

# Talking About Privacy in Auckland


A series of free public presentations on everything to do with privacy in today's digital age

**Talking About Privacy in Auckland** is a coordinated project of the **Office of the Privacy Commissioner, Privacy Foundation NZ, iappANZ and Auckland Council.**

This occasional series of free public talks will cover all sorts of topics touching on privacy in today's digital age. We'll explore the impacts of new technology, be updated on legal cases and reform of our 25 year old Privacy Act, uncover lessons from research, learn about privacy rights and how to exercise control over your personal information, listen to how businesses are protecting or risking personal information and anything else affecting individuals.

The four partner organisations are coordinating their efforts to make this diverse programme of presentations freely available to the Auckland public. Each talk will be presented on behalf of one of the partner organisations.

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**Partner websites:**

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## Privacy Foundation NZ

The Privacy Foundation New Zealand is pleased to present:

## Blockchain's Promise for Privacy

**Tuesday 27 February 2018: 12.30-1.30pm**

Associate Professor Alex Sims  
Department of Commercial Law, University of Auckland

*Some believe that blockchain technology signals the end of privacy. However, blockchain can be used to protect privacy. Indeed, blockchain promises to provide people with more control over their personal information than they currently have.*

Please join us and learn about blockchain from one of New Zealand's foremost experts on the topic.



Alex teaches a wide range of commercial law subjects. Her primary areas of research and publication are on blockchain technology (currently the regulation of cryptocurrencies, legal issues surrounding smart contracts and DAOs), consumer law and intellectual property law (in particular copyright law). Alex is a committee member of the NZ Privacy Foundation.



**Venue:** Ellen Melville Centre – Pioneer Women's Hall, Freyberg Place, Auckland  
Located in the heart of the High Street District, connecting High St to the O'Connell St shared space and Chancery Square, overlooking Freyberg Place.  
[Map](#)

Feel free to bring along and eat your lunch.

To help us plan for the event, please register [here](#). (It is not compulsory to register but it will help us estimate the likely number of attendees and find out where people hear about the series.)

Also coming up in early-2018:

- 11 February 2018: Visit the Office of the Privacy Commissioner's stall at the Big Gay Out, Coyle Park, Pt Chevalier
- March 2018: Catch the stunning stage adaptation of George Orwell's 1984 as part of the Auckland Arts Festival
- March 2018: iappANZ member event



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