



THE VOICE

Monthly Newsletter for our Australian Alumni Community

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Members & Partners,

I thought long and hard on how we can build upon the strong foundation AAS established over the last 66 years. We collectively have played a crucial role in building and strengthening the strong ties between Australia and Singapore and have contributed to the transformation of Singapore into this vibrant city. Our strength and reach are unmatched and so is our ability to influence and impact the world around us.

As the new normal sets in, it is an opportunity for us to build a better tomorrow. We are presented with an opportunity to rethink about what we stand for, what our key priorities are and how we need to adapt to respond to the changes around us; whilst still staying relevant to our members, partners and the world we live in.

Our Members - With the COVID-19 restrictions in place, the opportunity to meet face to face has been impacted significantly. **The Voice** will update you on what is happening in the AAS community including updates from our partners, events, the growing portfolio of membership benefits and more. We have formed multiple **Social Interest Groups** championed by your management committee members to give you the ability to connect and meet with like minded people to learn, grow and have fun together.

Our Partners - With our renewed focus on **Social Media** and through our digital transformation, we will continue to engage our members and amplify your message to our growing community. **Partner University** program will continue to play a crucial role not only in enabling better alumni engagement but also in engaging students who are unable to travel to Australia and be in campus to pursue their education. I would urge more universities to come onboard as our partner and tap into our platform and assist your alumni and students.

Our World - As we chart our path and set our direction forward, one of the areas I want to partner with you is to evaluate how we are impacting the world around us - the people, the community and the environment. Our **Sustainability** initiatives, through industry partnerships and by bringing onboard experts and thought leaders in the field, we are bringing you the opportunity to be part of this meaningful initiative. Please join our **Sustainability and Volunteer Social Interest Group** and be part of the upcoming activities to leave your mark on the world.

Together, we can collectively make a difference and set a path forward for our future generation. I urge each and everyone of you to join hands with us, your management committee and be part of this journey ahead.

Yours Sincerely,

Rajaneesh R Kurup
#forwardtogether



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A MESSAGE FROM AAS PATRON



"I am delighted to be a Patron of the Australian Alumni Singapore (AAS). Australia and Singapore's strong people-to-people links are underpinned by both our countries' commitments to invest in our people through skills and education.

A significant link between Australia and Singapore is established through Singaporeans studying in Australia. More than 200,000 Singaporeans have studied in Australia, which has given rise to a highly-educated, diverse and globally-mobile alumni cohort who are influencers, innovators, business leaders and – most importantly – friends of Australia.

The Australian High Commission in Singapore values the AAS' contribution to Australia's global outlook and relationship with Singapore through seeking to maintain connections between alumni of Australian universities living here.

Even in these challenging times, I am pleased to see the AAS serving Australia's international alumni in Singapore so well. The Australian High Commission – working with the AAS – will continue to celebrate our alumni's achievements and expertise in Australia and globally.

I hope to support the work to build AAS to reach out and engage more Singaporean alumni of Australian universities and to forge even deeper links between Australia and Singapore. "

**His Excellency The Hon Will Hodgman
Australian High Commissioner to Singapore
Patron of Australian Alumni Singapore**

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MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Ocean Purpose Project also holds frequent offline and online events to educate Singaporeans on its sustainability efforts. Do visit <https://www.oceanpurposeproject.com/> for more info.

"Sustainability as we know it needs to be disrupted. It's not just the domain of tree-huggers or corporates trying to make themselves look good on the ESG spreadsheet. It's about creating a Blue Ocean of possibility, rewriting what "Business As Usual" is all about. Ocean Purpose Project's goal is to bring about disruptive change in the way we manage the problems of marine pollution." Mathilda

MATHILDA DSILVA

Mathilda D'Silva founded Ocean Purpose Project (OPP), a proudly Pasir Ris-based social enterprise driving ocean conservation and plastic pollution prevention via disruptive and creative projects with mass-scale impact.

She started this after a water pollution incident in 2015 left with intense autoimmune conditions. OPP's unique selling point is to use innovative technology that is yet to enter the Singapore market, such as Plastic to Fuel and Bioplastics.



INTRODUCING JCU'S FRESHLY-MINTED TECHNOLOGY-FOCUSED SUITE OF PROGRAMS AT ITS SINGAPORE CAMPUS

James Cook University in Singapore has launched a number of new programs focused on cutting-edge technology and preparing students for the challenges of tomorrow.

James Cook University (JCU) in Singapore has added an array of new programs focused on computing, technology and the digital age:

- Bachelor of Science (Majoring in Data Science)
- Bachelor of Science (Majoring in Internet of Things)
- Bachelor of Cybersecurity
- Bachelor of Business (Majoring in Marketing for the Digital Age)
- Master of Business Administration (Majoring in Analytics and Business Solutions)

The new academic offerings tackle various aspects of an increasingly digital world, and round out JCU's efforts to remain at the cutting edge and meet the needs of tomorrow's workforce.



Photo Credit: James Cook University, Singapore

For example, the leap forward in data and analytics capabilities in recent years has opened up more career opportunities that require skills to assess and make sense of large volumes of data. Similarly, the rapidly expanding world of sensors and data, and the integration of computing technologies with the physical world, calls for graduates with the knowledge and skills in physical devices and sensors, computer hardware and software for Internet of Things systems. Meanwhile, these advancements in technologies demand a defence against cyber threats to maintain secure digital and internet infrastructures, where professionals with a strong emphasis in Cybersecurity and related knowledge are key.

On the other hand, the nature of businesses is becoming more digital as well, and today's marketing professionals must be able to assess current business trends to help position their companies favourably and to speak directly to their customers through traditional advertising, digital marketing and social media. Data plays an important role in modern businesses as well, and techniques to sort and analyse the data – and make valuable organisational impact based on the data – is critical to a successful business career.

Professor Abhishek Bhati – Campus Dean and Head of Learning, Teaching and Student Engagement at JCU in Singapore – said, "These new programs further strengthen JCU's commitment to prepare students for contemporary careers and the challenges of tomorrow."

He added, "Each of these programs supports a growing industry demand, while providing more opportunities to position students to be leaders in their chosen field."

Click [here](#) to find out more about JCU's Business, Information Technology, and Science courses.

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EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

Past

AAS' FIRST TENNIS EVENT

@ Meyer Road

Thursday, 22 April 2021

AAS' Tennis Interest Group's first gathering was a great success. The group, comprising of intermediate level players aims to meet bi-monthly and for those who are interested to join in the fun, please do join our Tennis Social Interest Group.



Upcoming

TENNIS INTRO SESSION by AAS

@ One Tampines Hub (Indoor Court)

Sunday, 9 May 2021 7-9pm

- Registration Link:
<https://aas.glueup.com/events/36371/dashboard/>

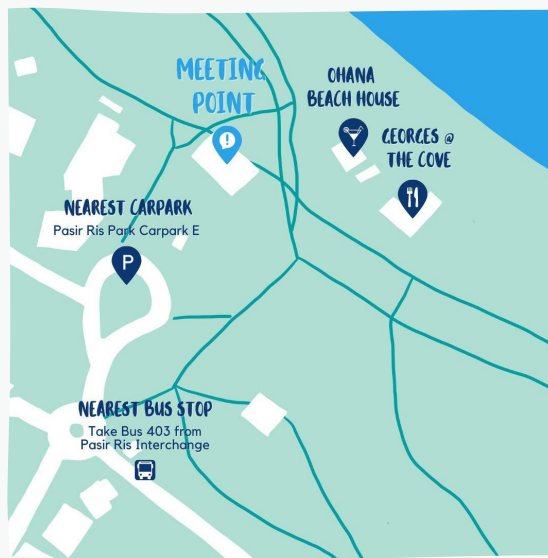


MAY BEACH CLEAN UP by OCEAN PURPOSE PROJECT

@ Pasir Ris Park (Carpark E)

Saturday, 22 May 2021 9-11 am

- Registration will open on 14 May:
<https://forms.gle/dkEu4ZaRiALbYn149>



EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

Upcoming



escape to a
WEEKEND BRUNCH

**PARTY SOCIAL EXPERIENCE:
Brunch Buffet & Pool Day Out**

@ Escape Restaurant by the Pool
One Farrer Hotel Level 6

Saturday, 29 May 2021 12-4pm

- Registration Link
<https://escapebrunch29maysat.peatix.com/>



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@ Yin Bar at the Riverhouse
3A River Valley Road, #01-02 Clarke Quay, 179024

Saturday, 14 May 2021 6-10.30pm

- Registration Link:
<https://diycocktailsmay14yinbar.peatix.com/>



SOCIAL INTEREST GROUPS

Scan or click the link to join & connect with like minded AAS members



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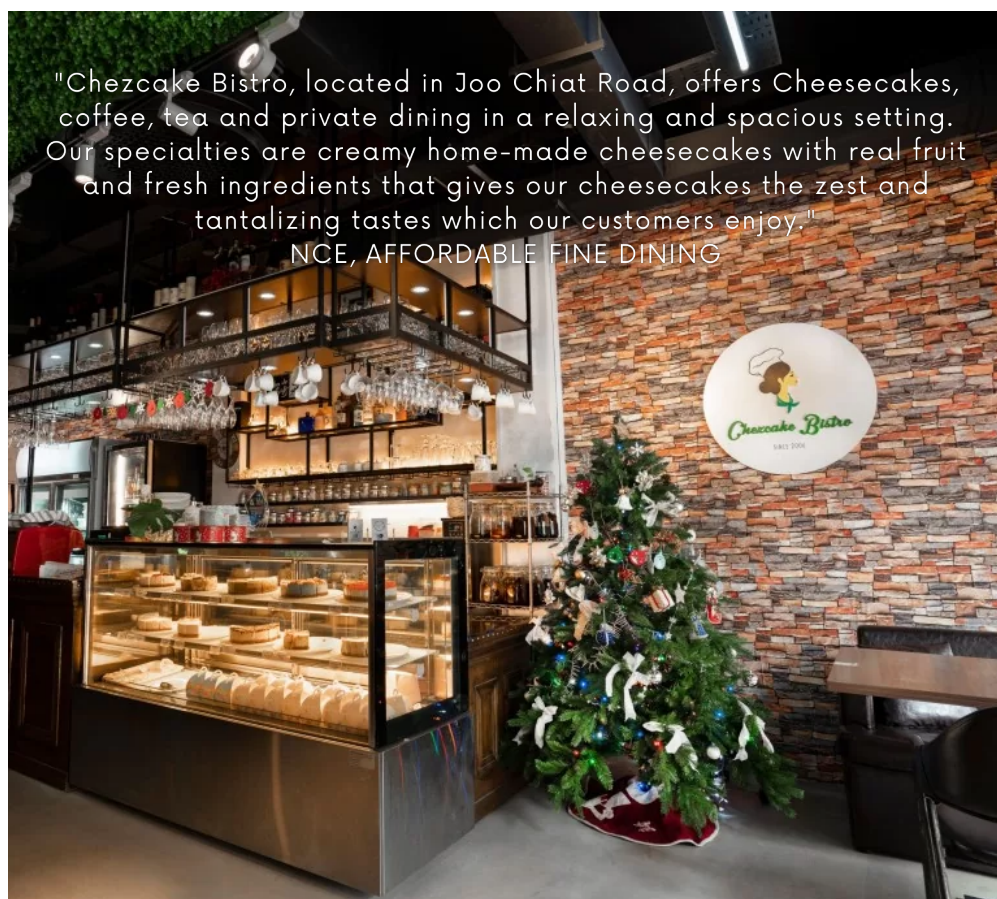
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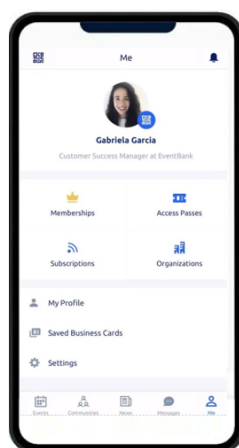


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- Human Resources Executive

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- Salesforce Delivery Manager
- Senior Salesforce Consultant(Functional/Technical)

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