

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Members & Partners,

Happy New Year!

I had the opportunity to take a break and spend some quality time with my family and friends. I am excited about 2023 and the opportunities it will present to us. I hope you took the time to relax, reflect and recharge during the holiday season.

January 26 marked a very special day for all Australians around the world to celebrate the diverse society and the achievements of past and present. It also provides an opportunity to recognise the role of indigenous Australian community in Australian history and also to promote mutual respect and reconciliation.

Our Patron H.E. The Hon. Will Hodgman, Australia's High Commissioner to Singapore will conclude his term in February 2023. Since he kindly accepted to be AAS Patron in 2021, H.E. Will Hodgman championed AAS objectives and played a crucial role in helping AAS build more visibility within the Australian and Singaporean community. I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to H. E. Will Hodgman for his unwavering support and guidance over the last 2 years.

AAS will be hosting our 68th AGM on 29th March 2023. This is the first AGM we will be holding face to face since the pandemic. At the AGM, members will get updates from the management committee about Australian Alumni Singapore's general operations, finances, and highlights for the last 12 months. I would like to request you to attend the AGM and cast your votes to select your new committee members and vote for the proposed resolutions. We will be sharing further information regarding the AGM in the coming month. Please save the date and join us in person at the event.

On behalf of the AAS Management Committee, I would also like to thank all our members and partners for your continued support and wish you all a prosperous year of the Water Rabbit.

Gong Xi Fa Cai!

Yours Sincerely,

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Rajaneesh R Kurup #forwardtogether



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Celebrating First Nations art in Singapore





Long before written words, Australia's First Nations people have passed down generations of oral history and storytelling through artwork. Art is a medium for First Nations people to express their culture, identity and deep connection to land and community. For contemporary First Nations artist like Reko Rennie, a proud Kamilaroi man, his work takes a modern twist and provokes discussion around Indigenous culture and identity in urban environments.

Reko's art features lush, bold graffiti colours and refined techniques inspired by his Kamilaroi heritage. Reko started his practice as a graffiti artist and has exhibited extensively in Australia and internationally in countries such as Italy, France and Germany.

The Australian High Commission hosted Reko at the High Commissioner's residence on 13 January to celebrate the growing presence of Aboriginal art in Singapore and the international art scene. Reko's work was represented by Station and displayed in the inaugural edition of ART SG, the largest art fair in Southeast Asia. Agency Projects, an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander not-for-profit organisation, jointly supported this project. Agency Projects aspires to develop and sustain new programs and activities that promote, celebrate and support Indigenous contemporary art on a local, national and international scale.

We are proud of the achievements of First Nations artists and look forward to continuing to support the participation of Australia's First Nations arts and culture in Singapore.



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AAS MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

MICHAEL LAM, GENERAL MANAGER, GENCON MARITIME PTE LTD ALUMNUS OF AUSTRALIAN MARITIME COLLEGE/ UNIVERSITY OF TASMANIA



I am a proud graduate of the Australian Maritime College (AMC) (Newnham Campus) in Launceston, Tasmania, where I studied Bachelors of Business in Maritime and Logistics Management. The specialized Maritime Institute was conglomerated with University of Tasmania (UTAS) a couple of years after I graduated.

The Institute offers one of the best Industry–specialised degree in the world. The modules were practical and professionally structured, and covered almost every important aspect of the Maritime Industry. The assignments are still challenging, encouraging the students to work ground–up, develop resilient and growth mindsets, and build critical thinking, survival, business, and problem solving skills.

The courses were also very relevantly updated, in line with current market developments and skill sets. Sometimes, the researches even goes beyond and foresee possible future industry developments. I discovered this through contacting my Lecturers and Professors until today. Current and future students, even former graduates, would definitely benefit a lot in their careers from the University's education in applying what they've learnt to today's business world.

Studying at AMC was almost like 'Top Gun' or a F1 driver, pushing over the edge beyond limits, breaking through multiple assignments, to the point of challenging myself to party more than studying, just to see if I can still make it after much parties. My classmate even hilariously commented:" You're the craziest Asian I've ever met". In general, I was a serious, 200% focused, yet notorious student.

Through ups and downs, lesson learnt was there is nothing to fear from pushing beyond limits and still fail (I was almost washed out for being unable to catch up in year 2 and had to do Summer Classes in Singapore during semester breaks). I would stay in the office after midnight during my job attachments to pursue my assignments. As with the Universal Question:" What's your Why?". Our Life Purpose, Mission, Duties and Responsibilities, Accountabilities, Dreams and Focus is the Key Answer and Motivation, as opposed to procrastination. AMC taught me that. The institute really pushes us beyond our limits and break through what we thought we were only limited to do.

Life changing education

Being born into a small family-owned business environment doing coastal shipping in Indonesia and SEA region, I've seen my parents managing the business since I was a kid. It was a business my late father left behind in 2013, the night before my birthday.

We were in ship-owning and operations, transhipping Indonesian iron ore and coal, and trading between Indonesia and China. In 2014, we diversified into ship agency, serving our Indonesian clients' vessels in Singapore. Late 2018, we ventured into ship chandelling, delivering ship supplies to our industry friends' vessels. In October 2019, multiple sources and reports provided Intel of an upcoming Pandemic. Economic pressures, and unforeseen circumstances caused business disruptions.

Through situational analysis and hindsight, and anticipating the Pandemic, I made the call to stop the Ship Supply arm before the lockdown in early 2020 to prevent losses and risk being infected while boarding the ships when COVID was not well examined at that time. I also had to take care of my mother. The rest was to look for alternative opportunities.

While the family business was undergoing revamping decisions, we're still in touch with our Indonesian and Chinese counterparts. However, infections, manpower crunches and disrupted supply chains inhibited developments. Considering Industrial and Technological advancements, and keeping up with skill set trends, I'm currently pursuing a Business and Data Analytics Course.

I only began golfing during polytechnic days under peers' influence. One lesson learnt – Interests can be developed through constant practice and open, growth mindsets. You'll be surprised you're actually interested in something once you see improvements. As G.O.L.F also means "Go On Learning Forever", we're our only limitations. There're no limits, with non-judgemental, non-biased, non-prejudiced and open growth mindsets, for lifelong learning in personal and professional development.

My Key Takeaways:

- Ø Most important is to adopt a limitless, lifelong learning, open and growth mindset without prejudice, and being at peace with yourself.
- Ø Resiliencé, Never Limit yourself and never give up, especially through these hard times. There're always opportunities and alternatives.
- Ø Teamwork, Collaboration, Mutual Understanding and Communication without prejudice
- Ø You have every right to your Life Purposes and Dreams
- Ø Lastly, give back to families, friends and the community whenever you can, even through small efforts. Your luck will change for the better.

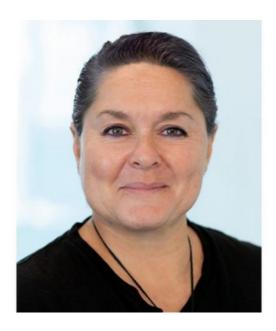
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Media Releases



Indigenous leader elected as JCU's next Chancellor



A passionate advocate for better Indigenous health outcomes and one of the nation's first Indigenous medical graduates, Professor Ngiare Brown, has been named the next Chancellor of James Cook University. She will be JCU's first female and first Indigenous Chancellor.

JCU's governing body, the University Council, today [Wednesday 11 January] elected Professor Brown as the University's sixth Chancellor. She will be based in Cairns, and will begin her five-year term on April 24th.

Professor Brown is a Yuin woman from the south coast of New South Wales. She completed her medical degree at the University of Newcastle in 1992 and graduated from JCU with a Master of Public Health and Tropical Medicine in 2000. She received an Outstanding Alumni Award from JCU in 2012.

She will succeed the current Chancellor Bill Tweddell, who is retiring after seven years of exemplary service to ICU.

Professor Brown is passionate about Indigenous health, child safety and adolescent development. She is the Founding Director of Ngaoara, a not-for-profit organisation committed to child and adolescent wellbeing, and is the Chair of the National Mental Health Commission.

"I'm a proud JCU alumna and I'm honoured to be elected as its Chancellor," Professor Brown said.

"I am thrilled by the opportunity and excited to commit myself to new challenges. I see a great many opportunities to build on the University's strengths and successes, and to extend its impact in our region and far beyond.

"I hope to be able to leverage my experiences in Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander and Indigenous affairs, health, education and politics in service of JCU's core business in research and education."

The outgoing Chancellor, Bill Tweddell, said he was "delighted to be handing over to a successor who so clearly embodies the core values of James Cook University, and whose achievements and personal attributes show her to be outstandingly well-qualified to help lead JCU into the next phase of its development".

"We are also excited to be welcoming back to JCU one of our Outstanding Alumni – as a JCU graduate myself, I'm proud to be handing over the reins to a distinguished alumna," Mr Tweddell said.

Deputy Chancellor Jayne Arlett, who chaired the Chancellor Search Committee, said Professor Brown is an outstanding choice for the position.

"In addition to her distinguished career, Professor Brown brings to the role a warm and engaging personality, a strong sense of social justice, and an understanding of regional areas including Northern Australia and the Tropics.

"She has an impressive research record, as well as a wealth of knowledge of, and passion for, the university sector."

The Chancellor is the Chair of the University's governing body, Council, and presides over all Council meetings.

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New Shaw Tower is Singapore's first grade A commercial building to achieve the BCA Green Mark Platinum (Super Low Energy) certification under latest 2021 Criteria



80% of new developments by gross floor area (GFA) will be required to be BCA Green Mark Platinum (Super Low Energy) certified from 2030 under the Singapore Green Building Masterplan announced last year. Shaw Tower celebrates a series of accolades certifying it as one of Singapore's most state of the art, sustainable and healthy workplaces. It has been awarded the coveted Building and Construction Authority (BCA) Green Mark Platinum (Super Low Energy) certification under the latest 2021 criteria – the first grade A commercial building in Singapore to achieve this prestigious accolade. In addition, as an industry's first for a commercial building, the development is also awarded three additional badges, showcasing exemplary performance gaining the Health and Wellbeing (Hw), Intelligence (In) and Maintainability (Mt) badges.

As the first grade A commercial building to achieve the higher standards required, Shaw Tower will demonstrate how future workplaces in Singapore can be greener and healthier from design and construction through to completion and beyond. The new Shaw Tower builds a solid foundation on superior energy efficiency, renewable energies, smart technologies, and a healthier environment for tenants.

Occupants and visitors can also take advantage of amenities such as a gymnasium, end-of-trip facilities supporting healthier travel options and 15,700 square feet of retail and dining options including a rooftop restaurant.

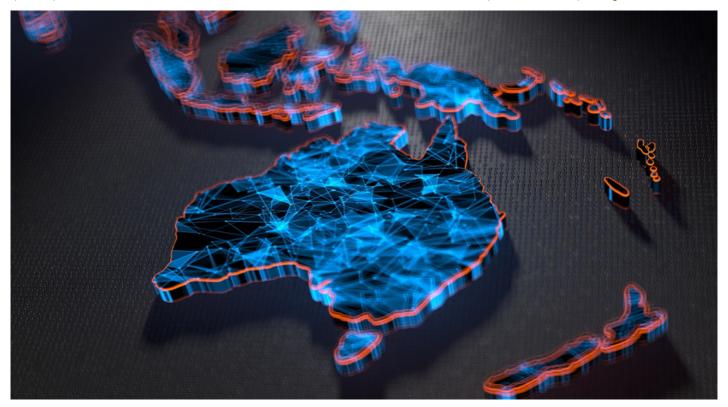
With buildings contributing over 20% of emissions locally, Lendlease continues to work with likeminded partners and supporters like BCA and Shaw Towers Realty Pte Ltd, to help Singapore create more sustainable and healthier buildings for the benefit of communities now and in future.

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AMAZON LAUNCHES AWS MELBOURNE REGION



In another win for Melbourne's thriving technology ecosystem, Amazon Web Services (AWS) has announced the launch of the AWS Asia Pacific (Melbourne) Region.



This is the second AWS Infrastructure Region in Australia and will provide AWS customers with greater choice for running applications and serving end users, with increased resilience and availability and more options to securely store data locally in Australia.

AWS also released an economic impact study estimating that the company's projected spending on the construction and operation of the new Region will support over 2,500 full-time jobs annually with local vendors in Victoria, with a planned S6.8 billion investment in Australia from 2022-2037.

The investment includes capital expenditures on the construction of data centres, operational expenses related to ongoing utilities and facility costs, and purchases of goods and services from regional businesses.

Prasad Kalyanaraman, vice president of Infrastructure Services at AWS said, "Australia has a strong history of technical innovation, and the launch of a second AWS Region in Australia provides even greater resilience and enables more customers to develop cloud-based applications that help fuel economic development across the country."

"The AWS Asia Pacific (Melbourne) Region adds to our ongoing infrastructure expansion and investments in Australia. We are proud to deepen our investment by driving local job creation, building cloud skills, and creating opportunities for growth and collaboration with our local customers and AWS Partners."

AAS members interested to expand your business into Victoria may visit the Invest Victoria website or contact sharifah.khairunnisa@global.vic.gov.au for a discussion.

UPCOMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY BEACH CLEAN UP

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AAS CYCLING INTEREST GROUP MONTHLY MEETUP

SATURDAY, 11 FEBRUARY 2023 | 6.30AM SGT





Wellness Talk & Networking Session

8th February 2023, Wednesday 7pm to 9.30pm



QUANTUM LEAP TO BETTER HEALTH



With all the festive feasting, many of us may have put on weight. Increases in blood pressure or cholesterol start gradually to become a problem in later years to require medication. Start your 2023 on the right footing to get back into shape and in the pink of health by learning from holistic health expert, Lisa Ng, who epitomises optimal wellbeing.

Synopsis:

- 1. Learn about underlying causes of degenerative diseases such as high blood pressure.
- 2. Find out how to manage oxidative stress to journey towards optimal health.
- 3. How to manage your metabolism to get back or stay in shape.

$oldsymbol{3}$ simple steps to quantum leap your health

- 1. Learn useful tips to MANAGE your health BETTER.
- 2. Additionally, register for the *free comprehensive quantum magnetic health scan (worth \$180) that generates 14 comprehensive health reports* that may uncover underlying issues in your metabolism and health. (Limited to 50 pax)
- 3. Optionally, arrange at mutually convenient date to go thru the 14 comprehensive reports each with at least 5-10 parameters. (1 hour needed for non-obligation analysis).

Speaker profile:



Lisa Ng has been practising holistic wellness consulting for over 20 years in Australia, Malaysia, Philippines and Singapore. She graduated from Melbourne with distinction in Life Science and had continued her holistic health understanding from experts from around the globe such as Sanoviv Medical Centre and even graduated in Health Promotion from Nanyang Polytechnic.

She has consulted in designing and teaching wellness programs at many multinational companies, among them are Shiseido, HSBC Bank, Fitness First and Hewlett Packard. She is also a writer on holistic health, having served for Singapore Prime magazine for over 4 years.

She is certified as a WSQ trainer on holistic wellness and has much experience collaborating with medical health professionals to provide a holistic wellness approach.

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AAS 1st Beer & Brains Session (jointly held with Malaysian Association in SG)

by Raj, Noel & Richard

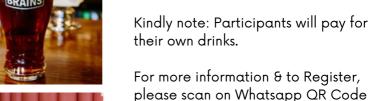
Venue: BAR.CELONA, CAVA & TAPAS GASTROBAR @ 30 Robertson quay #01-10/11

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Thursday 16 Feb 2023 | 7pm SGT







Come & join us for a chill & relaxing evening of networking and getting to know the AAS Management Committee - Raj Kurup (JCU), Noel Ng & Richard Ngo (both alumni of

the University of Tasmania).







Chair of Events Treasurer President



Wednesday, 29 Mar 2023 | 7pm to 10pm SGT

Venue: TBC



AAS members (Life, Ordinary & authorized representative of Institutions) with Active membership may

attend & vote during the meeting. AAS Associate members may also attend but will not be allowed to vote.

At the meeting, members will have the opportunity to:

- find out about Australian Alumni Singapore's operations and finances
- ask questions about the operations and finances of Australian Alumni Singapore
- speak about any items on the agenda
- vote on any resolutions proposed

At the meeting, members will be asked to vote to:

- accept the minutes of the last annual general meeting
- accept the annual financial statements
- elect committee members
- appoint an auditor

Do SAVE THE DATE; 29 Mar 2023 (Wed) and look out for registration details via email notice, The Voice Feb 2023 Issue and AAS social media, etc.

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Peoples, Cultures and Careers Research Cluster #1 - Transnational Perspectives on Innovation and Entrepreneurship



When: 9 February 2023, 9am -- 10am

Location: Online Webinar

While globalization has been a popular concept to examine the rapidly changing cultural, financial, political and technological environment in an interconnected world, there has not been sufficient attention to history, context and transnational modes of being and belonging in the world within the context of entrepreneurship. Within this context, much scholarship has aimed to understand how entrepreneurship takes place in a globally-connected world that has relied on static ontologies and methods. If mobility is the new defining feature of societies and then, new theories and approaches in social sciences that attend to the impact of these mobilities must be acknowledged and used to provide important contributions to our understanding of the social and economic world. To this end, transnational migration studies offer new ontologies and concepts to study a world on-the-move, specifically in relation to innovation, entrepreneurs and entrepreneurial activities.

This talk will focus on conceptual contributions of transnational migration studies to the study of innovation and entrepreneurship focusing on the ways people, practices and ideas circulate globally, and with what consequence.

Host & Moderator



Professor Eddy Ng **Professor of Organisational Behaviour, James Cook University Singapore**

Professor Ng is a Visiting Professor of Organisational Behaviour. His research focuses on managing diversity for organizational competitiveness, the changing nature of work and organizations, and managing across generations. His work has been funded by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada grants. He is also the Editor-in-Chief of Equality, Diversity and Inclusion and a Co-Editor for Personnel Review. Prior to the academia, he spent 7 years with the TD Bank Financial Group.



Professor Banu Ozkazanc-Pan Professor of Practice, School of Engineering, and Academic Director of the IE Brown EMBA Program

Professor Banu Ozkazanc-Pan is Professor of Practice at the School of Engineering and Academic Director of the IE Brown EMBA program. She is also the Founder and Director of the Venture Capital Inclusion Lab at the Nelson Center for Entrepreneurship. Professor Banu's research interests are mainly in the areas of diversity and inclusion in organizations and in entrepreneurial ecosystems.

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All of these key focus areas have extra significance in disability support and special needs. Taking inspiration from the Minister's speech, Guest Speaker Dr. Carl Leonard will present his reflections on Australian and Singaporean approaches highlighting practice, pedagogy, partnerships and professional learning with a vision to enable a brighter future for Singaporean education.

Click here to register and find out more: https://cvent.me/yzV58w

Registration Closing Date: 13 February 2023

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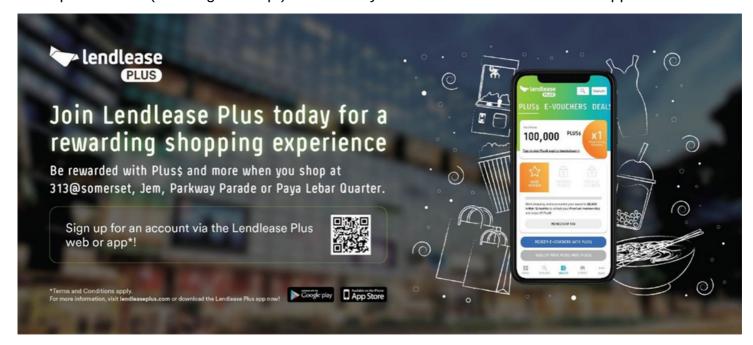
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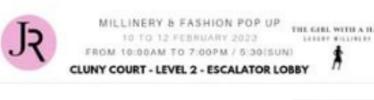






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What You Will Be Working On

- Drive and manage C-Suite communications to grow mindshare of IMDA initiatives, programmes and policies on a daily basis, including management of third-party agencies as needed
- Develop and craft C-Suite materials for speaking engagements, to ensure strong strategic values and plans from IMDA are effectively communicated
- Partner corporate divisions to understand divisions' priorities and effectively develop and implement communications plans, materials, etc. specific to IMDA as a corporate entity
- Coordinate efforts with other agencies and ministries
- Oversee all aspects of media management work, including media briefings, materials, media pitches and interview requests, as well as highlight points for speaking engagement and speeches for overseen work areas
- Work closely with various teams to harmonise plans and messaging with intended audiences from strategic lens

What We Are Looking For

- · Background in Public Relations/Communications/Journalism or related disciplines
- 5-8 years of relevant experience in Journalism, Public Relations, Government Comms
- Creative writing and presentation skills necessary
- Experience working with and pitching to reporters (especially manpower, tech, media, business beats) across media channels a plus (but not a pre-requisite)
- Experience with managing third party agencies/vendors/suppliers
- Good communications and interpersonal skills, adept at engaging external and internal stakeholders, including multi-agency and cross-functional teams
- Ability to understand business units' needs and translate these needs into impactful strategic communications plans to be disseminated further
- Curiosity and interest in the tech and media industry
- Must be willing and able to work odd-hours as needed for job functions

SENIOR MANAGER, STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS

What The Role Is

This role will be pivotal in developing and supporting the brand strategy for IMDA and its programmes. He/she will also be involved in the communication of the organisation's vision, mission, value proposition, and translate brand elements into marketing communications plans for external and internal stakeholders.

He/She will be involved in campaigns to build up positive brand reputation and perception of IMDA amongst key stakeholders and target audiences. This involves working with brand consultants and agencies in developing key corporate assets and brand collaterals for the organisation.

What You Will Be Working On

- Develop brand strategy, including setting and refining of style guides, guidelines, vision, mission and value proposition
- Develop and execute brand communications campaigns, initiatives and activities
- Develop and drive creation of playbooks, guides and content development on platforms for internal and external stakeholders
- Maintain brand integrity across all marketing initiatives and communications
- Seek out international and local platforms to profile IMDA as a brand
- Provide support in communications where required

What We Are Looking For

- Background in marketing communications or a related discipline
- 7-10 years of relevant experience in marketing communications
- Creative writing and presentation skills necessary
- Self-starter in project management, creative thinking to enable quick turnarounds on projects in a timely manner
- Experience working with and pitching to reporters (especially manpower, tech, media, business beats) across media channels a plus (but not a pre-requisite)
- Experience with managing third party agencies/vendors/suppliers
- Ability to understand business units' needs and translate these needs into impactful strategic communications plans to be disseminated further
- Ability to work well independently while being a strong team player
- Curiosity and interest in the tech and media industry



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