

Darren Argyle

Global experience | Local business understanding

CEO & Founder, PhoenixBlaze Ventures

Chief Information Security Officer & Founder, Cyber Resilience

Growing a business is personal

Darren brings together more than 25 years in international technology and cybersecurity with firsthand experience building and running small businesses in Australia. Based on the Coffs Coast, he understands the pressure to win customers, manage costs and find room to grow while protecting the business he is building.

His newest venture, PhoenixBlaze Ventures, brings that perspective to practical AI, cybersecurity and business advisory work. Alongside Cyber Resilience and the Cyber Leadership Institute, a business he helped build, his experience spans global markets and local business needs.

From global boardrooms to local businesses

At Standard Chartered Bank, Darren served as Group Chief Information Security Risk Officer, overseeing cyber, technology and data risk across more than 60 markets and leading a team of over 200. He worked closely with regulators and the Board Risk Committee to connect risk decisions with business priorities.

He previously held Chief Information Security Officer roles at Qantas, icare and IHS Markit. His work included building cyber threat intelligence and incident response capability, strengthening board oversight and helping turn third-party risk expertise into a commercial service.

Growth with confidence

Darren understands both the opportunity technology creates and the risks business owners carry. His advice reflects the realities of limited time, budgets and customer commitments, helping businesses adopt AI, protect customer information and prioritise changes that support growth.

Through mentoring, workshops and advisory engagements, he brings a distinctive combination of global leadership and small-business ownership to organisations across the Coffs Coast, Mid North Coast and beyond.

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