

# THE VOICE

Monthly Newsletter for our Australian Alumni Community

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## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Members & Partners,

I had the pleasure to meet H.E. The Hon. Allaster Cox, the newly appointed Australian High Commissioner to Singapore. H.E. Allaster Cox reiterated his commitment to strengthening alumni engagement in Singapore. We also discussed AAS strategy to engage our strong community of over 200,000 Australian Alumni in Singapore.

I am delighted to announce that H.E. Allaster Cox has accepted our invitation and has become the new patron of Australian Alumni Singapore. I am sure that his support will be extremely valuable for our journey in the coming years.

I also had the opportunity to meet the Governor of Victoria H.E. the Hon. Linda Dessau during her recent Singapore visit. During the meeting we discussed various aspects of business and investment opportunities in Victoria - the thriving start-up ecosystem, the talent pool and innovation in various industries including digital, clean energy, biotech, agtech and more. We also discussed various aspects and challenges of alumni engagement as well as the role of alumni as ambassadors of Australia around the world.

H.E. Linda Dessau also touched on the rich talent pool that Victorian universities are producing and exporting around the world and the contributions they have made in all walks of life. She also underlined the role of AAS in bringing together the strong and growing Australian alumni community in Singapore.

AAS also participated in our first community engagement event for the year. On Mother's Day, AAS volunteers joined nearly 200 other volunteers in the heartlands of Kovan and Hougang to distribute over 8000 handmade flowers by the skilled beneficiaries of MINDS. This meaningful event was organised by Boss Group Limited in partnership with Paya Lebar - Kovan Community Club. It felt great to put smiles on the faces of many moms who were working on their special day.

As AAS ramps up our community engagement activities this year, if you are keen to be part of our community outreach program as a participant or as a beneficiary, please reach out to [csr@aas.org.sg](mailto:csr@aas.org.sg).

Yours Sincerely,



Rajaneesh R Kurup  
#forwardtogether



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# AUSTRALIAN HIGH COMMISSION

## A note from Australia's new High Commissioner to Singapore, and AAS Patron, Allaster Cox...



I'm grateful for the warm welcome to Singapore I've had since arriving in April to start my role as Australia's High Commissioner. I have already met so many wonderful people including some of the 5,000 members of the Australian Alumni Singapore.

That the AAS precedes the start of formal diplomatic relations between Australia and Singapore really speaks to the crucial role alumni play in strengthening the bilateral relationship. With more than 200,000 Singaporeans having studied in Australia over the years, you form the bedrock of our people-to-people ties.



Getting strong handshakes with AAS President Raj Kurup and Vice-President Kevin Dam.



My wife Susila and I are loving everything about Singapore so far - from the weather, the food (we are big fans of Boon Tong Kee chicken rice and prawn laksa!), and all the high calibre and warm people we have met.



Caption: First dinner in Singapore at Boon Tong Kee



Photo credit: Kopernik. Caption: Allaster, the then-Australian Deputy Head of Mission to Indonesia visiting Kopernik, an R&D Lab for social and environmental challenges, 2019.

I'm keen to bring my previous experience in the region to help inform my work. I have had wonderful experiences in Vietnam, Brunei, Indonesia and Malaysia (both our daughters were born in KL, which is almost a second home).

Singapore is such a vital hub for the entire region and Australia's diplomatic ties with Singapore are strong and enduring. I look forward to collaborating closely with the AAS to build membership and engagement and to advance the prospects of all members in Singapore and beyond.

# AAS MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

**MICHAEL AW, AAS TREASURER & CO-CHAIR OF CSR  
MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT | CORPORATE GOVERNANCE |  
CHANNEL SALES SPECIALIST  
LA TROBE UNIVERSITY DOUBLE DEGREE GRADUATE  
(COMPUTER SCIENCE-HONS & ELECTRONICS ENGINEERING)**

As an engineer by training, Michael believes in dedication and discipline, dedicated 21 years in a single US MNC, changed 6 portfolios from engineering, marketing to sales management in Asia. He loves risk taking, excels in opening frontier markets and building up trust among business partners. Highlights include serving government security agencies in Afghanistan during Osama bin Laden days, Sri Lanka during Tamil Tigers days and emerging markets such as Pakistan, Bangladesh, Myanmar, Cambodia, Laos, etc.

Moving out of comfort zone, he kickstart Mekong Group PL as the founding CEO to link business opportunities from Singapore region to Laos, PDR. Business match making in kind, linking investors, JV partners, Consultants and Talents to this little known land locked nation in Indo-China. Under his leadership, his team convinced Surbana Jurong to masterplan a township project, Rajah & Tann for JV partnership, Deloitte to set up new composite Insurance company, co-hosted several business missions with Singapore Business Federation, Singapore Chinese Chambers of Commerce & Industry and Ngee Ann Poly!



*Life is a journey! Water will flow! No Risk No Gain!*



2016, Laos-signing ceremony to kickstart 1st homegrown insurance company business.

Subsequently, he was entasked to restructure a 25 year SME with new business plan, HR program to retain talents and software automation, ERP system to monitor cash flow. Eventually, he becomes Registered Management Consultant, RMC. He also helped a listed company in business development.

To diversify risk, he founded 38 Investment PL since 2011, investing properties in Australia, UK, Singapore and Malaysia. Recently, he renamed it, 38 Consulting PL to focus on business consultancy. He enjoys acquiring new skills, currently the Chairman to Katong Shopping Centre Management Team.



2009, Bhutan-Educating Digital Security Systems to government agencies

“Healthy Is Wealthy”, as a sports fanatics, he has several interests including Taekwondo, Scuba diving, mostly focus on golfing and badminton now. He regularly organises golf tournament for his private estate golfers and holds the position of the badminton captain for his Community Grassroots Interests Group.

“Give and Take”, he believes in giving back and volunteers in several capacities including setting up his own university chapter in Singapore as the founding President, District Councillor for Singapore Central District region promoting green and sustainability practices, community chairman to his private estate etc. He enjoys networking, hosting friends in his private club or house for social gatherings.



2023, AAS CSR Joint Event with BOSS Group, Mother's Day



2017-Laos, getting family involved, while running Laos business -“In Rome do as the Romans do” to connect better!.

He is happily married with 3 grown up children.

Do contact him for a catch up!



# INTRODUCING AAS MC MEMBER 2023/24

**MARIBEL COLMENARES MARTINEZ, AAS CHAIR OF EVENTS**

**DIRECTOR - MARKETING & PARTNERSHIPS AT UPGRAD | 4 X 4X**

**INTERNATIONAL BEST SELLING AUTHOR**

**LA TROBE UNIVERSITY ALUMNA**



Maribel Colmenares Martinez is a multi-talented individual with accomplishments in various fields. She is a 4-time international best-selling author and has co-authored books with renowned authors like Brian Tracy and John Gray. Her expertise lies in partnerships, business strategy, deal facilitation, sales, marketing, and consulting.

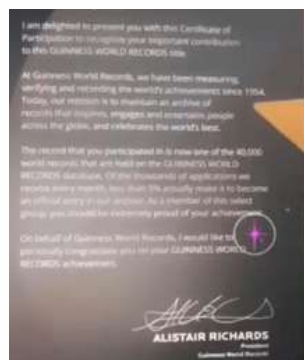
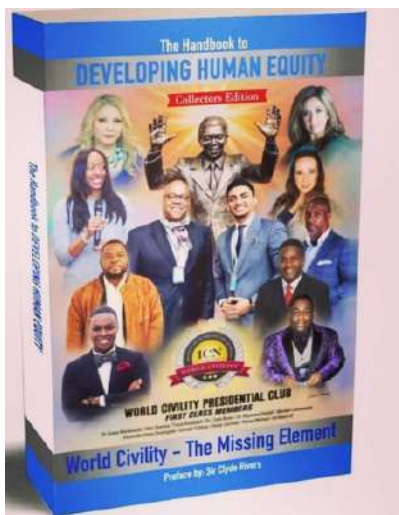
Maribel was born in Puebla, Mexico, and holds a bachelor's degree in Foreign Trade and Logistics from UMAP. She pursued further education and obtained a master's degree in International Business from La Trobe University in Melbourne, Australia. She is fluent in multiple languages, including Spanish, English, Portuguese, and French.

Currently, Maribel serves as the Director of Marketing & Partnerships at upGrad, a leading integrated learning, skilling, and career development company in Asia. She plays a key role in establishing partnerships, driving business strategy, and facilitating sales and marketing initiatives.

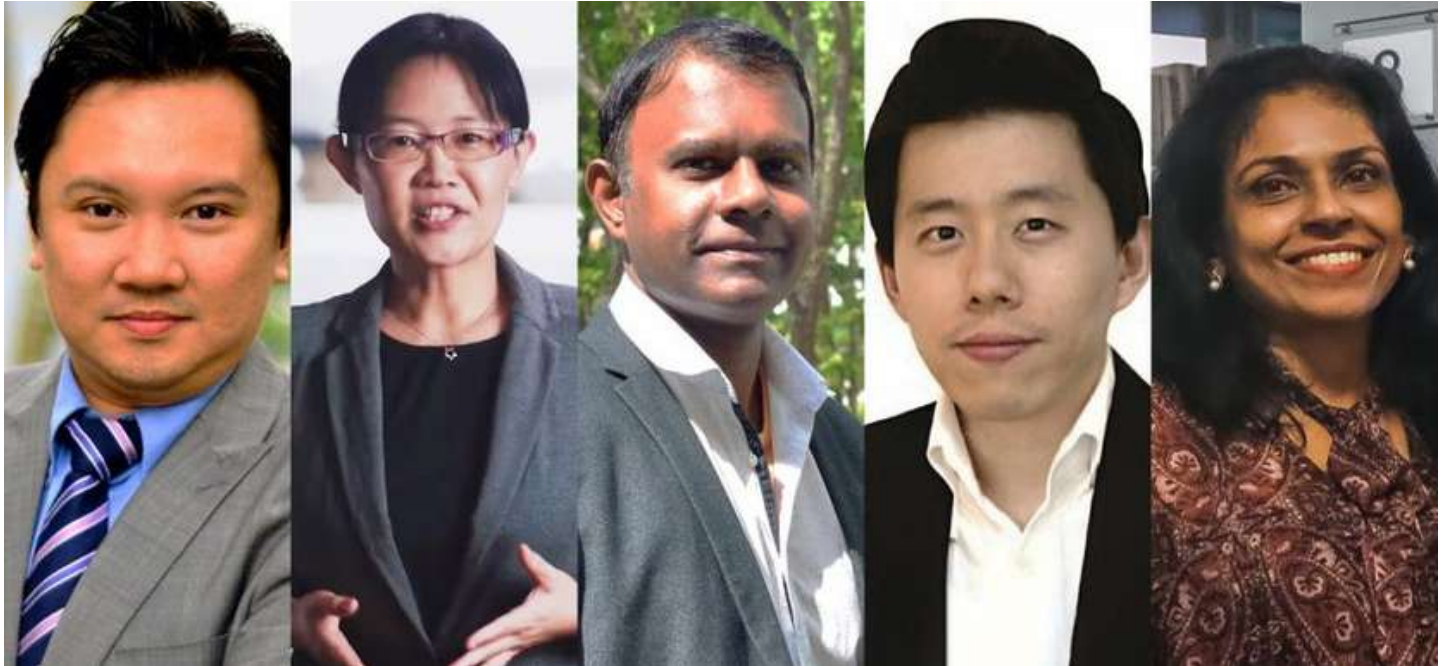
In addition to her role at upGrad, Maribel is the Co-founder and CEO of Ashirel Business Solutions Pte Ltd, which focuses on facilitating strategic business alliances between Asia and Latin America.

Maribel is also known as the founder of Tamales Mexicanos en Singapur, a venture that specializes in making traditional Mexican tamales wrapped in banana leaves. These tamales, based on family recipes from Puebla, are gluten-free and offer vegan and vegetarian options. Her tamales have gained recognition and have been featured in publications such as Time Out Singapore, Ger TV, Embassy of Mexico in Singapore, and Media Corp.

Outside of her professional endeavors, Maribel volunteers at Australia Alumni Singapore as the Chair of Events, contributing to community-building and supporting various events. She has a passion for travel and has lived in eight different countries. Her hobbies include writing, cooking, traveling, reading, dancing, and singing.



## Sustainability and Circular Economy researchers' work designated "Best Paper" at 83rd Academy of Management Meeting in Boston



Five researchers from the Sustainability Research Cluster at James Cook University in Singapore will be disseminating the latest knowledge at the forthcoming 83rd Annual Meeting of the Academy of Management in Boston, Massachusetts this year.

A paper on "Circular Economy and Consumer Acceptance on Product-Service System: A Customer-Dominant Logic View" from key members of the Sustainability Research Cluster at James Cook University (JCU) in Singapore — Associate Professors [Adrian Kuah](#), [K. Thirumaran](#), [Pengji Wang](#), and [Mr Chang Hee Kim](#) — has been judged to be one of the best accepted papers at the 83rd Annual Meeting of the Academy of Management (AOM) taking place in Boston, Massachusetts this year. An abridged version of the paper will be published in the Scopus-indexed [Academy of Management Proceedings](#), edited by Sonia Taneja.

The [83rd AOM Annual Meeting](#) is the largest gathering of management and organisation scholars annually in North America to expand research and disseminate the latest knowledge on management. The annual meeting draws attention from over 10,000 attendees around the world, and about 1,500 papers are selected for presentation.

Meanwhile, JCU, Singapore's strong emphasis on business knowledge also lies in the JCU Singapore Business School's exceptional teaching and research, which are organised along four domains of Marketing & International Business; Accounting & Finance; Tourism & Hospitality; and, Management & Human Resources. All programs at the JCU Singapore Business School, including its Higher Degree by Research (HDR) program, are [accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business \(AACSB\) since July 2021](#). HDR students work alongside thought leaders in four research clusters — the [Sustainability Research Cluster](#), the [Tourism Behaviour Research Cluster](#), the [Peoples, Cultures, and Careers Cluster](#), and the [Ethics, Organisations and Society Cluster](#).

The [Sustainability Research Cluster](#) began as a circular economy and sustainability group arising out of Round Two of the Strategic Research Investment Fund Application — a research grant call by James Cook University Australia with industry support to co-invest in worthy research groups — in 2018. The work carried out by the group across Singapore and in Australia is unique, because it covers the circular economy, green consumers, and the social economy, that successfully weave social science and environmental sciences into evaluations of real business models.

Associate Professor Kuah, the leader of the cluster, alongside Mr Kim, are also collaborating with several international scholars to bring forward the agenda on process and practice perspective in addressing today's grand challenges. Their second paper — "Process and Practice Perspectives: A Morphological Analysis and Reassessment of Impact" — represents an ongoing collaboration with leading researchers from top business schools such as Ivey Business School, BI Norwegian Business School, and Indian Institute of Management.

From social economy perspective, [Mrs Ratna Devi Pillai](#), another valued member of the Sustainability Research Cluster, will also present her research paper on "Corporate Volunteering and Employee Engagement: Bringing externalities to the workplace" at the forthcoming AOM Meeting. This third paper is co-authored with her supervisors, Associate Professors Pengji Wang and Adrian Kuah.

Notably, Mr Kim and Mrs Pillai are both nearing completion on their PhD research at the JCU Singapore Business School. They are the first cohort of Singapore-based doctoral candidates in the HDR (Higher Degree by Research) program in 2019. Currently, more than 15 candidates are actively pursuing or completing their PhD research at the JCU Singapore Business School.

Professor Abhishek Bhati — Campus Dean and Head of Learning, Teaching and Student Engagement at James Cook University in Singapore — said, "It is an incredible achievement for several members of faculty and doctoral students' work to be accepted at the Academy of Management, because about 8,500 papers are competitively submitted every year, and only about 1,500 papers are accepted. In both cases, our doctoral students demonstrate that they have reached a high international standard, which is a testimony to the excellence of our AACSB-accredited PhD program."

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

Find out more about the [Sustainability Research Cluster](#) at James Cook University in Singapore.

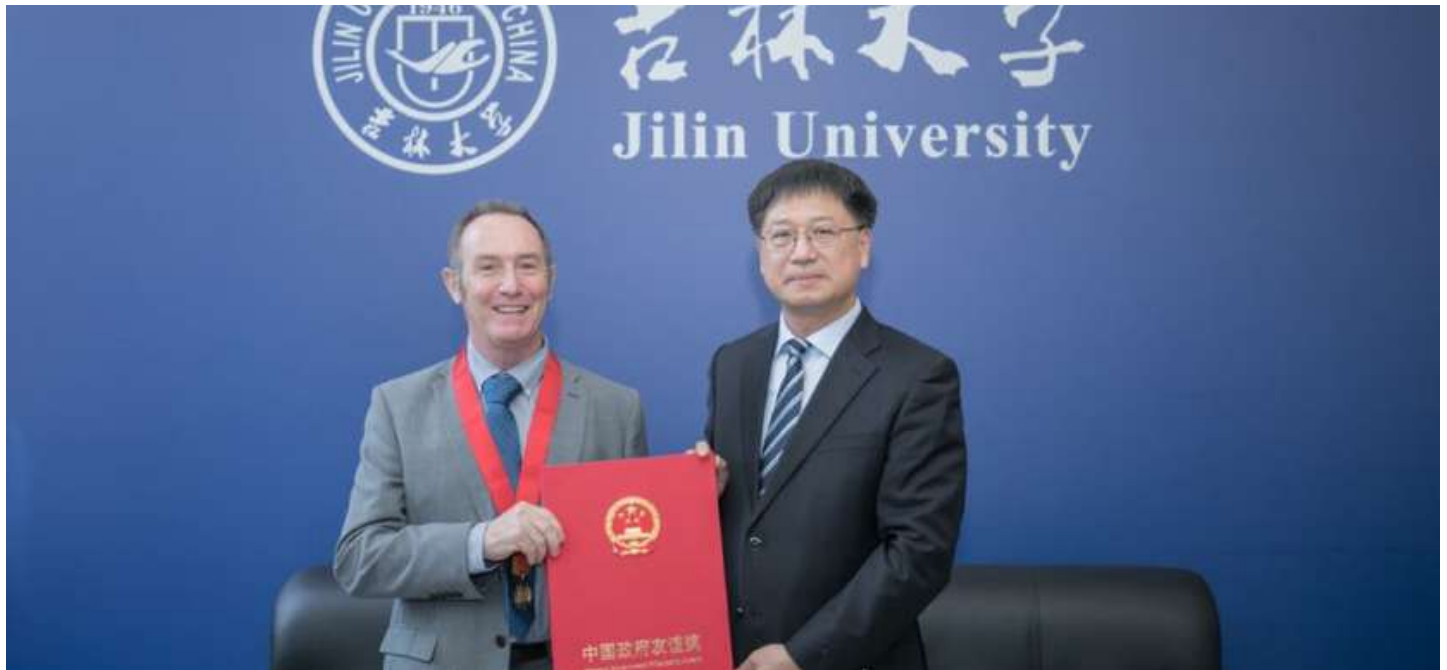
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## Professor Chris Rudd OBE has received the Chinese Government Friendship Award



**The award recognises significant contributions to China's socialist modernisation and international exchange and cooperation.**



The Chinese Government Friendship Award is a prestigious national-level award presented by the Chinese government to foreign experts who have made significant contributions to China's economic and social progress. To date, approximately 1,799 individuals have received the award since 1991.

Professor Rudd is a renowned academic with extensive experience in the field of mechanical engineering. He has made significant contributions to research in Advanced Materials to build lightweight engineering structures, and has been supported by several international awards. His team has contributed to the introduction of new materials and processes in the automotive, aerospace, and medical devices industries.

The Chinese Government Friendship Award is a testament to Professor Rudd's dedication and commitment to advancing scientific research and promoting international cooperation. In response to receiving the award, he said, "Receiving the Chinese Government Friendship Award is a great honour and I am deeply humbled to be recognised in this way. This award reflects not only my own efforts, but also the hard work and dedication of all those who have contributed to our collaborations and partnerships with Chinese institutions. I firmly believe that international cooperation and collaboration are essential to addressing global challenges and advancing scientific progress. I am committed to continuing our efforts to strengthen ties with China, and to promoting cross-cultural understanding and knowledge exchange."

Check out [Professor Chris Rudd OBE's staff and research profiles](#).



JCU Conversations

JCU Conversations is James Cook University, Singapore’s premier podcast series — bringing to you discussions with successful leaders in the industry (across fields such as business, education, urban design, and more) while offering a deeper understanding of their personal lives, careers, inspirations, and approaches to success. Join our rotating chair of distinguished hosts as we find out: What makes these bright minds tick?

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The gravity of the climate emergency is immense, as evidenced by the frequency and intensity of extreme weather events and their impact.

With the world getting closer to the 1.5°C threshold, Lendlease has embarked on Mission Zero to achieve net-zero carbon by 2025 and absolute zero by 2040. In line with its sustainability commitments, Lendlease has taken a multi-pronged impact-driven approach to reduce carbon emissions across our integrated business in investments, development, and construction to generate long-term value for the planet, partners, and communities.

Joelle Chen, Head of Sustainability, Lendlease Asia, emphasizes the importance of climate action and explores ambitious initiatives needed to drive the necessary changes towards a sustainable future while achieving economic progress.

### **Doughnut economics: Building in circularity in the way we consume**

The nation is stepping up its support of the circular economy with the National Environment Agency's (NEA) recent initiatives of Reverse Vending Machines (RVMs) island-wide to recycle drinks containers and new guidelines proposing a charge on plastic bags. However, given the current climate emergency, drastic lifestyle changes and expectations are needed, such as:

- Retailers can encourage consumers to take bold action by building in the true cost of waste and ensuring a well thought through circular strategy for all the things that we use. While a common practice is to charge for a disposable container, a better way would be to invest in a reusable container system and eliminate waste all together.
- Rather than extracting materials and disposing used products, companies need to move towards a regenerative model and support natural processes.

### **Climate justice: Rethinking our economy to redistribute value**

Higher taxes and stricter regulations may be needed for companies to reduce emissions. It is also necessary for price signals to be sustained, strengthened, and extended to a greater portion of global emissions. Singapore's increase of its carbon tax may well throw a curveball for companies that have not taken heed of the call to reduce emissions. Government revenue from of significantly higher carbon tax across the region could be redirected to adaptation measures, especially for vulnerable communities that are often the hardest hit by climate inaction.

With rising sea levels, melting ice caps, burning forests and dying coral reefs, inaction is not an option. The most tangible form of charity is to slow down and ideally reverse the climate crisis – not to save the earth, but to save ourselves.

To read the full article, please view [here](#).

# Governor's Visit in Singapore



Victorian Government is always keen to diversify exports to markets in Southeast Asia and sees Singapore as an important and trusted bilateral partner, with strong trade and investment ties.

With the recent visit from the Governor of Victoria, Her Excellency, The Honourable Linda Dessau AC CVO in Singapore, we continue to welcome opportunities to collaborate in sustainability and clean technology; digital technology; infrastructure, supply chain security; food, beverage and agriculture.





The Fred Hollows Foundation is a global leader in eye health and international development working towards the elimination of avoidable blindness. The Foundation was founded in 1992 in Australia, and now works in more than 25 countries in Australasia, Africa, East Asia, South Asia & Middle East.

Headquartered in Sydney, The Foundation was founded by Professor Fred Hollows and Gabi Hollows. Fred was an eye doctor, renowned ophthalmologist and highly respected Australian dedicated to ending avoidable blindness in developing countries. Today, we continue Fred's vision of a world in which no person is needlessly blind.



### Global Blindness

There are 43 million people in the world who are blind and another 295 million are vision impaired.

9 out of 10 people who are blind or vision impaired don't need to be. Eye diseases such as cataract, diabetic retinopathy, trachoma, and refractive error are either treatable or preventable.



### Our Approach and Impact

Over the past 31 years, we have restored sight to more than 3 million people around the world and supported programs to deliver more than 200 million doses of antibiotics for trachoma.

The Foundation is unique in its sustainable, long-term approach. We not only treat patients, but we also equip hospitals, train eye health teams and work with health authorities and other partners to empower local people to deliver local services. We are proud of our record of training future generations of eye doctors, building local eye health capacity, driving innovation, and advocating for the integration of eye health in national health systems.

### The Fred Hollows Foundation Singapore

31% of the world's blind reside in the Asia region. Despite a dramatic economic upturn in recent years, many people in the region are still living with blindness that is either treatable or preventable. The Foundation is active throughout the ASEAN region, and we expanded our operations to Singapore in late 2022 to reach the growing number of needlessly blind people in the region. Singapore is a major hub for the Southeast Asia region, so our Singapore office plays a pivotal role in supporting our fundraising and advocacy efforts as well as raising awareness about our sight-saving work.

Visit our website at [www.hollows.org](http://www.hollows.org) if you are interested to find out more or contact our Hong Kong-ASEAN Chief Representative, Laura Lee at [llee@hollows.org](mailto:llee@hollows.org)

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# UPCOMING EVENTS

## JUNE 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

SATURDAY, 3 JUNE 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

Sun, 11 June 2023

## SINGAPORE ALUMNI EVENT YOGA FOR A GOOD CAUSE



Calling all Singapore alumni! Join us for our first event of 2023 - Yoga for a Good Cause! ♀ In partnership with [Fitness First Singapore](#), we're organising a yoga session where all proceeds will go to [MINDSG Ltd.](#)

**Date:** Sunday, 11 June 2023

**Time:** 6pm – 8pm (6:30pm - Yoga Session Commences)

**Venue:** Fitness First - Bugis Junction Group exercise studio

200 Victoria Street, #04-02 Bugis Junction, Singapore, 188021

**Cost:** \$15 per person - Includes yoga session and healthy takeaway meal. Fitness First will provide towel and yoga mat.

### RSVP

To RSVP, please email [uon.alumni.sg@gmail.com](mailto:uon.alumni.sg@gmail.com) by **5th June 2023**

Each Alumni or AAS member may register for up to two non-alumni members - family or friends

There are only **40** tickets available, so RSVP now!

For any enquiries, please contact the Singapore Alumni Chapter \

This fitness fundraiser is a great opportunity to network and exercise while supporting the MINDS Colour Sock Parade (CSP) campaign, where all proceeds from this event will be donated. The initiative will help fund the development of new services and programmes to enable Persons with Intellectual Disability (PWIDs) to lead enriching, independent lives.

### About Caroline (Yoga Instructor):

After stepping into her first yoga class in 2004, Caroline immediately fell in love with the practice and its mind-body connection, this marked the start of a journey that continues till today. Caroline took her yoga teacher training in 2012, followed by a 500-hour Advanced Vinyasa Teacher Training with respected teacher trainer Jason Crandell in 2018-2019.

A firm believer in upskilling and lifelong learning, Caroline continues to invest in quality training with international teachers in areas including Functional Mobility, Core, Inversions, Anatomy, Yin Yoga, Chair Yoga and Yoga for Mental Health & Trauma.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## AAS BEER & BRAINS SESSION

by Raj, Maribel, Noel & Richard

Venue: Italian Coffee Lab,  
100 Pasir Panjang Rd, #03-07, Singapore 118518

22 June 2023 Thur) | 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) & Maribel Colmenares (La Trobe).

Kindly note: Participants will pay for their own drinks.

For more information & to Register, please scan on Whatsapp QR Code



President



Chair of Events



Co-Chair of Events



Chair of Alumni Engagement



## *Some of our past Beers & Brains sessions*

BAR.CELONA, CAVA & TAPAS GASTROBAR



TIPSY FLAMINGO



# UPCOMING EVENTS

Monash University Alumni Singapore  
presents

## THE SINGAPORE CENTRAL FIRE STATION TOUR



Discover Singapore's Central Fire Station with your fellow alumni, family and friends this June holiday! Join us at the national monument and get an exclusive private tour of the Emergency Preparedness Centre (EPC) and pick up a couple of life-saving skills through interactive and fun-filled activities at the Fire Station, EPC and SCDF's Civil Defence Heritage Gallery.

**Date:** 24th June 2023, Saturday  
**Time:** 08:45am – 11:30am  
**Registration:** Free

**REGISTER NOW >**



This event is open to MUAS members, family, and friends on a first-come-first-serve basis.



November  
25 Saturday

AAS 68TH GALA DINNER

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the Date

# AAS 68th Anniversary Gala Dinner

Date: Saturday, 25 Nov 2023

Venue: Grand Ballroom @

Grand Copthorne Waterfront

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Best Dressed Winners!**



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TH Gala Dinner

**Congratulations to  
winners of the top 10  
Lucky Draw Prizes!**



# PAST EVENTS

## AAS Mother's Day CSR Event 2023 (Joint event with Boss Group Limited)

Venue: Kovan Hub

206 Hougang St 21, Singapore 530206

Sunday 14 May 2023

8.00am to 12 noon



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# SOCIAL INTEREST GROUPS

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



**AAS-Tennis Group**  
WhatsApp group



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**AAS| Wine & Spirits 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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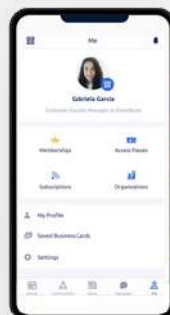
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Download it on

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## Jem

### Ten-talising Giveaway | Now - 18 Jun 2023

Redeem a \$10 Lendlease voucher\* with a min. spend of \$100.

*\*Limited to the first 10,000 redemptions. Max. 2 same-day combined receipts. 1 redemption per shopper per day. Double spending required for FairPrice Xtra receipts. This promotion is mutually exclusive from A Ten You Gift From Jem.*

### Shop & Play For A Cause | Now - 18 Jun 2023

[Lendlease Plus Members Exclusive] Start collecting Gems\* today with a min. spend of \$20 (every \$20 spent entitles to 1 Gem). As part of our fundraising initiative, Jem will donate \$1 with every Gem issued from 19 May - 14 Jun 2023 to families in need in the Jurong district. What's more, every 3 Gems collected from 19 May - 18 Jun 2023 will earn you a chance to play our Ten-tastic Carnival Games^ from 15 - 18 Jun 2023 @ L2 & L3. Awesome prizes await you!

*\*Valid with a min. spend of \$20 in a single receipt. Limited to the first 1,000 Gems redemption per day. Max. 5 redemptions per member per day. Double spending required for FairPrice Xtra receipts. ^Ten-tastic Carnival Games are held at L2 (outside IKEA Jurong) and L3 (outside IKEA Jurong & H&M) from 15 - 18 Jun 2023, 11am - 9pm.*

### Ten Million Draw | Now - 18 Jun 2023

[Lendlease Plus Members Exclusive] Stand a chance to win **10,000,000 Plus\$\*** (worth \$5,000 Lendlease E-Vouchers) with every \$10 spent. Premium members enjoy 2X chances.

*\*Valid with a min. spend of \$10 in a single receipt. Double spending required for FairPrice Xtra receipts. Capped at 20 lucky draw chances per Basic member and 40 lucky draw chances per Premium member per day.*

### Ten Gems Of Jem | Now - 18 Jun 2023

[Lendlease Plus Members Exclusive] Unlock a world of fun with Lendlease Plus mobile app- hunt for hidden Gems (QR codes) to receive Plus\$\*!

*\*Each QR code can be scanned once per member throughout the campaign period.*

### It's My Birthday, And You Get Presents | Now - 13 Jun 2023 (Tues, Thurs & Sat only), 12pm - 3pm, Mall-wide

Meet our Jem 10 Squad for a chance to win shopping and dining vouchers\*. There's more - you could be selected as the lucky shopper to score \$50 worth of Lendlease vouchers^! To increase your chances of being spotted, keep a lookout for hints on Jem's social media pages. Stay tuned!

*\*Limited to 100 players per day. ^1 lucky shopper will be selected each day.*

### A Ten You Gift From Jem | 15 Jun 2023, L3 Concierge Desk

Be one of our first 100 shoppers to receive an **exclusive goodie bag\*** (worth over \$100) when you spend \$100!

*\*Limited to the first 100 redemptions. Max. 2 same-day combined receipts. 1 redemption per shopper per day. Double spending required for FairPrice Xtra receipts. This promotion is mutually exclusive from Ten-talising Giveaway.*



## Parkway Parade

### You Won't Believe It's Trash – A Trash To Couture Exhibition & Collection Drive | Basement Airwell, 24 May – 4 Jun 2023

Catch this showcase of couture pieces made from recycled materials by the top 10 finalists of Y.W.B.I.T – Trash to Couture Fashion Design Contest. A special feature by Thailand's innovative upcycled fashion designer, Madaew, will be on display exclusively. Don't miss it!

*[Lendlease Plus Members Exclusive]* Receive **2,000 Plus\$** with every 1kg of qualifying textile deposited at the Y.W.B.I.T – Collection Drive! Be the first 150 Lendlease Plus Members to receive an exclusive Lendlease tote bag.

*Daily cap at 50,000 Plus\$ per member. Lendlease tote bag is limited to 1 redemption per member.*

## Shop For Bonus Rewards | Now – 25 Jun 2023

*[Lendlease Plus Members Exclusive]* Receive **10,000 Plus\$** with a min. nett spend of \$280 in max. 3 same-day receipts.

*Limited to the first 5,000 redemptions and 1 redemption per member per day.*

## Build A Mini Oasis | 9 – 18 Jun 2023, 12pm – 8pm, L1, near GG<5 and The Hour Glass

Get your hands on a **terrarium workshop pass** with every \$60 nett spent in max. 2 same-day receipts.

*Limited to the first 600 redemptions and up to a max. of 3 redemptions per shopper per day.*

## Free EV Charging | Now till 30 Jun 2023

Volt's EV charging points are now available at Parkway Parade! Enjoy free EV charging at P5 and P6 carpark on Mon – Fri from 12pm – 5pm. For more details on Volt's EV charging, please visit [www.keppelvolt.com/faq/drivers](http://www.keppelvolt.com/faq/drivers).



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### Shop For Bonus Rewards | Now – 2 Jul 2023

*[Lendlease Plus Members Exclusive]* Receive **10,000 Plus\$** with a min. nett spend of \$200 in max. 3 same-day receipts.

*Limited to the first 5,000 redemptions and 1 redemption per member per day.*

## Free EV Charging | Now till 2 Jul 2023

Volt's EV charging points are now available at 313@somerset! Enjoy free EV charging at L7 carpark on Mon – Thu from 5pm to 9pm.

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## Lendlease Plus

### Spin to Win with Lendlease Plus! | Now – 14 Jun 2023

Something's spinning here at Lendlease Plus! Yearning to indulge in a guilt-free and fulfilling shopping spree? We've got you covered. Join the Lendlease Plus family now to enjoy a wheel of rewards to kickstart your shopping journey!

**Sign up as a Lendlease Plus member with the promo code 'LLPSPIN23' to enjoy 10,000 Plus\$ (worth \$5). What's more, receive 1 spin-the-wheel game chance for a sure-win prize of up to \$100 E-Voucher!**

Join us now and discover spin-sational rewards and deals across Lendlease malls!

*\*Spin and Win game will appear upon the launch of the Lendlease Plus mobile app if you have a valid game chance. If you prefer not to use your game chance at point of app launch, exit the game to return to the Home page of the app. To utilise your game chance, close your app completely and the game will reappear upon app launch. Other T&Cs apply.*



### 24K Magic in the Air – Refer, Spend and Enjoy! | Now – 4 Jul 2023

Shoutout to all Lendlease Plus members aged 16 – 25 years old – Twenty-four karat magic is in the air!

Refer your squad to join the Lendlease Plus family using your unique member referral code and both you and your friend will enjoy a **\$10 E-Voucher** each! What's more magical, receive **24,000 Plus\$** (worth \$12) when you make a min. nett spend of \$120 (max two same-day receipts submitted successfully via the Lendlease Plus mobile app)!

Put your pinky rings up to the moon and unlock the 24K Magic with Lendlease Plus. Earn shopping rewards and make your wish list a dream come true!

*\*To retrieve your unique referral code, click on 'MORE', then 'Refer a Friend' on the Lendlease Plus mobile app. Copy the code or tap the share button to get started. Members (including referees) must be aged 16 – 25 years old to qualify for above two mechanics (referral mechanic and spend mechanic). Redemption of 24,000 Plus\$ is limited to 1 redemption per member throughout the promotion period or when the 1,000 rewards are fully redeemed, whichever comes first. The two receipts must be same-day receipts that meet a min. of \$120 nett spend combined. Other T&Cs apply.*



# Australian Migration Update:

On 27th April 2023, the Australian Minister of Home Affairs, the Hon. Clare O'Neil, provided an update on Australia's current 'broken' migration system, highlighting the urgent need to reform existing programmes, processes, and pathways, as well as announcing two key actions to be implemented by the end of 2023. This includes an increase to the Temporary Skilled Migration Income Threshold (TSMIT), and pathways for permanent residency, in order to attract the best workers, drive economic growth, and protect against exploitation (of workers, and of the system).

Minister O'Neil expressed a need to redesign the system to "get more skills to Australia", suggesting that a new Australian Migration Strategy should consider three new pathways, tightly tailored to include:

1. Fast and simple pathway for specialised skilled workers who will build Australia's innovation and job creation industries;
2. Mainstream skilled pathways that are informed by, and focuses on, evidence-based data on labour shortages
3. Reformed points test system to emphasise on skills and experience, and leverages off skilled partners, rather than 'persistent' migrants (think those who resit and resit English tests to obtain high scores, and points for being single, etc).

Of note is the government's commitment to reduce the number of visa subclasses to facilitate more streamlined processing and reduction in processing times. Migration reforms would also include giving skilled migrants more flexibility to change employers and enforce their workplace rights. It would also ensure that high performing students have options to stay permanently, whether this translates to faster pathways, or other alternatives, for this cohort. This would incentivise, and retain, high performing international student who are highly employable when they enter the workforce and start contributing to the Australian economy.

Most importantly, the Minister - to show commitment and the urgent need for reforms - announced two key actions:

1. As of 1st July 2023, the Temporary Skills Migration Income Threshold (TSMIT) will increase to AU\$70,000 from AU\$53,900; and
2. By the end of 2023, all skilled temporary workers will have a pathway to permanent residency.

These two key actions will predominantly affect the Temporary Skills Shortage (Subclass 482) visa program, which is driven by Australian employers sponsoring skilled workers from overseas to fill positions within the business. Ashton Legal is optimistic that this will permit more migrants to seek permanent residency, and also be protected from worker exploitation under the current system. More information will be provided as they become available so watch this space.

At this stage, the Global Talent Independent visa program remains unaffected by the Government announcements. If anything, there may be a reduction in the quota allocated to the GTI program as the Government changes its focus to the General Skilled Migration and Employer Sponsored visa programs. Since the removal of the priority processing endorsement from GTOs for GTI expression of interests, Ashton Legal has seen a reduction in the speed and volume of GTI invitations issued. As of May 2023, the Department is processing EOIs submitted in August 2022, which indicates that there may be more non-invitations than there are invitations as the Department works through the sheer volume.

*If you're interested in the Australian Global Talent Independent visa program, or the Temporary Skills Shortage visa program, now is the time to reach out to Ashton Legal Services for further advice on [globaltalent@ashtonlegal.com.au](mailto:globaltalent@ashtonlegal.com.au) or call us on +612 7900 9570.*



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