

Jannat Maqbool



Jannat is an Australian born Punjabi and mother of three based in Waikato, New Zealand. She is a CPA and former CIO with a Master's in Digital Business and is actively engaged in the New Zealand technology ecosystem. With a focus on leveraging technology in innovative ways to benefit people and the planet, Jannat is the Interim Executive Director at Smart Cities Council Australia New Zealand.

The Smart Cities Council hosts the region's only Digital Twin Hub and in 2021 released the Australia New Zealand Digital Twin Strategy blueprint and launched the inaugural Digital Twin Challenge. Jannat will be providing insights on the work of the Hub including where the conversation is around the Aotearoa Digital Twin strategy and with respect to some of the thirteen Challenge projects helping to catalyze the digital twin marketplace across Australia and New Zealand.

Jannat's previous roles have included as the Associate Director at the Artificial Intelligence Institute - University of Waikato, where Jannat led the launch of the Institute, planned and delivered the inaugural NZ Workshop on AI Research, and was involved in establishing the Artificial Intelligence Researchers Association, and as Smart Cities Advisor at Hamilton City Council which was ranked 21 out of 50 Top Smart City Governments by Eden Strategy Institute in 2021.

Jannat is also Deputy Chair at NZ IoT Alliance, an Advisory Board Member of the Waikato Wellbeing Project and HTK Group, on the Executive Committee of the AI Researchers Association, and Deputy Chair at NZ Tech.