

FUTURE OF SPORT

CONFERENCE 2026

PROGRAM

MORNING SESSION

TIME	SESSION
8:00am – 8:40am	Registrations
8:40am – 11:00am	<p>Official Conference Opening & Welcome to Country</p> <p>Keynote</p> <p>THEME: Technology, Major Events & Sport</p> <p>Travis Auld Chief Executive Officer, Australian Grand Prix Corporation</p> <p>Panel</p> <p>THEME: When Science and Technology Hits the Field: Translating Innovation into Sport Outcomes</p> <p>Prof. Glen Lichtwark (MOD) Head of School, Sport, Exercise & Nutrition Sciences, QUT</p> <p>A/Prof. Emma Beckman Director of Teaching and Learning of School of Human Movement and Nutrition Sciences, UQ</p> <p>A/Prof. Geoff Minett Discipline Lead, School of Exercise & Nutrition Sciences, QUT</p> <p>Miranda Menaspa Head of Performance Services, Cricket Australia</p> <p>Stuart Morgan Head of Machine Learning & AI, Champion Data</p> <p>Panel</p> <p>THEME: From Participation to Podium: Data Science Driving the Future of Sport</p> <p>D/Prof. Kerrie Mengersen (MOD) Co-Director, Centre for Data Science, QUT</p> <p>Dr. Mark Connick Sports & Exercise Scientist, QUT</p> <p>Prof. Shona Halson Deputy Director, SPRINT Research Centre. School of Behavioral & Health Sciences, ACU</p> <p>Prof. Tim Gabbett High Performance Consultant, Gabbett Performance Solutions</p> <p>Fireside Chat</p> <p>THEME: Embracing Innovation in Athlete Performance: Building the Systems, Skills, and Culture Required for Next-Generation of High Performance Globally</p> <p>Matti Clements (MOD) AIS Director, Australian Institute of Sport</p> <p>Grace Kuilamu Professional Football Player, Brisbane Roar & The Matilda's; and QUT Student (Bachelor of Engineering (Honours))</p> <p>Lewis Bishop (PLY) Australian Paralympian Swimmer; and QUT Student (Bachelor of Clinical Exercise Physiology)</p>
11:00am – 11:45am	Morning Tea



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MIDDAY SESSION

TIME	SESSION
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11:45am –
1:00pm

Keynote

THEME: Designing for the Next Generation of Sport

Brenda Suh Director, Business Technology, SoFi Stadium and Hollywood Park

Keynote

THEME: Rewriting the Playbook: Sport in the Age of Esports

Dr. Baro Hyun CEO, LunaTone Inc.

Fireside Chat

THEME: The Rise of New Technology and Sport: Learnings from the Olympic Esports Week Singapore 2023

Emily Rosemond OLY (MOD) Director, Games Engagement – Sport; and Director, Sport, QUT

Dean Tan Deputy Chief (Industry Development), Sport Singapore

Panel

THEME: The Rise and Influence of Next Generation Sports

Emily Rosemond OLY (MOD) Director, Games Engagement – Sport; and Director, Sport, QUT

Alex Anasson CEO, Skate Australia

Dr. Baro Hyun CEO, LunaTone Inc.

Dean Tan Deputy Chief (Industry Development), Sport Singapore

Kate Wilcomes High Performance Director, Surfing Australia

Wade Bootes Technical Director, BMX (Freestyle), Australian Cycling

1:00pm –
2:15pm

Lunch

Virtual Tech Handcycle Demonstration



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AFTERNOON SESSION

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SESSION

2:15pm –
4:00pm

Sponsor Segment

David Capodilupo Assistant Dean, MIT Sloan Global Programs

Fireside Chat

THEME: MIT Innovation Informing the Future of Sport AI and the Sports Fan Experience

Stu Krusell (MOD) Senior Director, MIT Sloan Global Programs

Ben Shields Senior Lecturer, MIT Sloan School of Management

Fireside Chat

THEME: Innovation, Technology & Infrastructure

Prof. Sarah Kelly OAM (MOD) Executive Director Office of the Provost, QUT

Matt Pasco Vice President, Technology Vegas Raiders NFL & Allegiant Stadium

Panel

THEME: Smart Stadiums: Latest Innovations and the Future Outlook

Manny Spanoudakis (MOD) Senior Vice President, Commercial - International Markets, PMY Group

Ben Shields Senior Lecturer, MIT Sloan School of Management

Brenda Suh Director, Business Technology, SoFi Stadium and Hollywood Park

Matt Pasco Vice President (Technology), Las Vegas Raiders NFL & Allegiant Stadium

Travis Auld Chief Executive Officer, Australian Grand Prix Corporation

Reflections and Insights from Cisco

Terry Weber Regional Director - QLD, NT & PNG, Cisco

4:00pm –
6:00pm

Post Conference Networking Event

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