

# THE VOICE

Monthly Newsletter for our Australian Alumni Community

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## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Members & Partners,

I can't believe that we are at the mid-year mark. We had an eventful first half of the year, and the month of June was no different.

We had the opportunity to meet **H.E. Anil Kumar Nayar, Singapore's Ambassador to Australia** during his recent Singapore visit. Mr. Nayar wanted to discuss how AAS could play an active role to support his priorities in Australia. He kindly offered to build more awareness for AAS within the Singapore community in Australia.

In partnership with Investment NSW, AAS organised our first Business Connect which was attended by nearly 50 attendees who maintains a close affinity to New South Wales through their education or business interests. The event was graced by **AAS patron H.E. Allaster Cox** and **Investment NSW Senior Trade Commissioner Mr. Andrew Parker**. We heard inspiring alumni stories and learned about amazing opportunities New South Wales has to offer from the participants.

**Investment NSW** has signed a 2-year **Silver sponsorship agreement** with AAS. We are extremely thankful to the Investment NSW team for this partnership, and we look forward to playing a key role in furthering their agenda through education, investments, and cultural exchanges.

As announced previously, the much-awaited **AAS 68th Anniversary Gala Dinner** will be held on **25th November 2023**. We want your help to **pick the perfect theme** for this year's celebration. We have launched a campaign on our social media channels for your opinion. Please vote for your favourite theme before **5th of July 2023**.

We will be progressively announcing more about our Anniversary Gala Dinner in the coming months through our social media channels. If you are not following us on our social media channels, please do so today to keep up with the latest news from our network- LinkedIn, Facebook, Instagram!

Yours Sincerely,



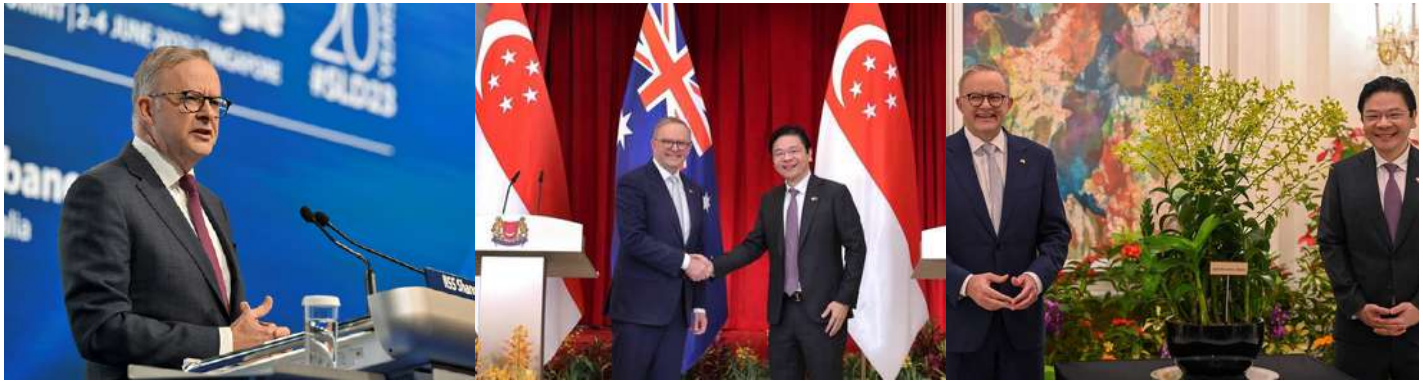
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## Australia-Singapore: The Annual Leaders' Meeting



This month we were delighted to welcome Australia's Prime Minister Anthony Albanese for his first visit to Singapore since taking office. He joined Singapore's Acting Prime Minister Lawrence Wong for the Annual Leaders' Meeting to reaffirm and celebrate the strong Australia-Singapore bilateral friendship.

They discussed the great progress made under the Singapore-Australia Green Economy Agreement launched in 2022, and announced three new initiatives under it:

- A joint S20 million Go-Green Co-Innovation Program to drive co-innovation between Singaporean and Australian SMEs to develop green products and services,
- Establishment of a Green and Digital Shipping Corridor to help decarbonise and digitalise the port and shipping industry, and
- A S5 million Convergence Asia Climate Solutions Design Grant to support innovative blended finance solutions for climate transition and resilience in Asia.

Another exciting new announcement was the finalisation of the guiding principles and work plan for a bilateral 'Food Pact', boosting cooperation on food security and increasing the trade of food products.

They reaffirmed the importance of working together to promote peace and stability in the Indo-Pacific. Prime Minister Albanese's keynote address at the 20th Shangri-La dialogue broached these important issues and the collective responsibility countries have for pursuing and maintaining peace.

Our ties and open dialogue are more important than ever. In this vein, Prime Minister Albanese and Acting Prime Minister Lawrence Wong both emphasised our strong people-to-people links, of which Aussie alumni will always be a crucial part! We look forward to continuing our work with you to advance the relationship between our two countries.

# AAS MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

## DR VICTOR TAY, AAS CHAIR OF MENTORSHIP PROGRAMME

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Victor Tay is the Group CEO of RHT Consulting Asia, CEO at Global Catalyst Advisory and also the Managing Director of Stout Asia, Investment Banking group managing on South East Asia office. He is also CEO of China-ASEAN Business Alliance which promotes investment and trades.

He was Acting CEO/ Chief Operating Officer of Singapore Business Federation, with an in-depth understanding of global strategic developments. He was Group Director of SPRING Singapore, where he oversaw eight industry sectors comprising of Transportation, Logistics, Environmental, Engineering Services, Biomedical, Chemicals, Education and Business Services in which he had assisted Singapore enterprises in a variety of areas such as M&A advisory, technological R&D, private equity investment and internationalization.

Victor was appointed as Singapore representative to ASEAN Young Business Leader platform. Victor has developed deep understanding of future science and technology trend and sustainable development strategies as the Chief Development Officer of Nanyang Technological University.

He was also a committee member of the Technology and Innovation Committee with Singapore Business Federation. His previous board appointments include Chairman of the United Nations GCNS, Chairman of the Environmental and Water Centre for Innovation at Ngee Ann Polytechnic, and Honorary Advisor of the Singapore Digital Chamber of Commerce. He has a passion for vulnerable group when he volunteered as a Chairman for Association for Persons with Special Needs establishing social enterprises and schools for 1,500 special needs.

He also sat at a series of government committees including SME Committee, REACH, Tripartite, PDPA Appeal Committee, as well as, a series of awards committee like Singapore Infocomm and Innovation Awards, Enterprise 50, SME 1000, E&Y Entrepreneur of the Year Awards, Singapore Productivity Awards, Singapore Sustainability Awards. Victor studied at Curtin University, Harvard University and has received a scholarship from University of Oxford.





## James Cook University in Singapore signs MOU with Mandai Wildlife Group to promote student engagement



**Under the Memorandum of Understanding, James Cook University in Singapore aims to collaborate with Mandai Wildlife Group in areas such as guest lectures and support for student projects.**

This marks the start of a strong collaborative relationship, where Mandai Wildlife Group will provide JCU, Singapore with support for student engagement. Such efforts will include guest lectures from the staff of Mandai Wildlife Group on specialist topics, work attachment and internship opportunities, and support for student projects aligned with the Group's purpose of inspiring a world where people and wildlife thrive together. Conversely, JCU, Singapore will participate in activities organised by Mandai Wildlife Group, such as dialogues and seminars, to explore issues like environmental protection and wildlife protection.

Under the agreement, JCU, Singapore will also share research expertise with Mandai Wildlife Group on issues related to tourism — especially tourist behaviour and travel intention, guest experience and sustainable tourism. In addition, the two organisations will work together to promote various shared [Sustainable Development Goals](#), including [Affordable and Clean Energy](#), [Sustainable Cities and Communities](#), and [Responsible Consumption and Production](#).

Professor Chris Rudd OBE — Deputy Vice Chancellor and Head of Campus, Singapore at JCU — said, "This partnership represents a significant step forward in our efforts to promote sustainability and environmental conservation. By combining the research expertise of James Cook University, Singapore with the practical knowledge and experience of Mandai Wildlife Group, we can create innovative solutions to some of the most pressing environmental challenges facing our planet today. I am excited to see the meaningful impact we can achieve together."

Dr Cheng Wen-Haur, Deputy CEO, Life Sciences and Operations, and Chief Life Sciences Officer, Mandai Wildlife Group said, "We are delighted to strengthen our partnership with James Cook University to provide students with meaningful learning experiences that would ignite their passion for wildlife conservation and sustainable living. By fostering their connection with nature and wildlife, we hope they will become lifelong eco-stewards who will make a profound and positive impact on people, wildlife and the planet."

Mandai Wildlife Group manages Singapore's wildlife parks including Singapore Zoo, River Wonders, Night Safari, and the newly-opened Bird Paradise. It is also driving an exciting rejuvenation plan at the Mandai Wildlife Reserve that will integrate five wildlife parks with distinctive nature-based experiences, green public spaces and an eco-friendly resort, providing access to a wide range of sustainable and ethical wildlife experiences.

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](#).

Find out more about [Mandai Wildlife Group](#).

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## James Cook University in Singapore achieves Association of Business Psychology accreditation for the Master of Psychological Science (Majoring in Business Psychology)



### The Association for Business Psychology

## James Cook University in Singapore sets a new standard by becoming the only institution in Singapore to achieve the Association of Business Psychology accreditation.

James Cook University (JCU) in Singapore has successfully applied for accreditation from the Association of Business Psychology (ABP) for the [Master of Psychological Science \(Majoring in Business Psychology\)](#). This significant achievement marks a major milestone for JCU in Singapore as it becomes the only institution in Singapore to receive this prestigious accreditation.

Business Psychology is an increasingly popular and rapidly-growing multidisciplinary concentration, combining principles from psychology and business to enhance organisational performance and employee well-being.

Achieving the ABP accreditation is a testament to the quality and excellence of JCU's offerings. The accreditation process involved a thorough evaluation of various aspects, including the course curriculum, teaching methodologies, faculty expertise, and student outcomes. This accreditation not only affirms JCU's commitment to delivering exceptional education but also highlights the University's alignment with international standards and best practices in the field of Business Psychology.

In attaining this accreditation, JCU in Singapore joins the ranks of several top 300 universities (under the QS World University Rankings and Times Higher Education World University Rankings). This recognition highlights JCU's commitment to academic excellence and the University's dedication to preparing students for successful careers in the field of Business Psychology.

[Dr Ai Ni Teoh](#), Academic Head of Social and Health Sciences at JCU in Singapore, said, "Receiving the ABP accreditation for our Master of Psychological Science (Majoring in Business Psychology) course is a tremendous accomplishment for JCU in Singapore. It showcases our commitment to providing high-quality education that prepares students for the dynamic field of Business Psychology. I would like to congratulate [Dr Smita Singh](#), the Program Coordinator, for her incredible achievement in leading the accreditation application, and the efforts of our dedicated staff and students who have contributed to the development and success of the Master of Psychological Science (Business Psychology) course."

Find out more about the [Master of Psychological Science \(Majoring in Business Psychology\)](#).

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

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## *Lendlease Global Commercial REIT strengthens presence in strategic and well-established location in Singapore via acquisition of a stake in Parkway Parade*



Lendlease Global Commercial Trust Management Pte. Ltd. (the “Manager”), the manager of Lendlease Global Commercial REIT (“LREIT”), announced that LREIT has acquired a 10.0% interest in Parkway Parade Partnership Pte Ltd, which indirectly holds 77.09% of the share value in Parkway Parade, from Lendlease Asia Investments Pty Limited at a purchase consideration of approximately S\$88.9 million.

Parkway Parade is one of Singapore’s first major and biggest suburban malls, offering the largest range of stores on the East Coast of Singapore with over 250 stores located across seven levels. The integrated office and retail asset is well-connected to public transportation and easily accessible via major expressways. With the upcoming Marine Parade MRT station directly connected to Parkway Parade, accessibility to the mall will be greatly improved. This would strengthen its position as a dominant suburban retail mall in the eastern part of Singapore.

Mr Kelvin Chow, Chief Executive Officer of the Manager, said, “Parkway Parade is a strategic fit with our existing portfolio as we continue to drive sustainable returns for LREIT’s unitholders. With seamless connection from the upcoming Marine Parade MRT station and Marine Parade Central, the integrated asset is expected to improve LREIT’s earnings and distributions moving forward.”

Find out more [here](#).

## Victoria - Investor Partner Summit Asia



### INVEST VICTORIA'S ANNUAL INVESTOR PARTNER SUMMIT ASIA IS BACK!

Home to nearly 3,000 start-ups, Melbourne's technology-driven companies are using innovative business models and technology to grow quickly and service global markets. Active opportunities exist for start-ups to scale beyond Asia into new markets by partnering in Melbourne, Australia for R&D, test-bedding and manufacturing.

This year, we are featuring four technology-driven companies that are making huge strides in Melbourne, IDOM Innovations, SunGreenH2, Hydroleap and Seventh Sense.

We were excited to have Kerri Lee Sinclair and John Bailey here with us in Singapore to speak about Invest Victoria's Investment Attraction Equity Fund that co-invests into early-stage technology start-ups in the region.







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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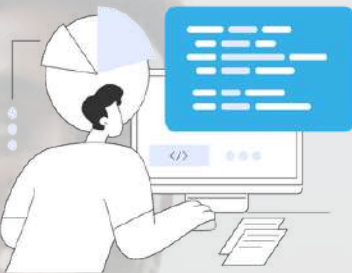
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# UPCOMING EVENTS

## JULY BEACH CLEAN UP

by OCEAN PURPOSE PROJECT



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## AAS CYCLING INTEREST GROUP MONTHLY MEETUP

SATURDAY, 15 JULY 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](#)



## CPA AUSTRALIA IN Dinner Talk Series

July to December 2023

Come network with like-minded peers over dinner, and learn about the latest hot business topics. Our experts will share on business issues such as the aftermath of 2023's banking crisis of confidence, protecting and monetising your intellectual property, new ISSB sustainability standard and capitalising on scarce talent.

### Program Highlights

#### 18 July | The aftermath of 2023's banking crisis of confidence #

Concerns linger in the financial world over what's next after the collapse of Swiss banking giant Credit Suisse and two mid-size American banks. What will it take to restore confidence and rebuild trust in global banks?

#### 15 August | Family offices: Adding vibrancy to the finance ecosystem

Family offices are becoming an important part of the financial services ecosystem. What investment strategies are they adopting to take advantage of the ever-changing business landscape?

#### 19 September | Protect and monetise your intellectual property

It is only worthwhile creating IP that can be guarded and monetised. Explore how companies can extract maximum value from IP whilst safeguarding its uniqueness.

#### 17 October | Beyond the machine, does AI have a heart?

Advancements in artificial intelligence have transformed and improved many aspects of our lives. But do they bring humanity to technology?

#### 21 November | Implementing the new ISSB sustainability standard #

Sustainability reporting has a new accounting standard. What do organisations need to do to report their sustainability performance in a clear and consistent way?

#### 19 December | Capitalising on scarce talent: Virtual, hybrid, in-person

Companies need to be agile in attracting and recruiting the best talent. Learn how adopting a flexible hiring approach will give businesses a competitive edge.

### Details

#### Registration:

6.30pm – 7.00pm

#### Talk:

7.00pm – 8.30pm

#### Venue:

Sheraton Towers  
Singapore

39 Scotts Road

Singapore 228230

### Pricing

(inclusive of buffet dinner)

Bundle of 6 promo  
SGD 600

Single session  
SGD 130

Claim up to 10 CPD hours

Register at [sg@cpaaustralia.com.au](mailto:sg@cpaaustralia.com.au) or call 3105 1522 / 800 852 6759 (toll free)

CPA Australia reserves the right to amend the program as deemed necessary without prior notice.

#July and November topics will have 2 CPD hours.

Sat, 22 July 2023



## RMITAS - Lunch & NEWater Plant Tour

Calling all Singapore alumni! Join us for Lunch, then a tour of the NEWater Plant to learn about the success story of providing a sustainable water supply in Singapore!

**Date:** Saturday, 22 July 2023

**Time:** 12:00pm to 3:00pm (Lunch starts at 12:00, and the bus leaves at 1.45pm!)

**Venue - Lunch:** Route65@Suntec City, 3 Temasek Boulevard #01-434, Suntec City, Singapore 038983

**Venue - Tour:** NEWater Visitor Centre 20 Koh Sek Lim Road Singapore, Singapore 486593

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

**Cost - Full package (Lunch / Transport):** \$10 per pax for RMIT Alumni / Students

\$25 per pax for non-Alumni / Guests

Tour is FREE if you arrange your own transport! ( Meet at NEWater plant at 1.45pm )

At the NEWater Visitor Centre, we will have a guided tour to find out more about the science and technology as well as the strategy in planning for water supply sustainability in Singapore.

Some highlights include:

- Experience what it is like to be a water molecule undergoing treatment
- Explore the Waterwise Arcade
- Discover membrane and ultraviolet technologies that make NEWater so clean

### RSVP

To RSVP, register through this link with your family and friends!

Tickets may be limited, so RSVP now!

If you would like to purchase group tickets or would like to ask some questions, please send us an email at [rmitalumnisingapore@gmail.com](mailto:rmitalumnisingapore@gmail.com).





JCUSAA is proud to be working with AAS on our inaugural collaboration event on Wednesday, 26 July 2023.

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If you are interested in sponsorship opportunities, please feel free to get in touch.

We thank you for your interest and look forward to another engaging and fruitful event with your support



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# AAS 68th Anniversary Gala Dinner

Date: Saturday, 25 Nov 2023

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Grand Copthorne Waterfront

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# PAST EVENTS

## NSW ALUMNI BUSINESS CONNECT

Thursday 15 June 2023  
6.00pm to 9.00pm  
ROOS Level 1  
24 Mount Elizabeth, #01-05, Singapore 228518



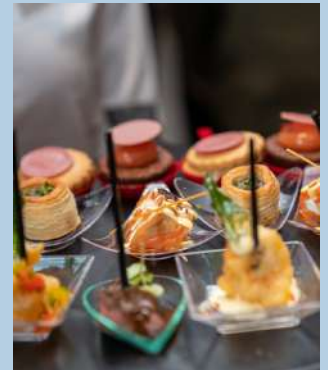
Meeting with H.E. Allastor Cox, Australian High Commissioner to Singapore, before the main event



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6.00pm to 9.00pm

ROOS Level 1

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AAS President Raj addressing the audience and introducing the formal phase of the event



Senior Trade & Investment Commissioner Andrew Parker giving the opening address



H.E. Allastor Cox giving a special address



NSW Alumni giving a panel discussion



And finally, back to the refreshments and mingling until the end of the event.

Thank you everyone for your support for the event, and we hope to see you at the next one!



# PAST 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



# APERITIVO NIGHT

*Italian Vibes Only*

1 beer & Half Pinsa \$23 | 1 glass of wine & Half Pinsa \$30 | Free flow of taralli & chips

Date: June 22nd, 2023  
 Time: 6.30pm - 9pm

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# AUSTRALIA-SINGAPORE NETWORKING RECEPTION

FLUTES RESTAURANT & BAR  
 23 June 2023 Friday | 7pm SGT



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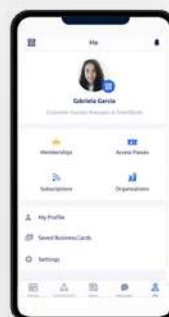
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## Lendlease Malls – Arts, Rhythm, Rewards | 7 July – 13 August 2023



### Weekly Lucky Draw | 7 July – 13 August 2023

**[Lendlease Plus Members Exclusive]** With every \$50 nett spend in a single receipt at Lendlease Malls during the qualifying spending period, Lendlease Plus Members will be auto enrolled into the weekly lucky draw. Premium Members will receive double chances. There will be no cap to the lucky draw chances awarded.

1 winner per week per mall will walk away with 5,000,000 Plus\$\* (worth \$2,500) each.

*\*5,000,000 Plus\$ will be credited into members' account upon winners' announcement post within 7 working days. Double spending required for FairPrice Xtra receipts at Jem.*

Week	Qualifying Spending Period	Winner Announcement Date
Week 1	7 – 13 July 2023	25 July 2023
Week 2	14 – 20 July 2023	1 August 2023
Week 3	21 - 27 July 2023	8 August 2023
Week 4	28 July – 3 August 2023	15 August 2023
Week 5	4 - 13 August 2023	22 August 2023

### Weekday Perks | 7 July – 13 August 2023

**[Lendlease Plus Members Exclusive]** Lendlease Plus Members will receive 10,000 Plus\$ with a minimum nett spend of \$150\* at 313@somerset/Jem/PLQ Mall or \$200\* at Parkway Parade on Mondays – Fridays only (excluding public holiday).

*\*Max. 3 same-day combined receipts. Double spending required for FairPrice Xtra receipts at Jem. Limited to the first 5,000 redemptions per mall and 1 redemption per member per day regardless of total amount spent. 10,000 Plus\$ will be credited into members' account upon approval of qualifying receipts within 2 working days.*





## Citi Mastercard Cardmembers Exclusive | 7 July – 13 August 2023

**Citi Mastercard Cardmembers** will be rewarded with a \$5 Lendlease voucher with a minimum nett spend of \$100\* charged to Citi Mastercard. Specially on Fridays, spend to receive an additional \$5 Lendlease voucher\*\*.

\*Max. 3 same-day combined receipts. Double spending required for FairPrice Xtra receipts at Jem. Redemption must be made on the same day as purchase with accompanying Citi Mastercard and Card Charge Slip at respective malls' Concierge Desk by 9.30pm. Limited to the first 1,000 redemptions (313@somerset), 2,000 redemptions (Jem), 5,000 redemptions (Parkway Parade), 2,000 redemptions (PLQ Mall), and 1 redemption per Citi Mastercard Cardmember per day regardless of total amount spent.

\*\*Limited to the first 50 redemptions per mall per Friday and 1 redemption per Citi Mastercard Cardmember per Friday regardless of total amount spent.

## \$5 off Grab rides to/ from Lendlease malls with Citi Mastercard | 1 July – 31 August 2023

Exclusive to payment using Citi Mastercard, enjoy \$5 off Grab rides (min. \$10) to/from Lendlease malls with promo code 'MCL5\*'.

\*Promo code is only applicable for use on min. \$10 ride to/from Lendlease malls and payment charged to Citi Mastercard (excluding Citi Purchasing Card/Citi Travel Lodge Card/Citi Travel Account). Redemptions are on a first-come, first-served basis. While stocks last.

## Redeem E-Deals | 7 July – 13 August 2023

[Lendlease Plus Members Exclusive] Lendlease Plus Members can redeem \$10 retailers' E-Vouchers\* with 1,000 Plus\$ at 12pm on Fridays (7, 14, 21, 28 July 2023) via the "Rewards" section of the Lendlease Plus mobile app.

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- 3) PLQ Mall, PLQ Parkside (in-front of Zing), 7 July – 13 August
- 4) Parkway Parade, L1 Mid Mall (Beside The Hour Glass), 25 July – 13 August

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- 1) PLQ Mall, Level 1 PLQ Plaza, 7 – 9 July: Official Opening and Street Soccer Competition
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- 3) 313@somerset, Level 1 Atrium, 21 – 23 July: Yo-Yo Competition and Academy Of Rock Showcase
- 4) Jem, L2 (Outside H&M), 28 – 30 July: Busk It! featuring Choral4U and J-pop

# 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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## Manager / Associate Director, IGH Sector Programme

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### Responsibilities:

- Help develop the IGH sector plan, define the go-to-market strategy, as well as execute the plan
- Be familiar with sector trends and help formulate solutions that meet our clients' specific needs
- Undertake capability gap assessments and competitor analysis to bring new ideas and service offerings achieve growth
- Define the go to market strategy focused around the key IGH sector clients
- Define key focus / sector trends / fields of play for these clients that can help drive replication of our offers and solutions in the sector
- Understanding of KPMG-wide services, solutions and thought leadership to determine which programmes, events and initiatives would be relevant to the key clients
- Support the building of key Client relationships, including developing stakeholder-mapping, client contact lists, and initiatives to drive more client engagement
- Support the Client Service Teams around contacts, pipeline management and pursuit conversion ensuring disciplined outcomes
- Leverage key Business development frameworks to enable Client Service Teams to drive growth (i.e. Market EDGE and Strategic Account Management)
- Manage the dissemination of thought leadership to clients and contacts

### Market/ Business Development (70%)

- Create and drive market/ stakeholder mapping for new and existing clients
- Work with professionals in the business units to formulate strategies for winning work in the IGH space
- Develop, manage and report on a pipeline of potential clients for the sector
- Be involved in proposals and tenders
- Meet with prospective clients and convert pipeline into wins
- Be active in business development of the Sector and meeting likeminded professionals in the market
- Work with external sector bodies and industry organisations to organise KPMG-sponsored events
- Develop and organise bespoke KPMG events, as well as relevant material and initiatives, for different groups of clients within the sector for relationship building and profiling
- Establish a good working relationship with the Global Sector Executive and where appropriate cascade any trends or key insights



## Reporting (5%)

- Take on responsibility for the internal business planning and reporting requirements (Global, Regional/ Local) associated with running the Sector (including preparation of budgets, identification of opportunities and key relationships)
- Analyse revenue information and produce reports/ presentations providing key updates on revenue, wins, opportunities, trends and key contacts
- Establish a review process where we can benchmark and monitor the Sector Accounts Performance against financial year targets and Fields of Play
- Identification (and/or creation) of key credentials for each key account

## Meeting support (5%)

- Plan and manage monthly sector meetings
- Capture minutes and key actions, and ensure timely follow up and completion of the actions

## The Person:

- The IGH Sector Specialist will work closely with the IGH Sector Leader, Sectors Programme Manager, Clients and Markets team and client-facing teams in the firm to execute the sector strategy. The ideal candidate will possess the following attributes:
- Tertiary degree or equivalent (preferably but not limited to business/ marketing/ commerce disciplines)
- At least 8+ years of experience working with all levels of management to assess business needs
- In-depth understanding of the Infrastructure, Government and Healthcare sectors in Singapore
- Have existing relationships with the stakeholders in the Government and Healthcare space
- Ability to manage multiple stakeholders concurrently in a fast-paced environment
- Have advanced problem-solving and decision-making skills and able to anticipate needs of the account teams/ clients
- Possess strong project management and facilitation skills
- Resilient and a team player, with a strong work ethic and willingness to work in a fast-paced environment
- Meticulous, attention to detail, structured, organised and have a can-do attitude
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- Logical thinking and consultative orientation

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