

# THE VOICE

Monthly Newsletter for our Australian Alumni Community

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# A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Members & Partners,

I would like to congratulate AAS Council of Advisor member Mr. Neil Parekh for being nominated as a Member of Parliament. Neil was appointed for a 2 1/2-year term by President Halimah Yacob and took his Oath of Allegiance in the Singapore Parliament House earlier this month. Neil is a prominent figure in the Singapore-Australian business community and holds various prestigious positions including Chairman of the Singapore Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SICCI) and Partner and Head of Asia, Australia, and New Zealand at Tikehau Capital. AAS has significantly benefited from Neil's guidance and support over the past many years.



This month AAS volunteers joined hands with Central Singapore Community Development Council and Silver Home Projects to support the home improvement project. The project is focused on providing better living spaces for the elderly which will help improve their mental and physical well-being. AAS will continue to accelerate our community outreach throughout this year and you can always play a part in supporting the underprivileged.

We also saw significant interest in our recently revamped mentorship program from mentees, mentors, and our university partners. We are constantly on the lookout for mentors with diverse experience and expertise. If you are keen to contribute to the success of our community in Singapore, please sign-up today.

Our much-awaited Australian Alumni Singapore 68th Anniversary Gala Dinner is fast approaching, and we have released our tickets for purchase online. The early bird rates will be available till 30th September 2023, so grab your tickets today.

AAS Gala Dinner is also an opportunity for us to recognise outstanding contributions by our members in building and strengthening business, social, and cultural links between Australia and Singapore. We will be recognising individuals and organizations for their contributions in expanding the influence of our community. If you are keen to know more or keen to nominate someone for the awards, please reach out to galadinner@aas.org.sg for further information.

Yours Sincerely,

Rajaneesh R Kurup #forwardtogether

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# **AUSTRALIAN HIGH COMMISSION**

# Australia-Singapore Cooperation on Decarbonisation, Science and R&D



We were pleased to welcome the Hon Catherine King, Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government on 21 July 2023.

While in Singapore, Minister King met with Acting Minister for Transport Mr Chee Hong Tat to discuss how the Green Economy Agreement can accelerate maritime decarbonisation. She also visited the Maritime and Port Authority to examine their shipping operations and port control centre.

Minister King also had a discussion with Neste to hear about its sustainable aviation fuel production and future plans.





We also welcomed the Hon Ed Husic, Minister for Industry and Science on 26 and 27 July to Singapore. During his visit, Minister Husic met with Minister for Communications and Information Ms Josephine Teo to discuss our shared vision for the responsible use of new digital technologies.

While meeting with Minister for Trade and Industry Mr Gan Kim Yong, and separately with Minister for Foreign Affairs Dr Vivian Balakrishnan, ministers discussed the importance of our cooperation on science and R&D, particularly as we all move to net-zero.

Minister Husic also spoke with the business community as part of AustCham's Ministerial Dialogue, including the government's ambition to rebuild Australia's industrial capabilities through the S15 billion National Reconstruction Fund.

The importance of the AU-SG cooperation on decarbonisation, science and R&D provides enormous benefit to both our people and economies. By strengthening our cooperation in these areas, we can look forward to accelerating collaboration in these critical sectors.





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The Mentorship Program aims to equip AAS members to meet the challenges in entering or already in workforce and to enhance the networking opportunities for participants.

The program will pair a mentor with a mentee. Each mentor and mentee will commit to participate in the program for at least 4 calendar months from September 2023 - February 2024. Each mentor and mentee should commit to meet at least 1 hour each month. The mode of meetings shall be as agreed between the mentors and mentees.

The mentorship programme will cover 3 areas:

Student Mentorship Programme
Professional-Entrepreneurship Mentorship Programme
Job Opportunities

#### **MENTEE**

For potential mentees, this is a opportunity for you to connect with a mentor who can offer you insight, advice and help you to navigate the next stage/s of your career.

#### **MENTOR**

For potential mentors, this is a great opportunity to give back, become a leader and refine your own skills and network.



#### **JOB OPPORTUNITY**

Send us the job posts from your company or details and we will publish it in our newsletters and other channels and distribute to our reach out





### AAS MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

#### **RUBY LYDIA CHAN**

# PROFESSIONAL COUNSELLOR | SWINBURNE UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY GRADUATE



Ruby Lydia Chan, MSoc Sc (Professional Counselling) is a trained counsellor and an associate trainer with several Approved Training Organisations. She graduated from Swinburne University of Technology in November 2011. She is a Life Member with Australian Alumni Singapore, an Associate Member of Adult Education Network at the Institute for Adult Learning Singapore and an Associate Member with Singapore Association for Counselling.

Her work experience spans over more than 30 years in fast food, insurance, office administration as office secretary and manager, counsellor and soft skills training.

She also volunteered as an Independent Director for the Board of Red Shield Enterprises (business arm of The Salvation Army) from 2018 – 2022.

She is also a volunteer mentor with Agape Connecting People Pte Ltd.

As the Chair of CSR, she hopes to bring in more activities for the members of AAS and organize more events to increase community engagement and membership renewal.

Her very first project was in May 2023, a Mother's Day event, co-organised with Boss Group Ltd. With volunteers from the AAS Management Committee and fellow AAS members, they were distributing handmade carnations to mothers in the neighbourhood of the Kovan estate, to show appreciation especially those mothers who had to work on that special day.

The day ended well with volunteers feeling satisfied and a great reminder to show heartfelt warmth and love for our own mothers.





So keep a lookout and do step up to lend a hand in the upcoming events. Please don't come alone, encourage and inspire your alumnus, classmates, teammates etc to be part of AAS CSR projects to bring some cheer and love to the community!!

Media Releases



# James Cook University in Singapore and Ton Duc Thang University forge an academic alliance with an MoU



James Cook University, Singapore and Ton Duc Thang University collaborate to foster joint training opportunities and scientific research.

On 25 July 2023, in a notable step towards promoting collaboration and mutual growth, James Cook University (JCU), Singapore, and Ton Duc Thang University (TDTU) signed a Memorandum of Understanding. This collaborative effort aims to strengthen connections in scientific research and training opportunities, offering new avenues for fostering talent development in the tropical region.

The signing ceremony saw the presence of representatives from both universities. Representing JCU, Singapore were Professor Chris Rudd OBE, Deputy Vice Chancellor and Head of Campus, and Professor May Tan-Mullins, Dean International and Chief Sustainability Officer.

TDTU was represented by Associate Professor Pham Thi Minh Ly, Dean of the Faculty of Business Administration, along with representatives from the Board of Directors and School Council, and Dr. Dinh Hoang Bach, Director of the International Cooperation, Research, and Training Institute, along with faculty and lecturers responsible for international cooperation.

Professor Chris Rudd OBE said, "We are thrilled to formalise this collaboration with Ton Duc Thang University, as it opens up exciting opportunities for both institutions to advance in joint training and scientific research. Through this alliance, we look forward to facilitating students and researchers in their pursuit of academic achievements and making meaningful contributions to society."

The MoU encompasses various key areas, including the support of exchange programs, study-abroad opportunities, and cultural exchanges. Both universities will also engage in organising conferences, seminars, and scientific and academic forums, further enhancing collaboration in training and scientific research.

The signing of this MoU is a culmination of years of engagement and coordination between the two universities.

Find out more about the <u>Singapore campus of James Cook University</u>.

Check out the extensive range of courses offered at the Singapore campus of James Cook University.

Find out more about <u>Ton Duc Thang University</u>.

#### Contacts

Media: Ms Pinky Sibal

#### **ICU Conversations**





JCU Conversations is the premier podcast series of James Cook University, Singapore -bringing to you discussions with successful leaders in the industry (across fields such as business, education, sustainability, 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?





#### JCU Conversations 16: Philip Forrest AM

Philip Forrest AM, an Independent Company Director, imparts invaluable advice on building successful long-term relationships in the business world and underscores the importance of empathy and integrity in a leader to foster such connections.

This episode's host: Rajaneesh Kurup, Segment Strategy Director at Equinix Asia-Pacific and President of Australian Alumni Singapore



# Paya Lebar Green to comprise the most sustainable retrofitted building in Singapore





**Paya Lebar Green** – set to be one of the greenest, healthiest, and smartest workplaces in Singapore – has been awarded the Building and Construction Authority (BCA) Green Mark Platinum Super Low Energy certification under the latest Green Mark 2021 scheme.

A first for Singapore, Paya Lebar Green has also been awarded the highest accolade receiving all five sustainability badges in both New Non-Residential and Existing Non-Residential Building categories under the latest Green Mark 2021 scheme: Health and Wellbeing (Hw), Resilience (Re), Whole Life Carbon (Cn), Intelligence (In), and Maintainability (Mt) badges across its two buildings.

Situated along Paya Lebar Road previously occupied by Certis Headquarters, the development comprises two buildings come 2024 – a brand new, 12-storey South building and the refurbished eight storey North building, where the new Certis Group Headquarters will be located at. The project is jointly developed by Certis and Lendlease.

Lendlease will bring its expertise in green and sustainable construction with a focus on minimising environmental impact by reducing direct carbon onsite emissions, recycling building materials, and using low embodied carbon materials and renewable energy sources. The project is slated to attain a more than 80% overall recycling rate for construction and demolition waste.

Visitors to Paya Lebar Green can expect various tech-enhanced health and well-being features such as enhanced filtration systems and bi-polar ionisation, to IoT sensors measuring occupancy, optimising light levels and temperatures for a comfortable yet sustainable working environment, while providing environmental data analytics for continuous operational efficiency improvements. The embedded solutions will help achieve greater energy performance for the buildings.

Find out more here.



# Announcement of Delegates of the Australia Vietnam Leadership Dialogue (2023)



VGTI Southeast Asia team is excited to announce the 20 delegates of the Australia Vietnam Leadership Dialogue's (AVLD) 2023 from Vietnam and Australia.

AVLD strives to nurture relationships, promote engagement and incubate collaboration between Australian and Vietnamese leaders through people to people links to strengthen bilateral links and contribute to the development of both nations. Global Victoria is proud to be the headline sponsor for AVLD in 2023 and 2024.

'Evolution: the Next 50 Years' is the theme of this year's Dialogue. The AVLD will encourage Delegates to reflect on the previous 50 years, to enjoy this year's 50th anniversary, and to look forth to the future 50 years of Australia-Vietnam bilateral ties.

In Hanoi, Victorian Interim Commissioner to Southeast Asia, Holly Butler emphasised at the event that "Victoria and Vietnam share an important economic relationship and a long history of bilateral trade and investment. International education has always been a key pillar supporting those strong links, and we look forward to following the valuable outcomes that the Dialogue will inevitably bring to our trade, investment, education, and innovation sectors."

Our 2023 Delegates, comprising of ten Australian and ten Vietnamese young leaders, will embark on a journey to achieve their leadership potential and apply it to sectors that connect Australia and Vietnam!



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 HollowsFred 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.







Find out more:

#### 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 if you are interested to find out more or contact our Hong Kong-ASEAN Chief Representative, Laura Lee at llee@hollows.org



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### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### SEPTEMBER BEACH CLEAN UP

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# AAS CYCLING INTEREST GROUP MONTHLY MEETUP

SATURDAY, 2 SEPTEMBER 2023 | 6.30AM SGT



# **UPCOMING EVENTS**

July to December 2023



# 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.

#### Register at 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.

#### 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





In the fast- evolving employment landscape, job search can be challenging and stressful. We understand the pain and are here to connect you with the right opportunities at the right time.

Join us at our Accountancy and Finance Career Fair to gain insights on the latest skill sets and trends in the industry and connect directly with employers!

#### **Event Activities - Fringe**

#### **Ace Your Interview!**

Time: 12pm - 1pm Venue: Level 9, Room 903 Learn quick interview tips before meeting the hirers at the job fair. Utilise a framework to help you structure your replies to common interview questions and bring across your skills and strengths effectively.

#### **Job Opportunity Insights**

Time: 1.15pm – 2pm Venue: Level 9, Room 903 Gain firsthand insights on the latest accountancy and finance job roles and hiring tips from participating employers - Boardroom, RWS, InCorp Business Advisory and PKF-CAP LLP.

#### **Industry and Skills Trend Seminar**

#### 1. ChatGPT and Beyond

Time: 2.15pm - 3.30pm Venue: Level 9, Room 903 Understand the hype behind ChatGPT from Al practitioners Dr Yongli Hu and Mr Goh, where they will share about how Al impacts our daily lives and how it brings opportunities and risks to Accountants and beyond.

#### Professional Qualifications in the Digital Age

Time: 3.30pm - 5pm Venue: Level 9, Room 903 Hear from CPA Australia about the latest accounting in-demand and how the CPA Programme can help to kickstart your career.

#### **Event Activity - Main**

# Accountancy and Finance Career Fair

Time: 10am – 4pm Venue: Level 8, Room 801 Embark on your career in the dynamic and fast-growing accountancy and finance sector! Seize the opportunity to interview with the participating employers, offering over over 100 accountancy and finance-related roles.

Participating employers: Boardroom, DFS, Far East Management (Private) Limited, InCorp Business Advisory Pte Ltd, KPMG, Linnovate, PKF-CAP LLP, PwC, Resorts World Sentosa, SEA Group, Tencent Singapore, UPS

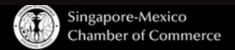
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# PAST EVENTS AAS BEER & BRAINS SESSION

Venue: Purple Agave,

33A Keong Saik Road, Singapore 089140

24 August 2023 | 7pm SGT







A fun night of drinks and networking!

Keen to join us? Save the date for the next Beers & Brains!

Date: 26th October

Time: 7 pm

📍 Location: Highlander Bar @ Millenia Walk



### PAST EVENTS

Thursday, 24 August 2023



### Monash Dean of Arts Alumni Reception

What a great Monash Alumni networking event in Singapore! Hosted by Monash University's Dean of Arts Professor Katie Stevenson and Monash University Singapore Association (MUAS), the evening was truly a celebration of the vibrant Monash community, filled with connections and insights. It was wonderful to see many of our engaging and enthusiastic Monash Alumni Association.

Special thanks to the guest speaker Arts PhD alumnus, Dr Noor Huda Ismail for his enlightening discussion on counterterrorism, Arts alumna Faye Leck, President of MUAS, for her skillful emceeing and the MUAS team for their seamless organisation.

We're looking forward to our next Monash Singapore alumni event!











# **PAST EVENTS**

Tuesday, 29 August 2023





# AAS - CSR PROJECT IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE SILVER HOMES PROJECT Venue: Block 71 Redhill Road



MP Melvin Phua showing his support for the volunteers



Mayor Denise Phua here to thank the volunteers for their hard work



Preparing for battle! Alongside MINDEF (Signal Institute) and CDC CS

# SOCIAL INTEREST GROUPS

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













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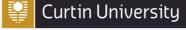


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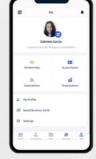
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### **EXCLUSIVE OFFERS BY PARTNERS**



#### Moon-Bathing at Paya Lebar Quarter | 1 Sep - 1 Oct 2023

#### Mid-Autumn Rewards | 1 Sep - 1 Oct

Spend a min. of \$200 to redeem a \$10 Lendlease E-Voucher.

\*Limited to first 5,000 redemptions only, 1 redemption per member per day. Max. 3 same-day combined receipts.

#### Shop with Citi Mastercard® | 1 Sep − 1 Oct

Spend a min. \$120 nett to your Citi Mastercard and receive a \$10 Lendlease voucher.

\*Limited to the first 600 redemptions at L4 Concierge Desk only, 1 redemption per member per day. Max 3 same-day combined receipts.

#### Bonus Treats @ Parkside | 1 Sep - 1 Oct

Receive 10,000 Plus\$ (worth \$5 Lendlease E-Voucher) when you spend a min. of \$20 in a single same-day receipt at any PLQ Parkside retailers.

\*Limited to first 1,000 redemptions only, 1 redemption per member per day.

#### Tunes by the Moon @ PLQ Plaza | 1 Sep - 1 Oct, every Fri to Sun only, 7 - 10pm

Indulge in your favourite medleys brought to you by promising local artistes on these days at PLQ Plaza.

#### Social Media Contest Giveaway | 1 Sep - 1 Oct

Snap and upload a photo of your dining experience at any PLQ Parkside retailers' outlet on your IG to win \$100 Lendlease Plus E-Vouchers.

\*Tag PLQ and the retailer's social handle with hashtag #PLQparkside23 on your IG. 10 lucky winners will be selected. Winners must be Lendlease Plus members to qualify.

#### Good Eats and Art Treats at Jem | 1 Sep - 29 Oct 2023

#### Weekday Lunch E-Deals | 1 Sep onwards

Feast at your favourite lunch spots by redeeming exclusive Weekday Lunch E-Deals\* with Plus\$ via Lendlease Plus mobile app.

\*Limited to 3 redemptions per member per E-Deal type throughout the promotion period.

#### Sip & Paint | 1 – 10 Sep, 11.30am-9pm, L3 (outside IKEA Jurong)

Discover the joy of painting while sipping your favourite beverage. Simply submit your receipts to L3 Concierge Desk to qualify.

\*Double spending required for FairPrice Xtra receipts. Limited to the first 55 redemptions per day. The receipts used for Tier 1 redemptions cannot be utilised for Tier 2 redemptions, and vice versa. Limited to 1 redemption per Lendlease Plus Member per day. Members are eligible to redeem either Tier 1 or Tier 2 within the same day. Redemption must be made on the same day as purchase at L3 Concierge before 8pm. Workshop pass and complimentary beverage E-Voucher must be utilised on the same day as redemption.



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	\$100	1 x art jamming workshop pass with complimentary beverage from Paris	
1	(max. 3 combined same-day receipts)	Baguette	
2	\$160	2 x art jamming workshop passes with complimentary beverages from	
	(max. 4 combined same-day receipts)	Paris Baguette	

#### Double The Delights | 1 Sep - 29 Oct

Enjoy a delicious bonus of 2X Plus\$ with a min. spend of \$10 at participating F&B outlets. Visit jem.sg to view the full list of participating outlets.

\*Bonus Plus\$ are capped at 10,000 Plus\$ (Basic members) and 20,000 Plus\$ (Premium members) per member per day and is awarded in addition to the membership daily cap. 2X Plus\$ (1X base Plus\$ and 1X bonus Plus\$) will be credited to members' in-app wallet upon approval of qualifying receipts.

#### Shop with Citi Mastercard® | 1 Sep - 29 Oct

Shop and charge a min. of \$120 to your Citi Mastercard to receive \$10 Lendlease voucher at L3 Concierge Desk.

\*Max. 3 combined same- day receipts. Double spending required for FairPrice Xtra receipts. Limited to the first 500 redemptions. 1 redemption per Citi Mastercard per day.



# **EXCLUSIVE OFFERS BY PARTNERS**



#### Lendlease Plus Sign-Up Exclusive | 1 Sep - 29 Oct

Sign up as a Lendlease Plus Member from now till 29 Oct via Lendlease Plus mobile app or lendleaseplus.com with promo code "jemfoodie23". Receive 10,000 Plus\$ (worth \$5 Lendlease E-Voucher) when you submit your first receipt with min. spend of \$20 (in a single receipt) successfully.

\* Limited to the first 500 new and eligible sign-ups. Double spending required for FairPrice Xtra receipts.

#### Moonlit Indulgence at Parkway Parade | 4-29 Sep 2023

#### Harvest Your Plus\$ | 4 - 29 Sep 2023

Start your Mid-Autumn celebration with great rewards at Parkway Parade. Enjoy a bonus 10,000 Plus\$ with a min. nett spend of \$200.

\*Limited to first 5,000 redemptions and 1 redemption per member per day in max. 3 same-day receipts.

#### Citi Mastercard® Exclusive | 4-29 Sep 2023

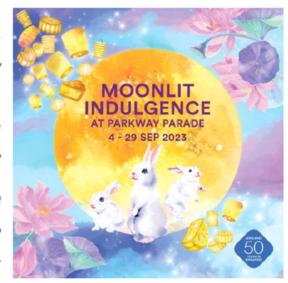
Shop and charge a min. nett spend of \$120 to your Citi Mastercard to receive a \$10 Lendlease voucher at L2 Concierge Desk.

\*Limited to first 1,500 redemptions and 1 redemption per Citi Mastercard Cardmember per day in max. 3 same-day receipts.

### Mid-Autumn Crafts | 4 – 10, 15 – 17, 22 – 24 Sep 2023 | 12pm – 8pm | L1 in front of Dyson/Mango

Redeem an admission ticket to the whimsical Mid-Autumn craft workshop with a min. nett spend of \$60 at L2 Concierge Desk.

\* Limited to first 100 redemptions per day and 1 redemption per member per day in max. 2 sameday combined receipts.



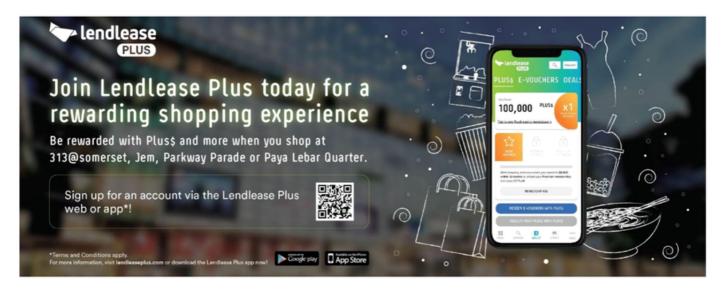
4 – 10 Sep	15 – 17 Sep	22 – 24 Sep
Iridescent Jellyfish Lantern	Moonlight Painting	Oriental Bunnies Lantern

#### Mid-Autumn Fair | 11 – 28 Sep 2023 | 11am – 9pm | L1 Mid Mall, near GG<5

Revel in the splendour of the season and enjoy an exquisite range of mooncakes from Crowne Plaza Changi Airport, Hua Ting Orchard Hotel, Peach Garden Chinese Restaurant, The St. Regis Singapore and more!

#### Not a Lendlease Plus member yet?

Download the Lendlease Plus mobile app and sign up as a member with promo code 'LLP23' to receive 5,000 Plus\$!



# Global Talent vs. Distinguished Talent

The Australian Government has announced that the planning level for the 2023-24 permanent Migration Program will be set at 190,000 places, with 52,500 places allocated to the *Skill* stream, of which the *Global Talent* visa program belongs. We had previously speculated that there would be a reduction in the quota for the GTI (Independent) visa stream, but it's good to see that it remains at 5,000 places for the 2023-24 program year (01 Jul to 30 Jun). In contrast, the *Distinguished Talent* visa stream is allocated only 300 places.

The main difference between the *Global Talent* and *Distinguished Talent* stream (both of which are classified as Class BX, Subclass 858, visas) is Direction 89. This ministerial direction gives the highest priority to Subclass 858 visa applications made in relation to <u>target sectors</u> (or related sectors) where:

- There is written communication from an Australian employer offering employment in Australia, with an annual salary equivalent to or higher than the Fair Work High Income Threshold (FWHIT); or
- The primary applicant's current earnings are an amount equal to or greater than the FWHIT;
   or
- There is evidence the primary applicant is likely to attract a salary that is equal to or greater than the FWHIT.

Applications that meet that fall into the above purview (for the Global Talent Independent stream) will be given priority processing under Direction 89. Applications that *are not* made under the target sectors, with evidence of current or future earnings equal to or above the FWHIT, *will not* receive priority processing. These applications would fall under the Distinguished Talent stream and would generally exceed 12 months processing times.

What is *not* mentioned in Direction 89 is that, to receive priority processing, applications for the Global Talent stream would also require an *invitation*, from the Department of Home Affairs after applicants submit an online Expression of Interest. The EOI process is subject to heightened competition due the attractiveness and popularity of the programme. Only candidates of the highest calibre, who meet (and even exceed) all eligibility requirements, will be invited to apply under the Global Talent stream. Without the invitation code – and

regardless of whether applicants are in the target sector and meet the FWHIT – their application would not be prioritised under Direction 89 and would be processed under the Distinguished Talent stream.

At one stage in 2022, we had advice from the Department that a Distinguished Talent Visa Stream application *may* be converted to a Global Talent Stream application, if the visa applicant later submits an EOI and receives an invitation. However, the practicality of this process seems uncertain and the process is subject to policy changes.



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# Global Talent vs. Distinguished Talent

#### Why apply under the Distinguished Talent Stream?

- 1) If the candidate's achievements can not be aligned with a target sector, but in other areas such as arts, sports, academia.
- 2) If the candidate's earnings is far under the FWHIT or they are not able to demonstrate capacity to achieve an earning above the FWHIT level.

#### Benefit of a global talent visa granted in the Distinguished Talent Stream

The main benefit for people holding a global talent visa granted in the Distinguished Talent Stream is that they are able to access the concession residence requirements for the purpose of qualifying for Australian citizenship.

Under current arrangements applicants for citizenship must meet the general residence requirement which provides that they have lived in Australia on a valid visa for the past 4 years and were absent for no more than 12 months in that time. They must also have been a permanent resident or eligible New Zealand citizen and absent from Australia for no more than 90 days during the 12 months before applying.

Currently, the special residence requirement, announced by the Department in 2021, may apply for a range of applicants who due to their work undertake significant international travel and where it is in the Australian national interest including Australian representative sportspeople, ships' crew, senior businesspeople, research scientists, and distinguished artists.

The special residence requirement provides that an applicant has held a valid visa for the last four years, living in Australia for at least 480 days during that time, and must have been a permanent resident and in Australia for 120 days in the year immediately before applying. The special residence requirement will now also apply to past, present and future distinguished talent stream visa holders.

If you are thinking about, or are in the process of, submitting an EOI under the Global Talent stream, or if you need assistance in deciding the best stream to apply for the Global Talent visa, please email us on <a href="mailto:info@ashtonlegal.com.au">info@ashtonlegal.com.au</a> or call us on <a href="mailto:+61279009570">+61279009570</a>.



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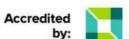


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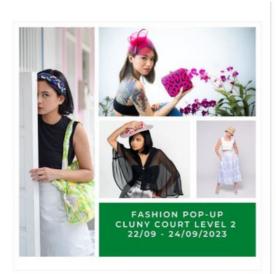
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# <u>Field Marketing Manager - ANZ</u> <u>Pyrmont, New South Wales Melbourne, Victoria</u>

It's an exciting time to be at Infoblox. Named a Top 25 Cyber Security Company by The Software Report and one of Inc. Magazine's Best Workplaces for 2020. Infoblox unites networking and security to deliver unmatched performance and protection. Trusted by Fortune 100 companies and emerging innovators, we provide real-time visibility and control over who and what connects to your network, so your organisation runs faster and stops threats earlier. Infoblox customers are among the largest enterprises in the world and include 70% of the Fortune 500, and our success depends on bright, energetic, talented people who share a passion for building the next generation of networking technologies and having fun along the way.

Infoblox is seeking an experienced and dynamic Field Marketing Manager to join our team in the Australia and New Zealand region. You will be the ideal candidate if you love and thrive on developing and executing strategic field marketing initiatives that drive demand generation, brand awareness, and pipeline growth. The Field Marketing Manager will collaborate closely with sales teams, partners, and cross-functional stakeholders to drive timeline regional marketing efforts aligned with Infoblox's global and regional business objectives.

#### Role Description

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- Strategic Planning: Develop and execute ANZ-focused field marketing plans that align with overall regional and global marketing strategies.
- Demand Generation: Create and implement integrated marketing campaigns to generate demand and accelerate the sales pipeline through a mix of online and offline channels, including events, webinars, email marketing, content syndication, social media, and more. Grow and enrich the ANZ marketable database while expanding existing customer relationships.
- Event Management: Plan, organize, and execute regional events such as seminars, workshops, user conferences, and tradeshows. Manage end-to-end logistics, budgets, vendor relationships, and post-event analysis.
- Content and Collateral: Collaborate with the content team to create compelling marketing
  materials, including presentations, datasheets, case studies, and other sales enablement tools that
  resonate with the ANZ market.
- Partner Engagement: Work closely with identified focus partners to develop joint marketing initiatives and co-marketing campaigns that drive mutual success and deepen partner's hunger to grow their business with Infoblox.
- Digital Marketing: Utilize digital marketing channels to promote campaigns, engage the audience, and monitor performance metrics. Collaborate with the digital marketing team for effective execution.
- Metrics and Analysis: Establish key performance indicators (KPIs) to measure the success of field marketing activities. Regularly track and analyze campaign effectiveness, providing insights and recommendations for continuous improvement.
- Budget Management: Manage the ANZ field marketing budget effectively, ensuring optimal allocation of resources across various marketing initiatives while maintaining fiscal responsibility.
- Cross-Functional Collaboration: Collaborate closely with local sales teams to understand regional market dynamics, identify opportunities, and align marketing efforts involving the wider marketing functional teams (Global Demand Gen, PR, Customer Engagement) to support revenue goals.

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# <u>Field Marketing Manager - ANZ</u> <u>Pyrmont, New South Wales Melbourne, Victoria</u>

#### Your Profile

- Bachelor's degree in Marketing, Business, or related field. Advanced degree is a plus.
- Minimum of 8 years of experience in B2B technology marketing, with at least 3-5 years of field marketing experience in the ANZ region.
- Strong understanding of the IT and cybersecurity landscape in the ANZ market.
- Proven track record in planning and executing successful integrated marketing campaigns, including events, digital marketing, and partner collaboration against planned KPIs.
- Excellent project management skills with the ability to manage multiple projects simultaneously and meet deadlines. Familiar with marketing automation tools like Monday.com and Marketo.
- Strong analytical skills with the ability to interpret data, analyze campaign performance, and provide actionable insights.
- Exceptional communication and interpersonal skills, both written and verbal.
- Proficiency in marketing automation and CRM systems (e.g., Marketo, Salesforce).
- Creative thinker with a passion for innovation and a results-oriented mindset.
- Desired traits: Meticulous with an eye for detail. Strong team player. High sense of integrity. Tactful and Diplomatic. Enjoys marketing.

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### **AUDIT ASSOCIATE**

#### Role Description

- Proper completion of the fieldwork of audit
- Document audit results and highlight points for attention
- Prepare statutory financial statements in accordance with Singapore Financial Reporting Standards
- Provide general support work for superiors
- Perform work for any adhoc projects, if any

#### Your Profile

- Bachelor's degree (Accountancy graduates)
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