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# THE VOICE

Monthly Newsletter for our Australian Alumni Community

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## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Members & Partners,

The month of December fills us with a lot of emotions. Not only does it mark the year's end, but it also indicates the beginning of a new year. During this holiday season, as we stretch our legs and look back on what we have attained this year, there is a lot that all of us can be proud of, and there are lessons we have all learned throughout the year.

For the AAS community, let us look back at some of our achievements this year:

- We have expanded our reach to over **5000 members**, partners, and friends of AAS this year. This has been a long-time goal for us and something all of us can be proud of. While this is just a drop in the ocean, this is a huge achievement and demonstrates the relevance of the organisation in bringing together our community under a common umbrella.
- We have expanded our social media presence on all our channels, with significant growth on both LinkedIn and Facebook, for a combined reach of nearly **6,000 organic followers**. This is a huge achievement considering we were less than 600 when we renewed our focus on building our social media presence last year.
- The Partner University Program has always played an ever-important role in expanding our reach as well as reinvigorating the university's relationship with its alumni who are based in Singapore. We have expanded our Partner University program from 2 partners to **11 Partner Universities this year**. I am excited to announce that **Monash University** and the **University of Technology Sydney** have joined as our newest partner universities. Through this agreement, both Monash and UTS alumni will be able to enjoy the benefits AAS has to offer. In addition, Monash and UTS students will also benefit from mentorship, internships, and job opportunities through the AAS network.
- We organised many events and get-togethers for our community, including our **67th Anniversary Gala Dinner** after a 2-year break, which was attended by nearly **500 participants** from our network, which included members, partners, and other friends of AAS from Singapore, Australia, and across the region.

I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to our sponsors, partners, and members for your strong support which helped us attain some of these achievements this year.

As we look forward to the new year, let us not forget what we have gained and build on it so that we can be more impactful to everyone around us. The AAS management committee will strive to expand our reach through many new initiatives in the coming year, and we want your active participation in this journey.

If you are an organisation or an Australian university and want to partner with us, we are more than happy to discuss this further to mutually benefit both organisations. If you are an Australian alumnus and want to chart the path and contribute to this diverse and vibrant community as a member of the Management Committee, I would like to discuss this further with you.

On behalf of the AAS Management Committee, I would like to **thank you all for your support and wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy, and prosperous New Year.**

Yours Sincerely,

*Raj*

Rajaneesh R Kurup  
#forwardtogether



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# AUSTRALIAN HIGH COMMISSION

## A FAMILY FAVOURITE OF DEPUTY HIGH COMMISSIONER ANGELA ROBINSON

In a time-honoured tradition for this festive season, we at the Australian High Commission have been planning for when we come together with loved ones to mark Christmas or New Years. An important question we've all been contemplating is 'What's on the menu?'

Deputy High Commissioner Angela Robinson shared a family favourite – this incredible Butternut Roast – perfect as a vegetarian centre piece!



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Photo credit and recipe adapted from thevegspace.co.uk.

Here's how to recreate this delicious dish:

**Total time:** 65 minutes

**Serves:** 4 people

### Ingredients

- 1 large butternut squash
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 red onion
- 2 garlic cloves – crushed
- 100 g puy lentils
- 100g feta
- 70g cranberries or raisins (fresh or frozen)
- 2 stalks fresh rosemary – leaves stripped and finely diced
- 2 stalks fresh thyme – leaves stripped
- ½ teaspoon nutmeg
- 75ml red wine
- 250ml vegetable stock
- 80g fresh spinach – finely chopped
- 50g pistachios – roughly chopped (alternates: pecans or pine nuts)
- Optional: 1 lemon, zested and juiced

### Instructions

1. Preheat the oven to 180°C / 350°F / Gas Mark 4.
2. Slice the butternut squash in half lengthways. Scoop out and discard the seeds.
3. Brush the squash with some oil, then bake for 40-45 minutes until the flesh is tender enough to scoop out. Remove from the oven and set aside until cool enough to handle.
4. While you're waiting for the butternut squash to bake, in a large saucepan or frying pan, heat the olive oil and add the onion and garlic. Cook over a gentle heat for 5 minutes until softened.
5. Add the lentils, cranberries, rosemary, thyme, nutmeg, red wine and vegetable stock (optional: include lemon zest and juice), bring to the boil, then cover and lower to a gentle simmer. Cook for 30 minutes or until the lentils are tender. You may need to add a little water near the end of cooking time if the lentils have soaked up all the liquid – keep an eye on them and stir regularly.
6. Take one half of the butternut squash and scoop out most of the flesh with a spoon, leaving a little all the way around so the squash holds its shape. Be careful not to tear the skin if possible, (though don't panic if this happens!).

### Are you following us on social media?

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# AAS MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

## LIM QIHAN, ENTREPRENEUR, CEO, THE HIDDEN STORY ALUMNA OF UNIVERSITY OF TASMANIA



Meeting Qihan is anything but a dull experience for any individual. A great many things would strike you about her, perhaps her bubbly personality, her confident stride or perhaps her ever-present smile upon her face. You would never think that this petite lady that stands before you battles for her life every single day against an incurable disease.

Qihan was diagnosed with lupus (SLE) in 2015 whilst she was a student right here at the University of Tasmania. It is an autoimmune disease in which the immune system attacks its own tissues limiting an individual's physical, mental functions, triggering fatigue and fever among other symptoms. Understanding that, I'm very sure that for most of us, being able to cope with the disease is already an achievement in itself.

However, Qihan refused to let this limit herself from achieving her dreams. She had a vision for herself and nothing was going to stop her from realizing it. That included being hospitalized for long durations at multiple junctures through the year all while coping with her studies and working towards the lofty goals she set for herself. She graduated in 2017 from the Australia Maritime College, University of Tasmania in the year of 2017, serving as an exemplary President of the college's student association.

## Never allow yourself to be held at a lower standard

She is a proud entrepreneur that never falters in the face of obstacles or failure. Starting her very first restaurant in the ultra-competitive F&B space in Singapore, her incredible enthusiasm for life and drive for achievement is truly inspirational. She started and operated 4 more restaurants every single year from 2019 to 2021. Her newest novel venture springs from her hospitable personality and her desire to curate unforgettable experiences for her guests as the owner and CEO of a whisky bar aptly named, The Hidden Story.

As you sit across this career woman, you can't help but be drawn into her charm, marvel at how capable she is and how very much she has achieved at such a young age. Not many, except her close friends and family are aware of the horrible disease that she battles with every day of her life. The reason behind this is because she never expects sympathy and never allows for herself to be held to a lower standard simply because of something like this. She carries an aura of positivity and never fails to light up a room with her energy.

A perfectionist at heart who strives for paramount quality in everything she does. She still never fails to make time for her peers who seek her advice and guidance. She's patient, empathetic and above all genuinely happy to be able to offer assistance to anyone that she cares for. An individual truly beloved by her friends, peers and her employees.

We hope that Qihan's story inspires you to be courageous, positive and above all displaying the undisputable power of self-belief. Her message to us to all of us is that even as we face what may seem to be insurmountable obstacles and challenges in life. We must all strive to live every single day like it's our last so we can have no regrets. We can allow our circumstances to destroy us or we can be a living testimony of how we can conquer and achieve through our trials and tribulations. It's all in the mind.



## Top researchers from Singapore and China collaborate in special edition 'Energies' journal



**This special journal issue will tackle the subject of green energy, the circular economy, and other related fields.**

The extensive exploitation and depletion of our finite natural resources have significant negative impacts on economic growth, social progress, and environmental quality. In order to overcome these problems and pave the way to a better and more sustainable future, the United Nations has embraced the [Sustainable Development Goals](#), which lay out plans to address global challenges like inequality, climate change, and environmental degradation.

A circular economy is key to meeting equity and sustainability targets, as it makes use of resources and products that are sustainably sourced, designed to be re-used, remanufactured and recycled. With this approach, waste becomes a resource and less primary raw material needs to be used. This in turn significantly reduces the demand for natural resources and reinforces a resource-efficient economy. Thus, removing resource consumption from the concept of human well-being.

At the same time, rapidly-rising global populations and industrialisation is contributing to a growing demand for energy. Decarbonisation (the removal or reduction of carbon dioxide output into the atmosphere) has been considered as a noteworthy alternative strategy to ensure energy security for our future. The process requires a fundamentally different energy system, which encourages the use of alternative energy sources based on green electricity and green molecules (such as biofuels and hydrogen). However, green credentials might be lacking when considering impacts of all stages of their product and service life cycle. For example, the disposal of decommissioned turbine blades remains an imminent environmental concern for the [wind-energy industry](#). Similarly, the reliance on fossil fuels continues to threaten the hydrogen-energy industry.

[Associate Professor Adrian Kuah](#) of James Cook University (JCU) in Singapore, will be taking the lead in addressing these pertinent issues in the open access journal 'Energies: Circular Economy and

Decarbonization of Energy'. This reputable journal covers scientific research, technology development, engineering, and the studies in policy and management — relating to economics, econometrics, and energy.

In this project, Associate Professor Kuah will be partnering with Professor Seeram Ramakrishna, Everest Chair of the Circular Economy Taskforce and Professor of Mechanical Engineering at the National University of Singapore, and Dr Kok-Hoong Wong, Assistant Professor in composite materials at University of Nottingham Ningbo China. The trio will curate evidence in advances in the circular economy and the decarbonisation of energy from around the world to achieve synergies that will best serve the sustainable development goals.

The journal issue will touch upon topics across various aspects of the circular economy and decarbonisation, including:

- Strategy development that promotes Sustainable Development Goals in the green energy industry via a circular economy approach
- Opportunities and challenges on circular economy and green energy integration
- Assessment of waste-to-resource for green energy production
- Circular supply chain in green energy industry
- Sharing platforms and associated challenges
- Strategies and rationale for product life extension
- Strategies and rationale for remanufacturing and green energy
- Product service systems for specific products/industries

Both Associate Professor Kuah and Professor Ramakrishna have been appointed to the National Mirror Committee on the ISO/TC 323 Circular Economy, and to the Environment and Resources Standards Committee by Enterprise Singapore. Earlier in September this year, [Associate Professor Kuah headed the Singapore Delegation to attend the ISO/TC 323 meeting at Kigali, Rwanda](#). Collaborating with Professor Chris Rudd OBE — Deputy Vice Chancellor and Head of Campus, Singapore for JCU — and Dr Wong, Associate Professor Kuah also [addressed the need and process for material recovery of high-quality carbon fibres in wind turbines to close the loop for the circular economy](#).

[Professor Caryn West](#), Dean of Research for the Singapore campus of JCU, said, “Transitioning to a circular economy becomes more pressing with each passing day. Change happens incrementally, and I believe that the contributions to this journal will help facilitate a positive impact towards achieving our sustainability goals.”

The deadline for manuscript submissions is 1 September 2023. Details of the special issue can be found [here](#). Researchers interested in contributing towards the special issue may contact Associate Professor Adrian Kuah at [adrian.kuah@jcu.edu.au](mailto:adrian.kuah@jcu.edu.au)

Find out more about the [Singapore campus of James Cook University](#).

Discover further information on [areas of research and research strength at James Cook University in Singapore](#).

Check out [Associate Professor Adrian Kuah's staff and research profiles](#).

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## James Cook University in Singapore inks Memorandum of Understanding with Umami Meats



**James Cook University in Singapore and Umami Meats have agreed to explore research and development in cultivated fish safety and quality.**

After signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on 12 December 2022, James Cook University (JCU) in Singapore and Umami Meats have agreed to strengthen and expand their collaboration in areas of mutual interest, particularly on the subjects of allergens, food safety, and cultivated fish.

Notably, the MOU will facilitate discussion on research and development projects in the areas of cultivated fish and food safety. In particular, the two organisations will be collaborating to:

- Evaluate the relative allergenicity, toxicity, and food safety of cultivated fish in comparison to wild caught or farmed fish
- Develop multiomics profiles for a variety of fish species of interest for cell cultivation to develop baseline data for food safety, allergenicity, flavour, and nutrition.

These goals leverage JCU's strong foundation in aquaculture, while contributing to the aims of the [Tropical Futures Institute](#) (TFI) at JCU in Singapore — which include sustainable production of aquaculture species, encompassing genetics, animal health and nutrition, and investigating allergies in order to promote healthy ageing.

[Professor Andreas Lopata](#), Professor in Medical Sciences at TFI and head of JCU's Molecular Allergy Research Laboratory, said, "Seafood plays a critical role in sustainably feeding the growing world population. We promote the safe production and consumption of farmed and cell-cultivated seafood through translational research excellence."

[Mr Mihir Pershad](#), Founder and CEO of Umami Meats, elaborated, "Seafood is a major source of protein for more than 3 billion people worldwide. As we work toward making cultivated 'not caught' fish an affordable,

healthy, and reliable source of seafood for these consumers, it is imperative that we also ensure its safety. We are pleased to be deepening our collaboration with JCU in this area and to partnering with their world-class experts for the evaluation of allergens and safety of cultivated fish.”

Dr Thimo Ruethers, Research Fellow in Human Health & Ageing at TFI, added, “More than 1,000 fish species are consumed worldwide and they are all very different by their look, taste, nutrition and their allergenicity. We are seeking the best species and production innovations for a sustainable healthy diet.”

Find out more about the [Tropical Futures Institute](#).

Find out more about the [Singapore campus of James Cook University](#).

Check out the [extensive range of courses offered at the Singapore campus of James Cook University](#).

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James Cook University Australia is ranked among the top 300 of universities in the world<sup>1,2</sup>. The University established its Singapore campus in 2003 as part of its expressed intent of internationalising its activities, and offers pathway, undergraduate and postgraduate programs.

The Tropical Futures Institute was launched in 2018 to enhance the university's research capability in Singapore.

In 2021 the university established James Cook Academy which in turn acquired Eagle Infotech for Continuing Professional Development.

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<sup>1</sup>2022 Times Higher Education (THE) World University Rankings

<sup>2</sup>2021 Academic Ranking of World Universities (ARWU)



## *Certis and Lendlease Break Ground on Paya Lebar Green*



On 1 Dec 2022, Certis and Lendlease officially broke ground on the new Paya Lebar Green – set to be one of Singapore’s most advanced, green, smart-tech and super low-energy decentralised Grade-A workplaces. At a groundbreaking ceremony graced by Mr Desmond Lee, Minister for National Development, together with senior leaders from Certis and Lendlease, both organisations unveiled how the redevelopment, which will also house Certis’ global headquarters, heralds the next chapter of Paya Lebar’s transformation into one of Singapore’s most lively commercial hubs.

With the respective capabilities of Certis and Lendlease, the new Paya Lebar Green will feature best-in-class facilities management, green building techniques and technologies as well as sustainable building design and placemaking for a future-ready workplace prioritising the health, well-being and productivity of both tenants and Certis employees. Beyond serving as Certis’ global headquarters, the redevelopment of Paya Lebar Green will also create about 220,000 square feet of prime, decentralised Grade-A office spaces complete with superb end-of-trip facilities and Green Plot Ratio of 3.0.

Lendlease will bring its expertise in green and sustainable construction with a focus on minimising environmental impact by reducing direct harmful emissions onsite, recycling building materials, and using low embodied carbon materials and renewable energy sources. Lendlease will apply an innovative modular construction of the Mechanical, Electrical and Plumbing (MEP) system and maximise prefabrication solutions. As a result, the project is slated to attain a more than 80% overall recycling rate for construction and demolition waste.

Visitors to Paya Lebar Green can expect various tech-enhanced health and well-being features, from embedded solutions such as natural ventilation, enhanced filtration systems and bi-polar ionisation, to IoT sensors measuring occupancy, light levels and temperatures for a comfortable yet sustainable working environment, while providing environmental data analytics for continuous operational efficiency improvements.



# REBECCA HALL

COMMISSIONER FOR VICTORIA TO SOUTH EAST ASIA & AAS' COUNCIL OF ADVISOR



Season greetings from the Victorian Government Trade and Investment - Southeast Asia (VGTI SEA) team.

We have come a long way since the start of the pandemic and it has been energising to re-engage with partners in Singapore and across Southeast Asia in 2022. In a recent Global Victoria internal survey, Victorian businesses identified Southeast Asia as the top target region they wanted to engage when borders reopened. And they delivered on this commitment. Our Singapore team has delivered services to more Victorian companies than ever, and we are thankful to our trusted alumni partners who have supported many of our engagements.

In 2022 we led a large number of business delegations from Victorian to key events in Singapore with a focus on big data and AI, beauty and wellness, food and beverages and Edutech. We also hosted our inaugural Investor Partner Summit Asia 2022 where we shared insights on Victoria's rich innovation ecosystems and showcased key investment opportunities in Melbourne. We even welcomed the Lord Mayor of Melbourne to Singapore earlier this year.

On behalf of the VGTI SEA team, we thank you for your continued support in advancing Victoria's engagement in Singapore. The team and I look forward to continued collaboration with AAS and extend our best wishes for the holiday season.



# Merry Christmas

Warmest greetings of  
the season and best  
wishes for happiness in  
the new year!



With international borders re-opening, a change over to the Australian Labour Government, as well as reductions in quota for the GTI program, and a shift in focus to employer-sponsored and general skilled migration, there's a lot to process in the Australian migration environment.

Needless to say, it has been a busy year for Ashton Legal Services and we continue to work closely with the AAS, and its Members, to provide our professional advice and services for inbound Australian migration. We have been fortunate enough to assist AAS Members navigate through the tricky migration maze and succeeded in visa grants for members and their families.

We thank the AAS for their continued support and look forward to working with more clients in the new year.

We wish everyone a safe and wonderful break over the festive season.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

A festive background featuring a branch with red berries and white pine needles on the left side. The main text 'HAPPY NEW YEAR' is in a bold, orange, sans-serif font. Below it, the year '2023' is written in a large, stylized, orange font. The text is surrounded by decorative elements like stars, dots, and wavy lines.

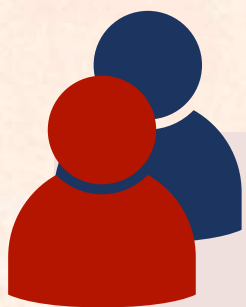


# 2022 WRAPPED

we  
connected  
with

1,480  
alumni

1 out of 2  
of you  
connected  
with us  
this year



Signed

598  
new members

7

universities  
signed as  
partners



53

sponsors  
supported  
us this year

29

events and  
activities  
organized

## Event of the Year



## Other Events







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## Dear Alumni

Thank you for a fantastic 2022! We were delighted to have met so many of you this year, both online and in person. We look forward to making 2023 even better with you. You have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



*The AAS Management Committee*





# Season's Greetings

## from AAS Council of Advisors



***Wish you a Very Merry Christmas and a Wonderful, Healthy and Successful New Year ahead!***

**Chris Cheah**



***Happy Christmas to all our fellow Australian Alumni***

**Dr. Cheong Choong Kong**



***X'mas Blessings to all our alumni friends. May the new year bring peace, hope, and joy for all!***

**Mah Bow Tan**



***Wishing all Alumni the very best for the Holiday Season and every success in 2023!***

**Neil Parekh**



***Wishing all alumni a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year***

**Dr. Bill Foo**



***Wishing you all a wonderful festive season. Here's to a prosperous and peaceful 2023***

**Rebecca Hall**



**Very best festive wishes to all AAS members, and may 2023 be the greatest year yet. Keep safe, stay well, and be kind to each other...**

**Philip Forrest**



**Wishing AAS members and friends a joyous festive season and a wonderful 2023!**

**Andrew Chew**



**My Season's Greetings and Best Wishes to all members of Australian graduate fraternity in Singapore. Merry X'mas & a Happy 2023**

**Michael Yap**



**I wish all AAS friends Merry Christmas and a very Happy, Healthy and Fulfilling New Year.**

**Loh Hoon Sun**



**Wishing you & your loved ones all the very best for a wonderful Christmas & here's to an incredible year ahead in 2023.**

**Andrea Della Mattea**



**Wishing all alumni a Merry Christmas and prosperous New Year.**

**Chia Yoong Hui**



**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all fellow AAS Council of Advisers and to all Australian alumni.**

**Joseph Kwok**



# UPCOMING EVENTS

## JANUARY BEACH CLEAN UP

by OCEAN PURPOSE PROJECT



For more information & to Register, please scan the Whatsapp QR Code and join AAS Sustainability Social Interest Group



## AAS CYCLING INTEREST GROUP MONTHLY MEETUP

PRE-CHINESE NEW YEAR RIDE ON SATURDAY, 21 JANUARY 2023 | 6.30AM SGT

For more information and to Register, please scan the Whatsapp QR Code and join the AAS Cycling Social Interest Group below.



[LINK](#)

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## FAREWELL CELEBRATION

WEDNESDAY, 18 JANUARY 2023

**AustCham**  
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## Farewell celebration

His Excellency, The Hon Will Hodgman

*Australian High Commissioner to Singapore and Patron of AustCham Singapore*

Wednesday, 18 January 2023 6pm -9pm | Hotel Swissôtel The Stamford, Skai Loft

*Join us for or a night of drinks, canapes and celebration of the significant contribution made to the Australian and Singaporean business community*



Sponsored by:



In recognition of the significant contribution made to the Australian and Singaporean business community, AustCham Singapore is hosting a farewell celebration for His Excellency, The Hon Will Hodgman, Australia's High Commissioner to Singapore and Patron of AustCham Singapore.

Join the celebration over drinks and canapes on Wednesday, 18 January 2023, from 6pm - 9pm at Skai Loft, Swissotel. Get your tickets here:  
<https://www.austcham.org.sg/events/#!event/2023/1/18/farewell-celebration-honouring-his-excellency-the-hon-will-hodgman>

Please also take time to write a message of thanks and acknowledgement to the High Commissioner, which will be compiled into a book given to him before he departs through the following link:  
<https://form.jotform.com/223450272872051>





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# PAST EVENTS

## AUSTCHAM BUSINESS AWARDS 2022

THURSDAY, 8 DECEMBER 2022



### Winners for Business Awards 2022:

- **ComfortDelGro** winner of the Business Alliance Award, sponsored by Commonwealth Bank
- **Toll Group** winner of the Business Excellence Award, sponsored by James Cook University Singapore
- **Givvable** winner of the Sustainability Award, sponsored by Australian High Commission Singapore
- **Oncoshot** winner of the Digital Award, sponsored by Australian High Commission Singapore
- **Green Li-ion** winner of the SME Outward Bound Investment Award, sponsored by VGTI SEA - Victorian Government Trade and Investment Southeast Asia
- **Anapi** (acquired by Aetna Insurance Brokers) winner of the Start Up of the Year Award, sponsored by the Australian International School, Singapore
- **Coles Group** winner of the Australian New Exporter Award, sponsored by Australian Trade and Investment Commission (Austrade)





# PAST EVENTS

## Official Launch of Master of Health Economics, Management and Policy

WEDNESDAY, 7 DECEMBER 2022

We officially launched the Master of Health Economics, Management and Policy degree in Singapore through 2 events which connected us with industries and the workforce.

Our CEO and Pro Vice Chancellor Professor Tony Travaglione also announced the creation of scholarships for private and governmental organizations in Singapore to improve their expertise in the area of health economics, management, and policy.

Read more about the event [here!](#)



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## Singapore Apex Corporate Sustainability Awards Ceremony 2022

MONDAY, 21 NOVEMBER 2022

The GCNS Apex Corporate Sustainability Awards Gala Dinner 2022 was held at the ParkRoyal on Pickering. It was graced by the Guest of Honour, Madam Halimah Yacob, the President of Singapore.

A significant theme of the event was the need for businesses and workers to ensure that they have the skills necessary to benefit from green technologies and practices that will be essential to the future of the economy.

Read more about the event [here!](#)





## PAST EVENTS

### UNIVERSITY OF WOLLONGONG ALUMNI ASSOCIATION (SINGAPORE CHAPTER) - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, 2 NOVEMBER 2022



UNIVERSITY  
OF WOLLONGONG  
AUSTRALIA

It is the evening of the great turnout and vibe, with more than 35 pax attended for the first ever physical Annual General Meeting (AGM) post-covid, along with great food and nice customised dessert jar with UOW logo. Great networking and games. It is also in conjunction with 20th Anniversary of University of Wollongong Alumni Association (Singapore Chapter). Special thanks to the UOW SG executive committee for making this AGM possible with great success.





# SOCIAL INTEREST GROUPS

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**AAS-Tennis Group**  
WhatsApp group



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If you would like to form and lead an interest group, please feel free to contact [secretariat@aas.org.sg](mailto:secretariat@aas.org.sg)





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- If you are a new user, **register** you Glue Up account directly on the app. Otherwise, simply log in to your existing account.
- Start exploring My Glue app!
- Check the following 3 slides to understand how you should proceed based on your user status.

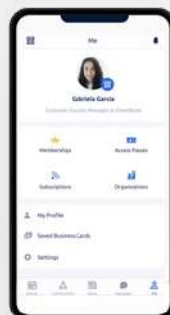
### How to get the mobile app?

Download it on

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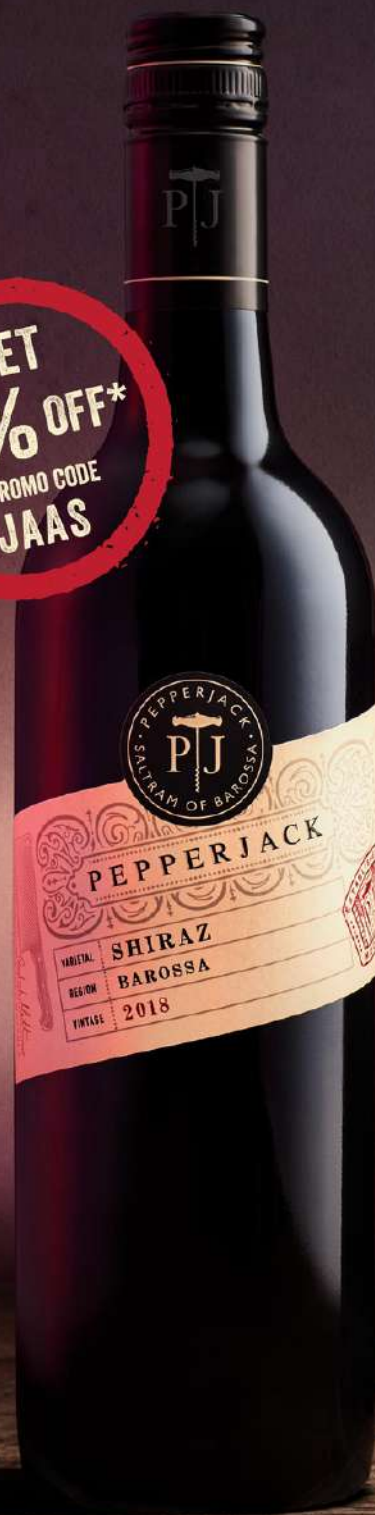
# AAS MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

EXCLUSIVE OFFERS & DISCOUNTS FROM AAS' VALUED  
PARTNERS & MEMBER ENTREPRENEURS

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#1 SHIRAZ.  
BECAUSE IT IS.**

*When character counts*  
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USE PROMO CODE  
**PJAAS**



Pepperjack Shiraz #1 by value, source: IRI MAT to 30/06/20.

\* Exclusive to AAS member discount ONLY.  
Enjoy 15% off from now to January 31st with a minimum spend of \$150 for any Pepperjack items on The Cellar.  
Please enter promo code PJAAS code in the promo code field then click apply when checking out.



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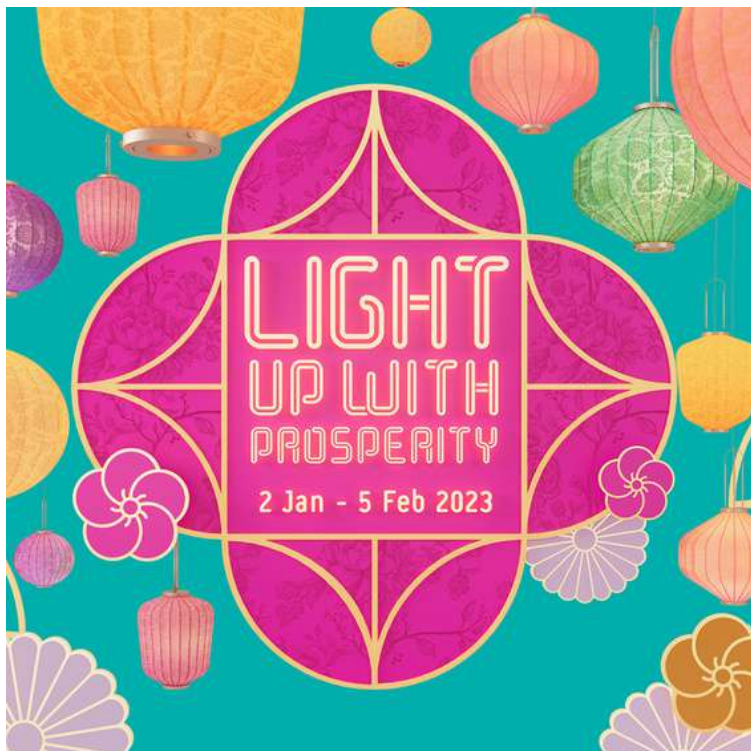




# EXCLUSIVE OFFERS BY PARTNERS



## *Light Up With Prosperity Rewards In Abundance (2 Jan - 5 Feb 2023)*



**Basic Tier:** Redeem an exclusive set of red packets (8 pcs) with a min. nett spend of \$88!

*\*Max. of 2 same-day combined receipts allowed and max. redemption of 2 sets per shopper per day on a first-come-first-served basis.*

**Premium Tier:** Be rewarded with a premium box of red packets (12 pcs) and \$10 Lendlease voucher with a min. nett spend of \$208 at 313@Somerset, Jem, Paya Lebar Quarter, or \$288 at Parkway Parade.

Shop with your Citi Credit Card and receive an additional \$10 Lendlease voucher at respective malls' Concierge Desks.

*\*Max. of 3 same-day combined receipts allowed and max. redemption of 1 set per shopper per day. Limited quantities available for each item and items are available on a first-come-first-served basis.*

*Other T&Cs apply.*

## **Not a Lendlease Plus member yet?**

2 Jan – 5 Feb: Exclusively for new members, receive 20,000 Plus\$ (worth \$10) when you sign up via the Lendlease Plus mobile app or [lendleaseplus.com](https://lendleaseplus.com) with promo code **"CNY23LLP"**.

What's more, enjoy additional 16,000 Plus\$ (worth \$8) when you submit your first receipt with a min. nett spend of \$88 (in a single receipt) successfully via the Lendlease Plus mobile app!

*\*Capped at first 2,000 successful signups, other T&Cs apply.*

**lendlease PLUS**

### Join Lendlease Plus today for a rewarding shopping experience

Be rewarded with Plus\$ and more when you shop at 313@somerset, Jem, Parkway Parade or Paya Lebar Quarter.

Sign up for an account via the Lendlease Plus web or app\*!

\*Terms and Conditions apply. For more information, visit [lendleaseplus.com](https://lendleaseplus.com) or download the Lendlease Plus app now!

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# THE WORLD'S FIRST PROSECCO GIN

Exclusive discount to AAS members only.

Enjoy 10% off from Jan 1st – Jan 31st 2023 when you purchase Tempus Two Copper Prosecco Gin on Thirsty Donkey.





COMING SOON

We hope you had a wonderful summer!

We would like to share with you are upcoming events and new designs. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have question!



## ABOUT US



Sometimes "well" is not enough.

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## ORGANIZATION STRATEGIST MANAGER

We are seeking a Strategy Consulting practitioner with extensive experience in organizational design and operating model strategy with top-flight leadership and management skills. You will have expertise in advising the CEO and senior-most clients on strategies to transform their organizations so they can fulfill their strategic, financial, and operational goals. As a Senior Manager/Principal Director, you will lead teams and interact with senior client executives as we shape and design future organizations.

### Responsibilities

- Lead engagements using design techniques and analytics to drive insights and design end to end Operating Model and Organizational Transformation programs
- Work with C-suite executives to architect future-proof, agile, and resilient organization and operating models
- Work with executives to shape solutions that meet the unique business strategy, market, and organizational needs of clients
- Lead engagements to prepare organization design alternatives, testing them against design criteria, and aligning leadership groups around design selection and implementation
- Work with executives to design governance models by facilitating senior stakeholders to implement decision making authority, accountability and responsibility to leaders and functional groups
- Lead engagements with leaders to co-create strategic solutions at the intersection of people, organization, business, and technology
- Work with clients to design change strategies and programs to support the implementation of the new Operating Model and Organization Structures
- Guide teams to ensure clients are positioned for long-term success with practical road maps for carrying out strategy, managing change, transforming and monitoring processes, and taking remedial steps
- Manage teams to deliver leading practice strategies and blueprints that define the organizational design and operating model for the enterprise, as well as function-specific models across the value chain (sales, marketing, product development, R&D, finance, HR, IT, supply chain/logistics, procurement, and other services such as legal, real estate, facilities, and engineering)
- Lead authentically and with a people-first mindset that fosters inclusivity and celebrates diversity. Mentor junior members of the team, providing them with experiences to continually learn and grow
- Organize and drive business development efforts, including Statements of Work (SOW), proposal development, and client presentations
- Lead and contribute to practice development initiatives including culture building, internal community involvement, capability development, recruiting, and whitepapers

### Requirements

- Minimum of 8 years of experience in two or more of the following areas: Operating Model Design; Organization Design; Enterprise Transformations; Mergers & Acquisitions; Digital Transformations
- Minimum of 6 years of consulting experience or equivalent
- Experience working with C-suite executives in co-creating operating models and transformational programs
- Experience leading cross functional teams
- Experience using software platforms in analyzing organizational and workforce data to drive organizational design decisions and implications
- Qualifications: Bachelor's degree
- Experience in other related areas such as Design Thinking, Human Centered Design, Employee Experience, Transformational Change Management, Culture Change, and/or Agile Organization Development
- MBA or graduate-level degree in Organization Psychology and Organization Development
- Strong organizational and analytical skills
- Proficiency with Microsoft Office applications (Outlook, Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Visio)



**EUNICE YANG**  
Alumna of Curtin University  
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