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Cyber skills in demand after damaging attacks: The Sydney Morning Herald

As stories about cyberattacks fill newspapers and newsfeeds with increasing regularity, a spotlight has been pointed at a skills gap: we need more cybersecurity experts.

"Cybersecurity is no longer looked at as a small function of IT. Instead, it is a business enabler and the CISO (Chief Information Security Officer) has more influence in the boardroom than ever before," says director of cybersecurity services firm Sekuro, Daniel Barratt.

The recognition of the importance of security is not simply due to breaches. Reputational damage aside, companies see legislation tightening and higher penalties without what Barratt calls a "mature security position".

"All of these factors have led to a sustained skills gap. [It means] expertise in cybersecurity is highly sought after.

As organisations struggle to find the people they need to build and maintain their resilience against cyber threats, people with the right skills are highly sought after.

"We are currently seeing a particular demand for skills including governance, risk and compliance – known as GRC," says Barratt.

According to another industry specialist, director of Waterstons, Charlie Hales, Australia also needs additional ethical hackers.



Charlie Hales, Managing Director, Waterstons Australia

“An ethical hacker is simply someone who likes the challenge of hacking and tinkering but does so in a manner where they aren’t negatively impacting organisations or people,” says Hales.

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