



CAPABILITY BRIEF

Governed AI Adoption

A practical, controlled path from AI experimentation to measurable business capability – built for councils, government agencies and infrastructure organisations.

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The Challenge

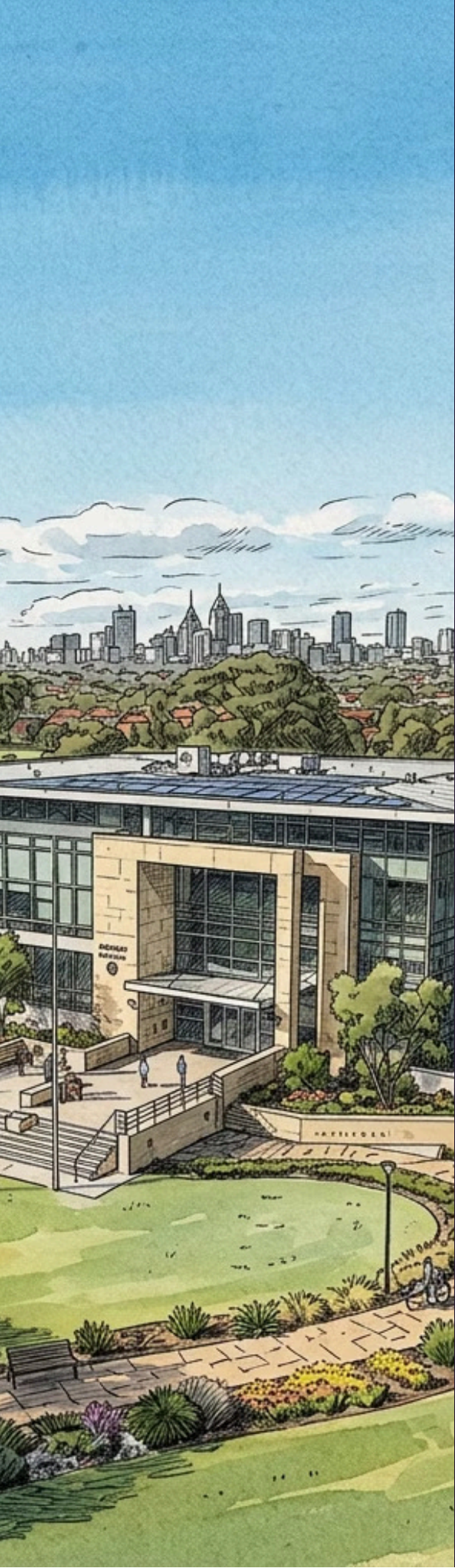
AI Is Already in Your Organisation. The Question Is Whether It's Governed.

What's Happening Right Now

Staff are pasting sensitive information into ChatGPT. Copilot is running without data controls. AI tools are being procured without privacy or cyber review. No one owns the risk — and regulators are paying attention.

What Your Organisation Actually Needs

AI adoption with **executive governance**, cyber and privacy controls, practical use cases, workforce enablement, and measurable productivity outcomes. Not a glitter cannon. An operating system.



Who We Serve

Built for Organisations That Cannot Afford to Get AI Wrong

Yarning Crescent works with councils, government agencies, insurers and infrastructure organisations — complex, regulated environments where AI adoption carries real risk and real opportunity.

Local Government & Councils

Navigating community trust, public data obligations and limited internal AI capability.

Insurers & Financial Services

Managing claims, underwriting and customer data in a privacy-sensitive, regulated environment.

Infrastructure & Utilities

Operational technology, workforce safety and critical asset management — where AI errors have real consequences.

Our Difference

Why Yarning Crescent

We bring CTO, CISO, transformation and AI-builder credibility together in one engagement. We are not AI futurists with a smoke machine. We are the adults in the room — making AI operational, governable and measurable for organisations that cannot afford to get it wrong.

Practitioner-Led

Deep executive technology, cyber and privacy experience — not theoretical frameworks.

Australian Context

Aligned to the federal Voluntary AI Safety Standard, NSW AI Assessment Framework and Privacy Act obligations.

End-to-End Capability

From governance design through to pilot delivery, operating model and ongoing fractional leadership.



The Regulatory Context

Australian AI Governance Is Moving Fast

The compliance landscape is evolving. Organisations that build governance now will be ahead — those that don't will be scrambling to catch up.



Voluntary AI Safety Standard

Published by the federal government and updated in 2025. Includes guardrails around accountability, risk management, transparency and safe deployment.



NSW AI Assessment Framework

Mandatory for NSW Government agencies. Covers AI design, procurement, deployment and operation — now updated to include agentic AI.



Privacy Act & OAIC Guidance

The Privacy Act applies to AI uses involving personal information. The OAIC recommends due diligence, human oversight and avoiding "set and forget" deployment.



AS ISO/IEC 42001:2023

The AI management system standard. Increasingly required for government suppliers and procurement panels.

Our Approach

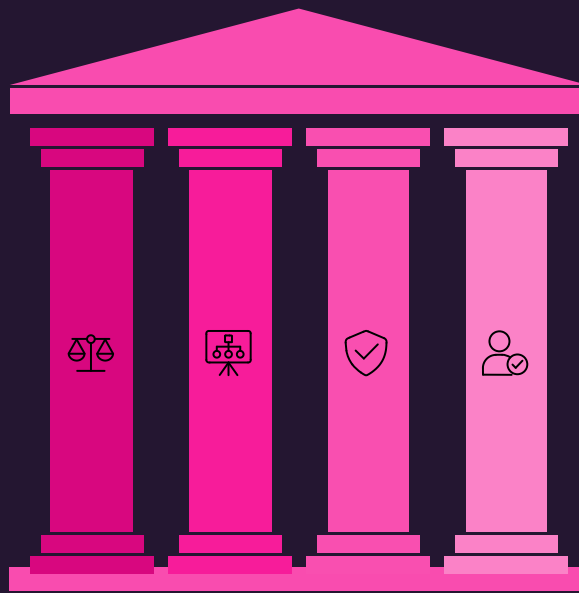
Eight Pillars of Governed AI Adoption

Governance Model

Define accountability, policies, and oversight

Control Framework

Risk controls, compliance, and monitoring



Use-Case Portfolio

Prioritize high-value, feasible AI use cases

Workforce Enablement

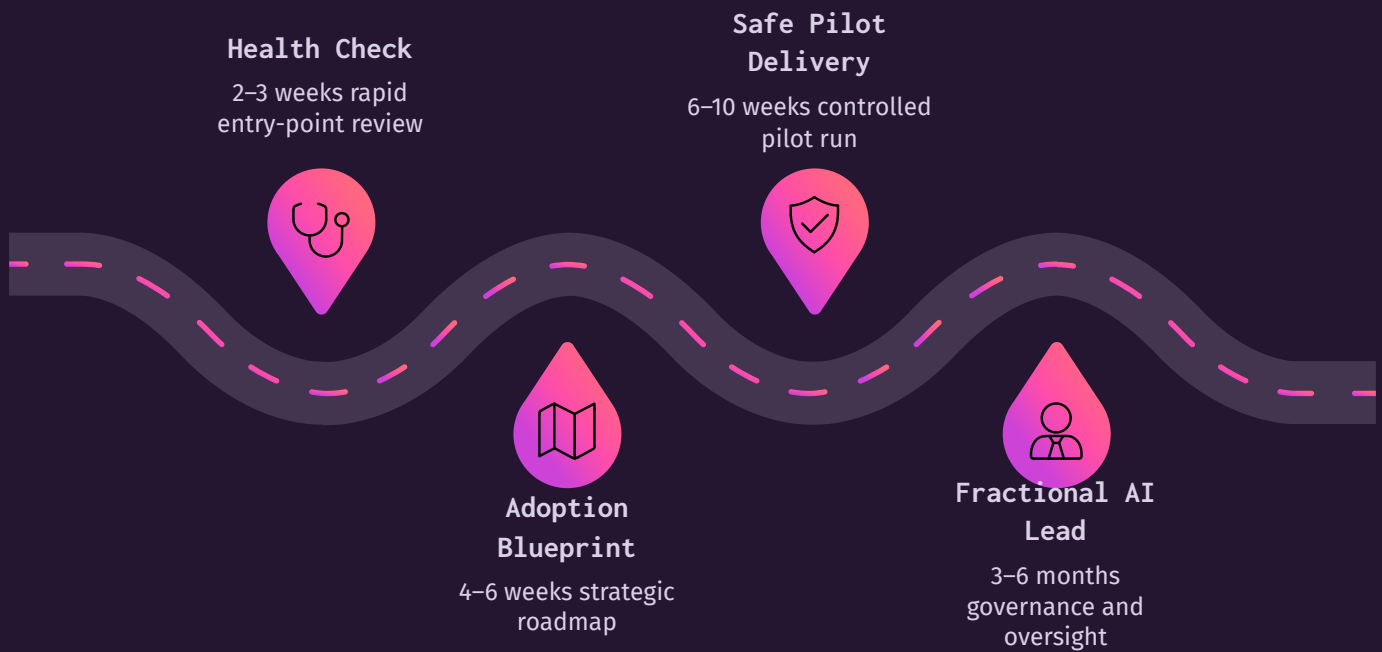
Training, roles, and change management

Our engagement methodology covers every dimension of AI adoption — from governance design and use-case prioritisation through to workforce training and measurable pilots. Each pillar is practical, sequenced and built for regulated environments.

Nothing is left to chance. Every pillar connects to the next.

How We Engage

Five Ways to Work With Us



Each engagement is designed to stand alone or sequence into the next — from a rapid entry-point review through to ongoing fractional governance leadership and international standards readiness.

Package 1

AI Governance Health Check

Duration & Investment

2-3 weeks.

What You Get

- Current-state AI usage discovery
- Risk heatmap across tools and data
- Gap analysis against Australian frameworks
- Board-ready briefing pack
- Prioritised recommendations for next steps

Package 2

Governed AI Adoption Blueprint

Duration: 4–6 weeks. The core consulting product — a complete, actionable blueprint for safe AI adoption.

AI Strategy on a Page

Clear direction, priorities and executive alignment.

Governance Charter

Accountability, decision rights and oversight structure.

Use-Case Register

Prioritised, risk-classified AI opportunities.

Control Framework

Privacy, cyber and compliance controls mapped to each use case.

Roadmap & Business Case

Sequenced delivery plan with investment justification.

Package 3

Safe AI Pilot Delivery

Duration: 6–10 weeks. A fully governed pilot from design to recommendation — with privacy, cyber and data review built in from day one.

01

Use-Case Selection

Identify and scope the right pilot for your organisation.

02

Privacy & Cyber Review

Risk assessment and control design before a line of code is written.

03

Pilot Delivery

Controlled deployment with defined success measures.

04

Evidence & Recommendation

Outcomes report, lessons learned and scale-or-stop decision.

Package 4

Fractional AI Governance Lead

Engagement Model

1-2 days per week, 3-6 months.

We act as your interim AI executive — setting up the AI capability, chairing the AI governance committee, and building internal capability so you don't need us forever.

What We Do

- Chair the AI Governance Committee
- Own the use-case pipeline and risk register
- Manage vendor relationships and tool selection
- Deliver board and executive reporting
- Build internal AI capability and succession

Package 5

ISO/IEC 42001 Readiness

Duration: **8–12 weeks**. For larger or more mature organisations seeking formal AI management system certification — or needing to demonstrate standards alignment for government procurement.

Gap Assessment

Measure current AI management practices against the ISO/IEC 42001 standard.

Remediation Roadmap

Prioritised actions to close gaps and build a conformant AI management system.

Certification Readiness

Documentation, evidence packs and audit preparation for formal certification.



Engagement Pricing at a Glance

Package	Duration	Indicative Investment	Best For
1 — Health Check	2–3 weeks	Contact us	Entry point; board briefing
2 — Adoption Blueprint	4–6 weeks	Contact us	Core governance & strategy
3 — Safe Pilot Delivery	6–10 weeks	Contact us	Proving value with evidence
4 — Fractional AI Lead	3–6 months	Contact us	Ongoing governance leadership
5 — ISO 42001 Readiness	8–12 weeks	Contact us	Standards & procurement edge

- All engagements are scoped to your organisation's size and complexity. Contact yarningcrescent.com.au to discuss a tailored proposal.

What You Walk Away With

Every engagement produces tangible, reusable assets — not slide decks that gather dust.



AI Policy & Acceptable-Use Guide

Defines what is allowed, prohibited and required for all staff.



Governance Charter & Use-Case Register

Decision rights, accountability and full visibility of AI usage and approvals.



Risk Assessment & Control Framework

Classifies risk, maps controls and includes vendor due diligence checklist.



AI Benefits Dashboard & Pilot Framework

Shows value, adoption and outcomes. Standardises experimentation across the organisation.



Training Materials & Board Pack

Role-based enablement for staff and a confidence-building pack for executives and directors.



Privacy Impact Trigger Guide

Protects personal and sensitive data in line with OAIC guidance and the Privacy Act.



AI Adoption. Safely. With Evidence.

Governed AI adoption helps organisations safely unlock AI productivity without creating privacy, cyber, legal, reputational or operational risk. It gives executives a controlled path from AI experimentation to measurable business capability.

Ready to take the first step? Start with an AI Governance Health Check — a 2–3 week rapid review that gives you a clear picture of where you stand and what to do next.

Start the Conversation — yarningcrescent.com.au

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