Harvard community through this webinar series.

Designed to equip professionals and individuals with essential cybersecurity knowledge, the series features expert speakers from the public and private sectors, universities, and think tanks, covering personal security, business risks, AI-driven attacks, cyber warfare, and future trends.

As cyber threats continue to evolve, this initiative empowers the Harvard community to protect digital assets and stay ahead of emerging risks.

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Webinar Series from 12noon – 1pm (Sydney, Melbourne, Canberra)

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1	**Thursday, 17 April 2025**	**Cybersecurity 101: Foundations for Individuals and Organizations** • **Overview:** Introduction to cybersecurity basics, common threats (phishing, malware, ransomware), and best practices for digital hygiene. • **Guest Speaker Topic:** "The Human Element in Cybersecurity: Why Awareness is the Best Defense"
2	**Thursday, 15 May 2025**	**Personal Cybersecurity: Protecting Yourself in a Hyperconnected World** • **Overview:** Practical steps for individuals to secure their digital lives—strong passwords, multi-factor authentication (MFA), secure browsing, and social engineering awareness. • **Guest Speaker Topic: "**Cybercrime Trends: How Hackers Exploit Human Behaviour"
3	**Thursday, 19 June 2025**	**Cybersecurity for Businesses: Securing SMEs and Enterprises** • **Overview:** Cyber risks facing businesses, supply chain vulnerabilities, ransomware mitigation, and regulatory compliance. • **Guest Speaker Topic:** "The True Cost of a Cyber Breach: Case Studies and Lessons Learned"
4	**Thursday, 17 July 2025**	**AI & Cybersecurity: The Double-Edged Sword** • **Overview:** How AI enhances cybersecurity (threat detection, automated responses) and how adversaries weaponize AI for cyberattacks (deepfakes, AI-driven phishing, autonomous malware). • **Guest Speaker Topic:** "Defending Against AI-Enhanced Cyber Threats"
5	**Thursday, 14 August 2025**	**Critical Infrastructure Cybersecurity: Risks and Resilience Strategies** • **Overview:** Cyber threats targeting energy, transportation, healthcare, and financial systems—case studies of real-world attacks and defensive strategies. • **Guest Speaker Topic:** "Protecting Australia's Critical Infrastructure from Cyber Threats"
6	**Thursday, 18 September 2025**	**Cyber Warfare & Geopolitics: Nation-State Threats and Global Cyber Conflicts** • **Overview:** How cyber warfare is reshaping geopolitics—state-sponsored attacks, cyber espionage, and the role of AI in modern warfare. • **Guest Speaker Topic:** "Cyber as the Fifth Domain of Warfare: Policy, Strategy, and Global Implications"
7	**Thursday, 16 October 2025**	**The Future of Cybersecurity: Emerging Trends and Challenges** • **Overview:** Next-generation cyber threats (quantum computing, AI, IoT vulnerabilities) and the evolving cybersecurity landscape. • **Guest Speaker Topic:** "Preparing for the Next Cybersecurity Crisis"