

**THURSDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2026**

8:00 - 9:00	Registration and Coffee
9:00 - 9:30	<b>Welcome Address</b> Deswik
9:30 - 10:15	<b>RACE Ecosystem – Where we’ve Been, Where we’re Going</b> Deswik Explore the evolution of the RACE platform, from its foundations through to its latest developments and future direction. This presentation highlights key product advancements, ongoing investment in the RACE ecosystem, and what the roadmap looks like as RACE continues to grow globally.
10:15 - 10:45	Break
10:45 - 11:30	<b>Racing to North America from Australia</b> Deswik Gain insight into the journey of introducing RACE into a new market, including key differences between Australian and North American rail operations. This session looks at market dynamics, opportunities, and lessons learned while expanding into a rapidly evolving rail landscape.
11:30 - 12:15	<b>The Evolution of RACE Planner in the CQCN</b> TBC Follow the journey of RACE Planner within the CQCN, from early planning approaches through to more advanced, integrated solutions. This session explores how challenges were addressed along the way and what’s next as planning continues to evolve.
12:15 - 13:15	Lunch
13:15 - 14:00	<b>State of Origin: Deploying RACE Crew in NSW</b> Aurizon Operations Hear a client-led case study on implementing RACE Crew in New South Wales, from initial challenges through to measurable outcomes. Learn how collaboration with the Deswik team supported deployment and delivered tangible operational and financial improvements.
14:00 - 14:45	<b>Moving Grain with RACE</b> Pacific National Discover how RACE is being used to optimise grain haulage operations in a bulk rail environment. This case study highlights practical applications of RACE Bulk Planner and the benefits achieved in improving efficiency and coordination.
14:45 - 15:15	Break
15:15 - 16:00	<b>RACE Fireside Chat – Optimisation Opportunities in Bulk Rail</b> Rail Industry Partners Join a panel of experienced rail industry professionals as they discuss real-world optimisation opportunities in bulk rail operations. Through guided discussion and shared experiences, this session will highlight practical strategies, challenges, and the value industrial mathematics can bring to different rail planning problems.
16:00 - 16:15	<b>Closing Address</b> Deswik
16:15 - 17:45	<b>Networking Drinks</b> Join us for drinks and canapes outside at the Soleil Pool Bar, as we toast to the conclusion of the day.
18:00 - 21:00	<b>Conference Dinner</b> Join us for a night on the Brisbane River, as we sail aboard one of the YOT Club fleet. Food and drinks will be provided on the boat.