IAATI Australasian Branch

Vehicle Crime Prevention, Detection, Investigation and Prosecution

2026 Australasian Vehicle Crime Conference

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Welcome

On behalf of the IAATI Australasian Branch Board, a warm welcome is extended to all speakers, delegates and sponsors attending our 2026 Australasian Vehicle Crime Conference. This three-day event brings together leading experts, law enforcement professionals, policymakers, researchers, and industry innovators to address one of the most pressing challenges in modern transportation and public safety.

The conference will explore key themes including vehicle theft prevention, digital forensics, organized crime networks, insurance fraud, and the future of vehicle security in an increasingly connected world. In several theses presentations there will be a focus on the impact of AI and technology can have in our work. Our agenda is designed to provide a platform for sharing knowledge, exploring emerging trends, and developing collaborative strategies to combat vehicle-related crime. Through the presentations, panel discussion, workshop, and networking sessions, participants will gain valuable insights into prevention technologies, investigative techniques, policy frameworks, and cross-sector partnerships and foster collaboration, to strengthen the response to vehicle crime.

Our thanks are extended to all our speakers whose expertise and research form the foundation of this program, and to the delegates whose engagement and contributions drive meaningful dialogue. Special appreciation is also given to the sponsors and partners whose support has made this event possible.

One of the greatest benefits of an in-person conference is the opportunity to connect directly with others. While webinars have their place, events like this allow delegates to engage with speakers, sponsors and fellow attendees in ways that are not possible online. The conversations during catering breaks and the Networking Reception can be just as valuable as the insights shared in presentations and workshops. I encourage everyone, especially those attending their first IAATI conference, to introduce themselves and make the most of these opportunities. A connection made over the next three days may prove valuable well into the future.

A few brief housekeeping items:

- A brief Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held at 5.00 pm on Monday. If you would like to join the Australasian Branch Board or become more involved with IAATI, please speak with me or one of our Board members before the AGM.
- Following the AGM, our Diamond Sponsor, Brooksight Investigations, will host a two-hour Networking Reception in the foyer from 5.30 pm. Please join us for complimentary drinks and canapés and take the opportunity to connect with others.
- On Tuesday and Wednesday, presentations will begin promptly at 8.45 am and on Wednesday we aim to finish around 4.00 pm to assist delegates with early flights home.

I look forward to reconnecting with familiar colleagues and meeting new members throughout the conference. I also encourage you to make use of IAATI's worldwide member network to support your professional work and hope to see you at future training events.

Thank you for supporting IAATI and for taking part in this conference. With your involvement, this event can help generate new ideas, strengthen partnerships and support practical solutions that improve safety and security in our communities.



Helen Shaw,
Australasian Branch President,
International Association of Auto Theft Investigators (IAATI)

Conference Program

Monday 17th August	
09:00 – 09:10	Helen Shaw, Australasian Branch President, IAATI – 'Opening & Welcome'
09:10 – 09:35	Australasian Branch Award Presentations
09:35 – 10:35	Keynote: Angelo Bani, Protective Intelligence Network (Singapore) – 'AI in Fraud & Vehicle Crime'
10:35 – 11:00	Morning Break
11:00 – 11:40	Peter Ziser, Queensland Police Service – 'Toyota Overseas Theft Syndicate Part 1: Detection & Apprehension'
11:40 – 12:40	Keynote: Joe Stephenson, Lemieux & Associates (USA) – How AI has upended investigations'
12:40 – 13:25	Lunch - in Barkers Restaurant
13:25 – 14:05	Mick Phelan, Victoria Police – 'Toyota Overseas Theft Syndicate Part 2: Interstate & Overseas Links'
14:05 – 14:45	Daniel Lukich, AAMC – 'Fraud Detection Capability in Assessing Data'
14:45 – 15:25	Patrick Elliott, Visual Cortex - 'How Vehicle Intelligence is redefining what's possible with AI-powered video intelligence'
15:25 – 15:45	Afternoon Break
15:45 – 16:25	Rabih Sfarjalani, Collision Sciences Australia –'Digital Vehicle Forensics: Advancing the Recovery of Evidence from Modern Vehicles'
16:25 – 17:00	New South Wales Police - 'Using vehicle data to investigate a public placing shooting'
17:00 – 17:30	2026 IAATI Australasian Branch Annual General Meeting
17:30 – 19:30	President's Networking Session - sponsored by Brooksight Investigations
Tuesday 18th August	
08:45 – 09:25	Ryan Hilditch, Halliwell Global - 'Battery and Electric Vehicle Fires – A Fire Engineering Perspective'
09:25 – 10:05	Lisa Naylor, NTI, Drina Govic & Caroline Russell, Meridian Lawyers - 'From Notification to Proven Insured Arson'
10:05 – 10:45	Rohan Claringbold, Nanotag Australia - 'Vehicle Identification Technology in Theft Prevention & Detection'
10:45 – 11:10	Morning Break
11:10 – 11:50	Amy Sharpe, Australian Border Force - 'Vehicle & Parts Trafficking'
11:50 – 12:30	Eliot McDonald, Automotive Forensic Investigations - 'Staged Crashes … how Mechanical Examination provides a piece of the puzzle.'
12:30 – 13:00	Mikalai Dzemidovich, Regula Forensics - 'Impact of Magneto-Optical Imaging on Detecting Altered VIN Numbers'
13:00 – 13:50	Lunch - in Barkers Restaurant
13:50 – 14:30	Simon Parker, Forensic Services Australia - 'What does the evidence say?'
14:30 – 15:05	John Abramczyk, Suncorp – 'Collaborating Against Fraud: How Insurers and Law Enforcement Work Together to Disrupt Criminal Activity'
15:05 – 15:25	Afternoon Break
15:25 – 16:05	Andrew Gill, Insurance Council of Australia - 'Multilateral Insurance Syndicate - Taskforce Palomar'
16:05 – 17:00	Panel Discussion – 'The AI Arms Race: Is Technology Helping Investigators More Than Criminals?' – featuring Angelo Bani, Peter Chapman and Harrison Lukin. (See the QR code on page 6.)
Wednesday 19th August	
08:45 – 10:25	Joe Stephenson - 'Mastering the Digital Investigations Revolution' - Part 1
10:25 – 10:45	Morning Break
10:45 – 12:25	Joe Stephenson - 'Mastering the Digital Investigations Revolution' - Part 2
12:25 – 13:10	Lunch - in Barkers Restaurant
13:10 – 14:45	Joe Stephenson - 'Mastering the Digital Investigations Revolution' - Part 3
14:45 – 15:05	Afternoon Break
15:05 – 16:00	Joe Stephenson - 'Mastering the Digital Investigations Revolution' - Part 4
16:00 – 16:05	Helen Shaw – 'Closing Remarks'

Conference Partners:

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This is a list of conference and workshop participants, excluding those participants who did not wish to have their details released.

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Panel Discussion

On Tuesday afternoon we will conduct a panel discussion on the topic of - *'The AI Arms Race: Is Technology Helping Investigators More Than Criminals?'* You are encouraged to submit questions for panel members, either before or during the discussion, via the following QR code.



Thank you for attending this conference and we hope to see you in Melbourne in 2027.