



Thought Leadership Series 2026

*Digital Mines, Diverse Minds –
Powering the Global Shift*

2026 Series Partners



TLS 2026

Since its inception in 2018, AusIMM's Thought Leadership Series (TLS) has established itself as the premier platform to explore the critical themes that define the future of the resources sector.

In 2026, under the theme "Digital Mines, Diverse Minds – Powering the Global Shift", TLS enters its ninth year with renewed focus and expanded ambition. The Series will once again unite industry leaders, mining executives, governments, academia and resources professionals to explore transformative solutions to the sector's most urgent challenges.

The Series will deliver a high-impact program of in-person events at iconic venues across Australia with Signature Partners PwC. Expanding to more cities than ever before with Adelaide joining the lineup in 2026, with five panels across the year to meet the growing demand.

Each event will be captured and reimaged as a dynamic webinar series for our global audience, amplified through our key marketing channels, to drive broader engagement and conversation.



ABOUT AUSIMM

AusIMM is the peak body and trusted voice for professionals working in the resources sector.

We shape careers, showcase leadership, create communities, uphold industry standards and champion diversity.

AusIMM was named 2024 Association of the Year for its impact on the global resources sector, offering world-class professional development and fostering connections within our vibrant community from over 100 countries.

We are committed to supporting the careers of professionals working in the mining industry.



Association of the Year

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TLS theme

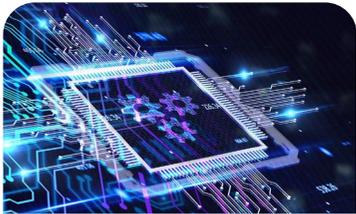
The 2026 Thought Leadership Series theme, **Digital Mines, Diverse Minds – Powering the Global Shift**, will build upon pivotal discussions from 2025 to uncover actionable pathways for addressing the resource sector’s most pressing challenges while securing a sustainable and flourishing future.

The 2026 Series will deliver a focused, nationally delivered program of five in-person events, each addressing a critical strategic challenge facing the resources sector.

- ✓ Capability, Technology & Leadership
- ✓ Copper, Growth and Project Delivery
- ✓ Strategic Resources and Critical Minerals
- ✓ Building an Innovation Ecosystem
- ✓ Global Competitiveness

Through these thought-provoking conversations, the TLS 2026 will bring mining professionals and industry leaders together to explore today’s challenges and discuss innovative ideas for driving critical progress. Join us at events across Australia, or online, to gain fresh perspectives, strategies, and insights to guide your team and the industry toward a sustainable future.

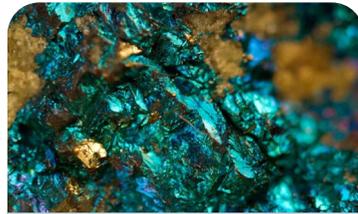
2026 events



Capability, technology and leadership

PERTH
Thursday 14 May

Bridging the capability gap between rapid technology adoption and workforce readiness, with a focus on leadership, operating models, and embedding innovation at scale.



Copper, growth and project delivery

ADELAIDE
Thursday 2 July

Exploring copper as the next major growth engine for global mining, and the increasing complexity of delivering major projects in competitive, capital constrained environments.



Strategic resources and critical minerals

MELBOURNE
Thursday 17 September

Examining the role of strategic reserves, supply chain resilience and policy design in strengthening sovereign capability and global competitiveness.



Building an innovation ecosystem

BRISBANE
Wednesday 21 October

Why Australia struggles to scale mining technology, and what must change to move innovation from pilot to industrial adoption.



Global competitiveness

PERTH
Thursday 19 November

Assessing what must change for Australian mining to remain competitive, investable and globally relevant over the next decade.

Series moderator

We're excited to welcome Joanne Pafumi as the Series Moderator for the 2026 Thought Leadership Series. Joanne will guide panel discussions across all events – fostering continuity, deeper conversations, and sharper insights into the trends shaping our global industry.

With more than 30 years' experience across the mining and energy sectors, Joanne is a senior corporate affairs executive known for her stakeholder-led approach to ESG strategy and sustainable development. Her career spans zinc-lead mining with Xstrata and Glencore, coal seam gas and LNG with QGC, and leadership roles across Victoria's electricity distribution networks—CitiPower, Powercor and United Energy.

Joanne currently leads the development and implementation of the inaugural ESG Roadmap for Schlam Payload, a global mining services company specialising in customised load and haul equipment for hard rock mining.

She brings a pragmatic perspective to aligning ESG ambition with business outcomes while addressing the needs of customers, communities, regulators and employees.

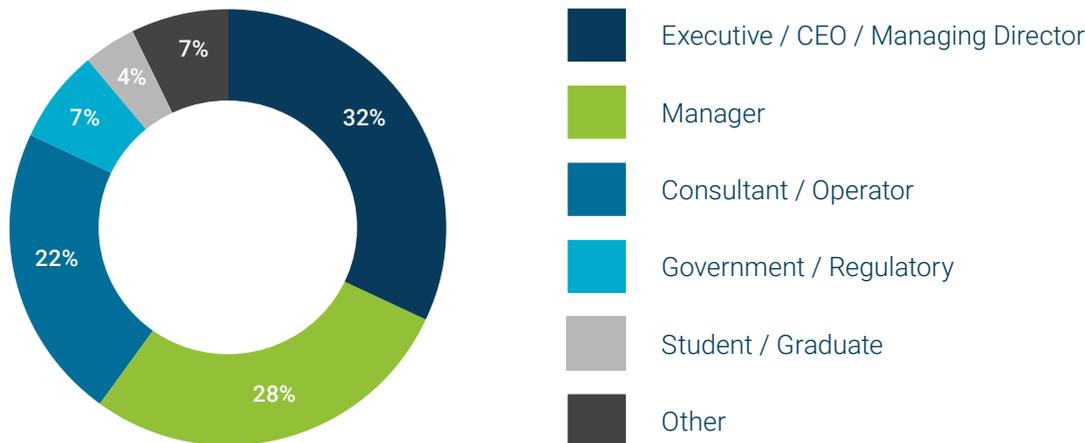


Who attended in 2025?

AusIMM's Thought Leadership Series attracts a distinguished audience with over 50% of attendees recognised as leaders within the resources sector.

In 2025, these high-profile VIP events brought together representatives from mining companies, government, academia, and kindred bodies to discuss the topics dominating the resources sector.

PROFESSIONALS REPRESENTED IN 2025



648

VIP IN-PERSON ATTENDEES

238

COMPANIES

250+

SENIOR DECISION MAKERS

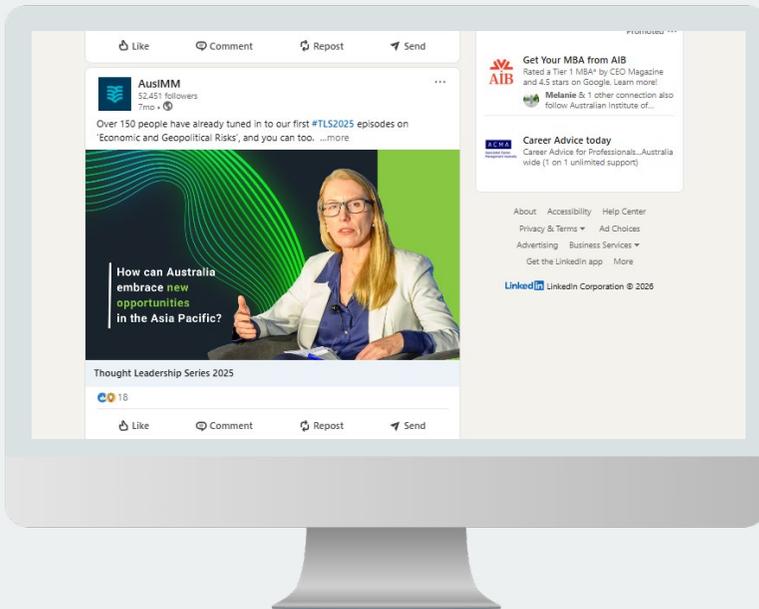
80+

C-SUITE

115+

DIRECTOR LEVEL

Our reach



AusIMM's annual Thought Leadership Series brings together trailblazers, celebrates innovation and shapes the future of the resources industry.

Delivered on a national scale, this event series is the prime opportunity to be at the forefront of Australia's largest and most strategically important sector.

Filmed across 5 in-person events, the series is then released to a highly engaged subscriber list and shared across an omni-channel campaign, designed to educate and inspire conversation with the industry's best and brightest minds.

For each event, there is dedicated content marketing, including interviews with panellist's, news updates on the key theme for the panel and promotion of what was discussed at the event. Join us in 2026 to be featured in our high profile, industry leading campaign and event series aligned with the best and brightest minds in the global resources sector.

Take a look at the 2025 TLS content

[VIEW HERE](#)



SOCIAL MEDIA IMPRESSIONS

28K



WEBSITE VIEWS

20K



EMAIL OPENS

50K

Partner with us

We invite your organisation to partner with us for AusIMM's 2026 Thought Leadership Series.

-  **LEADERSHIP**
Showcase your organisation's thought-leadership on the emerging themes shaping the future of the resources sector.
-  **CONNECTION**
Build strategic connections with key decision makers in industry and government at these high-profile events across Australia.
-  **PROGRESSION**
Demonstrate your company values by participating in influential conversations to an engaged global audience.
-  **ELEVATION**
Gain prominent brand elevation through AusIMM's highly impactful marketing campaign to promote the Series.



Partnerships

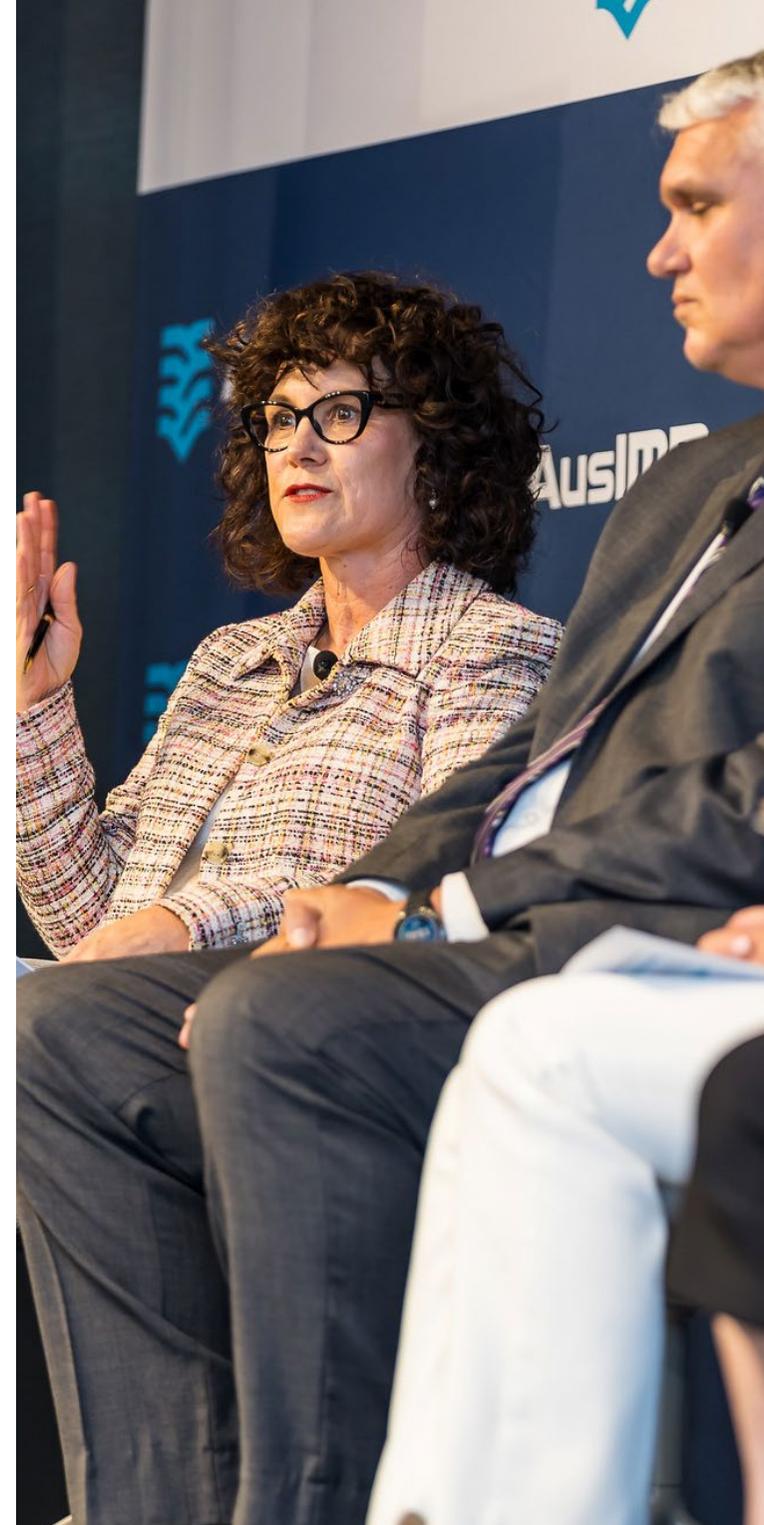
SIGNATURE PARTNER

\$28,000 (Excluding GST)

Access premium brand exposure across a high-profile marketing campaign that showcases your organisation's thought-leadership. Participate in influential conversations by providing a panellist to spearhead an emerging theme that is shaping the future of the resources sector.

Increase your brand visibility with superior content marketing centred around your panellist, including a featured article that is shared across AusIMM's digital platforms and marketing channels and bespoke social media content to an engaged audience of 62,000 professionals.

Enjoy the privilege of hosting eight (8) guests at our VIP invitation-only events across Australia and superior brand elevation with signage opportunities across the Series, including all major event signage and acknowledgement in the welcome speech at all in-person events.



Partnership inclusions

PARTNERSHIP PACKAGES

TLS Signature Partner
\$28,000

SPEAKING AND PROFILING OPPORTUNITY

(Prices exclude GST)

- ▶ Showcase your thought leadership by providing a panellist aligned to a Series topic.
- ▶ Amplify your company profile with sessions filmed and distributed to a global audience for on-demand viewing.
- ▶ Showcase your thought leadership through an exclusive interview featured in our Thought Leadership Series marketing campaign. This interview will be distilled into high-impact video reels optimized for social media performance. These reels will be shared across AusIMM's social media channels
- ▶ Your company's speaker to be featured within the high profile marketing campaign, examples of this include on the TLS website, content marketing, email marketing and social media posts.
- ▶ Complimentary AusIMM Membership to your speaker (subject to eligibility criteria)



NETWORKING ENGAGEMENT

- ▶ Complimentary VIP invitations (across the Series) to attend the in-person events.

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BRAND EXPOSURE

- ▶ Company logo (linking to your company website) displayed on TLS website homepage and partners page.
- ▶ Company logo displayed on TLS marketing emails to subscriber lists sent before, during and after the Series.
- ▶ Company logo displayed on all major onsite signage.
- ▶ Company logo displayed on PowerPoint slides shown at all in-person events and webinars.



Partnership inclusions

PARTNERSHIP PACKAGES

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PARTNER ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

(Prices exclude GST)

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Acknowledgement in welcome speech during all in-person events and recordings. 	✓
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Acknowledgment in media release announcing the Series. 	✓
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Speaker feature with short bio promoted in AusIMM's e-newsletters: AusIMM News and PD News. 	✓
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Dedicated social media post promoting Partner involvement. Partners to be tagged. 	Personalised content*
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Partner acknowledged in TLS summary article, featured on the AusIMM Bulletin website and promoted through the digital Bulletin e-newsletter. 	✓
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Access to a customised TLS Partner promotional kit incorporating social media tiles and email signature banner to use on own channels. 	✓
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Digital post-event report providing highlights and key findings from the Series. 	✓

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Booking form



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Organisation

Position

Address **City**

State **Post Code** **Country**

Email **Telephone**

Mobile **Website**

AusIMM's Thought Leadership Partnership - Please select level of partnership *Package prices are exclude GST

TLS Signature Partner \$28,000

Partnership Total \$ _____

Company logo (in high resolution jpg and eps format) must be received with your completed form

I agree to the [terms and conditions](#) outlined in this prospectus.

Date: _____ Signature: _____

Method of payment

Note: please select your method of payment and we will send you an invoice for EFT transfer or a credit card payment link

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