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Stone & Chalk and AustCyber tap into Adelaide's _SOUTHSTART Festival to showcase emerging tech sector

ADELAIDE, SOUTH AUSTRALIA — Leading Impact Network for emerging technologies Stone & Chalk and AustCyber will support Adelaide's _SOUTHSTART EMERGENCE Festival, Australia's human-first innovation and impact festival, with a series of activities to be hosted at its Adelaide hub in Lot Fourteen.

Australians are living in an ever-changing, dynamic world requiring constant innovation, adaptation and change. Emerging technology is a key part of this conversation, and will become the engine room for Australia's economy, providing the jobs of the future.

The four-day festival, which is attended by more than 700 leaders in emerging technologies, will shine a spotlight on the industry, inviting its audiences to challenge their perceptions and explore emerging possibilities to begin thinking about how Australians can work toward solving some of the world's most challenging issues.

_SOUTHSTART for the first time will tap the collective expertise of Stone & Chalk and AustCyber to drive key discussions on both emerging technology and cyber security aimed at accelerating the growth of emerging tech in South Australia. Stone & Chalk and AustCyber are focused on leveraging our national footprint to deliver impact to the South Australian emerging tech ecosystem.

Alex Scandurra, CEO of Stone & Chalk said, "Emerging technologies are impacting every facet of our lives. COVID demonstrated to many Australians the importance of having critical equipment manufactured locally. We need to make sure that we leverage this experience to establish sovereign domestic industrial capability across key sectors particularly as they relate to national and economic security.

"Stone & Chalk and AustCyber are excited to be helping the high-growth companies that will provide the opportunities and jobs that Australians have and the technologies we build, scale and use, both

for ourselves and others. This year will see thought leaders, corporates, investors and entrepreneurs come together to share and collaborate.”

Michelle Price, CEO of AustCyber said, “New technologies need to be secure by design. Privacy, safety and other key considerations are all at risk without adequate security. Building good cyber security into your minimum viable product protects both your business and your customers against cyber criminals. We will be participating in a number of roundtable discussions on the intersection of sovereignty, science, technology and digital trust to help secure Australia’s emerging technologies and grow our digital footprint.”

Chris Kirk, General Manager of Stone & Chalk Adelaide said, “South Australia is a state of great innovation and we’re excited to be part of the conversation. We’re thrilled for this event to kick-off and look forward to fostering more innovation and disruption through meaningful conversations and connections facilitated during the festival.”

You can find out more about SOUTHSTART and Stone & Chalk and AustCyber’s program here: <http://summit.stoneandchalk.com.au/>.

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Stone & Chalk is Australia’s leading Impact Network™ for the emerging technology sectors. Together with their resident founders, mentors, investors, and industry and government partners they have a proven track record in providing growth and commercialisation support for startups and scale-ups. Residencies in their innovation hubs in Sydney, Melbourne and Adelaide provide access to customers, capital, talent, expertise and community collaboration opportunities.

Visit: <https://www.stoneandchalk.com.au/>

AustCyber is the Australian Cyber Security Growth Network. Established in 2017 as an independent, not-for-profit organisation, AustCyber’s mission is to support the development of a vibrant and globally competitive Australian cyber security sector and in doing so, enhance Australia’s future economic growth in a digitally enabled global economy as well as to improve the sovereign cyber capabilities available in defence of the nation.

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