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Monthly Newsletter for our Australian Alumni Community

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Members & Partners,

Earlier this year we announced that AAS will enhance our membership benefits as part of our revamp. As part of this initiative, we have been engaging with Australian alumni owned and friends of Australia owned businesses in Singapore. I am extremely pleased to announce that we have expanded our partnerships with a wide variety of businesses to bring you perks and benefits that will truly enhance your AAS experience. Please refer to the membership benefits for more information.

AAS 68th Anniversary Gala Dinner is 55 days away and your management committee is working tirelessly to bring together a memorable evening filled with fun, laughter, and excitement. Since we released the tickets, we have seen overwhelming responses from universities, businesses, and individuals alike. As per the request from our members and partners, we have extended the early bird rates to 15th October 2023 so that more of our members can enjoy the benefit.

We have always recognised the contributions made by Australian alumni in Singapore during our gala dinners in the past. Outstanding Alumni Association Award is one such award that recognises University Alumni Associations for the work they are doing to engage their alumni community, engage the community and give back to their alma mater.

AAS Gala awards and recognition committee is pleased to announce that we have extended the submission deadline for Outstanding Alumni Association Award to 15th October 2023. I request all Australian University alumni association presidents to use this opportunity to demonstrate the amazing work you and your management committee has done over the past year.

If you are representing a business and is keen to learn how you can be a part of this event, please reach out to galadinner@aas.org.sg for more information.

Yours Sincerely,



Rajaneesh R Kurup
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2023 FIFA Women's World Cup - A Sporting Triumph

The 2023 FIFA Women's World Cup has inspired a new generation of athletes and supporters and transformed the way women's sports is seen around the world. Australia's Matildas rode a wave of green and gold all the way to the semi-finals.



Many firsts were achieved:

- The 2023 FIFA WWC was the **first co-confederation hosted tournament**. It was also the first time the WWC was held in the Asia-Pacific region, and first ever WC held in the southern hemisphere.
- A **record 1,715,000 tickets** were sold throughout the month-long tournament.
- Australia's Sam Kerr scored the **longest goal** of the World Cup against England in the semi-final from 29 metres out.

From kick-off on 20 July 2023 until the final on 20 August 2023, women from 32 nations showed the world the very best of skilled competition. Supporters held their breath through penalty shoot-outs, cried at missed penalties and cheered and hugged at impossible goals.

The Matildas, Australia's national team, made their nation very proud, reaching the semifinals for the first time ever. Sam Kerr, Mary Fowler and Mackenzie Arnold become household names. "I want to be a Matilda when I grow up" echoed across the playgrounds throughout Australia (and no doubt in many international schools too!).

The Indigenous cultures of Australia and New Zealand were highlighted through the tournament, with all nine host cities referred to in both English and Indigenous terms. They were: Tarntanya (Adelaide), Meanjin (written as Meaanjin; Brisbane), Naarm (Melbourne), Boorloo (Perth), Gadigal (Eastern Sydney; for Sydney Football Stadium), Wangal (Western Sydney; for Stadium Australia), Tāmaki Makaurau (Auckland), Ōtepoti (Dunedin), Kirikiriroa (Hamilton), and Te Whanganui-a-Tara (Wellington).

Indigenous representation in the FIFA WWC would not be possible without the appointment of a six-person cultural panel (featuring three First Nations Australians and three Māori from Aotearoa New Zealand) to provide advice to ensure that First Nations and Tangata Whenua voices were included.

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AUSTRALIAN HIGH COMMISSION

2023 FIFA Women's World Cup - A Sporting Triumph



Here in Singapore, the FIFA WWC matches drew crowds together at homes, local pubs and Embassies and High Commissions. It brought out our competitive side with the Swedish chargé d'affaires to Singapore H.E. Jenny Egermark and Australian High Commissioner H.E. Allaster Cox betting on the outcome of the Sweden-Australia semifinal – resulting in our High Commissioner polishing off a plateful of Singapore's favourite fruit – the durian! Australia and the UK collaborated in an Instagram reel to promote friendly rivalry over soccer while reinforcing the strong AU-UK friendship through our economic and trade partnerships.

The month-long tournament was a triumph for sport and we are looking forward to the Matildas' next opportunity to compete for the Cup.



Instagram reel collaboration with the UK High Commission in Singapore.



Durian challenge with the Swedish Embassy in Singapore.

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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.

REGISTER AS MENTEE



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

JOB OPENING



AAS MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

SANJANA HOLLA

MARKETING PROFESSIONAL | MBA | VALEDICTORIAN | JAMES COOK UNIVERSITY



Sanjana is a certified marketing professional characterised by academic excellence with a proven track record in diverse industries and a passion for all things culture.

Sanjana holds an MBA degree from James Cook University, Singapore. She majored in Creative Marketing and earned a coveted spot on the Dean's List in all 3 terms and was ultimately named the Valedictorian owing to her consistent academic performance. She also holds an Engineering degree from one of India's premier universities.

With over 7 years of cross-sector experience spanning telecommunications, sustainable food, and non-profits, Sanjana has honed a unique skill set that combines marketing strategy with a deep interest in consumer behaviour. She is now looking for her next marketing endeavour and is excited to take her career to new heights in Singapore.

Beyond this, Sanjana is an avid reader and an active member of local book clubs, fostering a love for literature and vibrant discussions. Her cultural curiosity extends to arthouse cinema and she appreciates the nuanced storytelling and artistry that this genre offers. She is married to Skanda Lokeshwaran and this adventurous duo loves to explore new countries and experiences together.



AAS MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

CONGRATULATIONS TO AAS TREASURER AND CSR CO-CHAIR, MICHAEL AW, ON HIS APPOINTMENT



Congratulations to our AAS Treasurer and Co-chair of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR), Michael Aw, who was recently re-appointed as a District Councillor by Central District Mayor Denise Phua and Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong.

This is his 3rd term serving in Central District, Community Development Council (CDC). He was serving in the Sustainability Committee.

Michael is also an active grassroots leader in his local constituency (Bishan East-Sin Ming Division) as Treasurer and Badminton & Golf convener in Community Sports Network (CSN).



Michael attending Silver Home project in August. MP Melvin Phua showing his support for the volunteers



Mayor Denise Phua together with CDC Central Singapore and MINDEF for the Silver Home Project.

Laboratory trials unveil risk of false results in allergy tests



Recent laboratory trials warn of varied and false-negative results in allergy tests conducted with commercial shellfish extracts, highlighting a pressing need for improvements to safeguard allergy sufferers globally.

Shellfish allergies, affecting approximately 3% of the population, are raising concerns due to their lifelong high risk of severe allergic reactions, including anaphylaxis. However, there's a deeper layer of concern here. The significant variation in allergen content in commercially available skin prick test (SPT) extracts for shellfish allergies adds to the worries. Shellfish includes both crustaceans such as crabs and shrimps, and mollusks such as oysters and squids.

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"Standardisation of allergen extracts is urgently needed to improve the accuracy and reliability of SPTs," said [Dr Thimo Ruethers](#), Research Fellow in Human Health & Aging at the [Tropical Futures Institute \(TFI\)](#) at James Cook University (JCU) in Singapore, and Adjunct to JCU's Australian Institute of Tropical Health and Medicine (AITHM), who spearheaded the study.

SPT, a widely used diagnostic method, has its limitations due to inconsistent extracts. Similar concerns arose from the team's earlier research in 2019, uncovering unpredictable allergen levels in SPT extracts for fish allergy. Dr Ruethers cautioned that the lack of standardisation in commonly-utilised commercial allergen extracts for SPT restricts the diagnostic precision of results. This also means SPTs that show a person being tested is not allergic to shellfish may be wrong.

In the new study led by Dr Ruethers — where 11 crustacean and 5 mollusc SPT extracts were sourced — it was revealed there were substantial differences in protein content, allergen presence and potency across different species and manufacturers. Additionally, concerns arose about potential protein degradation in some extracts, emphasising the need for standardised procedures.

The absence of standardised commercial SPT extracts presents challenges for individuals with allergies. Conducting allergy tests with enhanced diagnostic tools could also offer insights into cross-sensitisation and individual sensitisation profiles.

"Improvements in blood tests, along with the development of region-specific allergen extracts with known quantities of clinically well-characterised allergen components, are critical to achieve considerable improvements in allergy testing," emphasised TFI and AITHM group leader [Professor Andreas Lopata](#).

This research will be presented at the [Asia Pacific Association of Allergy, Asthma and Clinical Immunology \(APAAACI\)](#) 2023 International Conference in Singapore (23-26 October 2023).

PAPER

Ruethers T, Johnston EB, Karnaneedi S, Nie S, Nugraha R, Taki AC, Kamath SD, Williamson NA, Mehr SS, Campbell DE, Lopata AL. Commercial shellfish skin prick test extracts show critical variability in allergen repertoire. Allergy. doi: [10.1111/all.15853](https://doi.org/10.1111/all.15853)

[View video abstract](#)

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

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

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Media: [Ms Pinky Sibal](#)

Rising star Naomi Clark-Shen shines on Prestige's 40 Under 40



Ms Naomi Clark-Shen's mission and commitment to marine conservation earned her a spot in Prestige's "40 Under 40".

Ms Naomi Clark-Shen, a [PhD](#) student at James Cook University in Singapore, has been recognised for her contributions to marine conservation and research. She was selected to be on Prestige's ["40 Under 40" list](#) which celebrates young talents making a significant impact in their respective fields.

Ms Clark-Shen's journey demonstrates her dedication to environmental conservation and marine life. She is presently taking a PhD in marine science, and [her research](#) spotlights two noteworthy species — the blackspot shark and blue-spotted maskray, which are commonly caught as bycatch in the region. Her work aims to study their life cycles, ecological significance, and fisheries, and the implications for conservation and management.

"My goal is to use the findings from my studies and work toward feasible conservation measures for sharks and stingrays — aka, turning the research into action," shared Ms Clark-Shen, reflecting her determination to translate research into real-world impact.

"A lot of people consider protecting animals and nature because of the benefits it provides us — such as food, clean air, and so on. But I have always been driven to protect animals and nature simply because they deserve to be here as well, and the world is just nicer with them in it. This non-self-centered way of thinking about it shows I have a genuine passion for helping animals and nature, which keeps me focused and driven," she added.

Beyond her academic pursuits, Ms Clark-Shen actively co-leads an independent project based at Singapore's fishery ports, where she collects data on both imported and locally caught sharks and rays, contributing invaluable insights to ongoing conservation efforts. Her dedication to safeguarding these vulnerable species extends to her role as a consultant for shark, stingray, and seafood projects under [World Wide Fund for Nature Singapore](#). Additionally, she serves as a board member of the [Animal Concerns Research and Education Society \(ACRES\)](#).

Ms Clark-Shen's inclusion in the "40 Under 40" list serves as an inspiration to her peers, mentors, and the wider community. She embodies the remarkable potential of young individuals to drive positive change, and contribute to sustainability efforts on this planet.

Find out more about [possible Higher Degree by Research projects](#).

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

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

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JCU CONVERSATIONS

Podcasts

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?

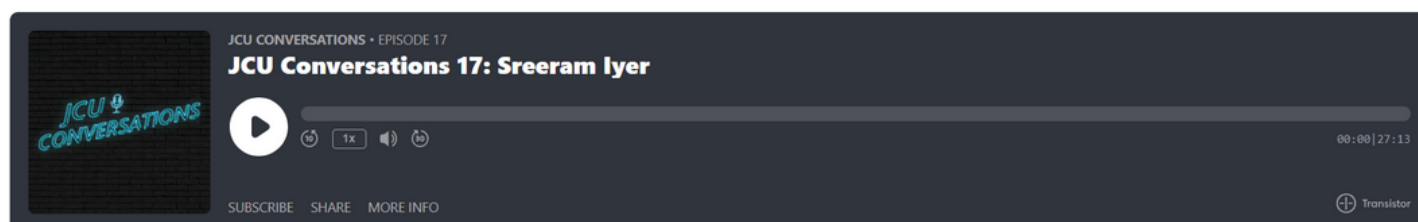
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JCU Conversations 17: Sreeram Iyer

Sreeram Iyer, Global Chief Operating Officer at ANZ Bank's Institutional Banking Business and Head of Group Capability Centres, shares the importance of speak-up culture — where voice inclusivity matters — and its impact on workplaces and leadership dynamics.

This episode's host: Steffie Vanessa, Investor Relations Associate at Tribeca Investment Partners and President of [JCU Singapore Alumni Association \(JCUSAA\)](#).



PARTNER UPDATES



Lendlease commemorates its 50th anniversary in Singapore by giving back to the community through a series of initiatives and partnerships



Lendlease marked its 50th anniversary celebrations in Singapore with the official launch of its partnership with Singapore Street Festival (SSF) 2023 on 7 July at Paya Lebar Quarter (PLQ), themed 'The NXT Generation'. As part of the kick-off, winning paintings from the Street Art competition centered around Lendlease's 50 years in Singapore with the theme "Build on our 50 (years) for the next 50" were introduced by the artists.

Lendlease's commitment to giving back to the community goes beyond just the SSF and is reflected through various initiatives that hope to make a positive impact on the lives of Singaporeans. Lendlease seeks to build a stronger and more sustainable community for all with other 50th anniversary initiatives as follows:

- **Company of Good** – As a Company of Good registered with the National Volunteer and Philanthropy Centre (NVPC), Lendlease Global Commercial REIT ("LREIT") and Lendlease have gifted a total sum of S\$25,000 to support 50 Community Link (ComLink) families who live in rental housing in Jurong West.
- **Lendlease Foundation Community Grant Asia** – This programme supports local community-based organisations, charities and social enterprises working on community development and climate change action in Malaysia and Singapore, which is complemented by Lendlease's Sustainability Framework. The grant awards S\$20,000 in local currency to selected organisations and provides volunteering opportunities for Lendlease employees. This year, seven projects were awarded.
- **Employee-led Initiatives** – To mark Lendlease's 50th year in Singapore, employees have been doing their part to make a difference through community outreach programs. One such notable programme is a beach cleanup, which has been planned for September. The goal is to clean up 500kg of trash and arrange for their recycling.

Mr Justin Gabbani, Chief Executive Officer, Asia, Lendlease said, "This milestone 50th anniversary is a reminder of our commitment to continue contributing to Singapore's landscape and development. We will build upon our expertise in investment, development and construction, most notably in the life sciences, commercial and retail spaces, and to continue leading the charge in sustainability, technology, and best practices for the built environment for decades to come."

Learn more [here](#).

ASEAN Business and Investment Summit and ASEAN Indo-Pacific Forum in Jakarta



Acting Commissioner Holly Butler and team attended the ASEAN Business and Investment Summit in Jakarta earlier this month, representing VGTI SEA and engaging with key industry and government leaders about future investment opportunities in Southeast Asia.

Opportunities in healthcare, EV, the digital economy were key themes throughout the Summit alongside overarching messages about the necessity of unity to overcome economic and social challenges.

Indonesia's Health Minister, Budi Gunadi Sadikin addressed the social and financial links between health and wealth, The Philippines Former Secretary of Foreign Affairs, Delia Domingo Albert, shared views on new investment pathways for developing markets and Temasek Holdings CEO, Dilhan Pillay Sandrasegara, spoke about ASEAN's digital powerhouse at the heart of global connectivity and transformation.

The following week at the ASEAN Indo Pacific Forum, Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese launched "Invested: Australia's Southeast Asia Economic Strategy to 2040" which sets out 75 key recommendations to increase Australia's two-way trade and investment with Southeast Asia, promote business and enhance innovation collaboration. It was fantastic to see Indonesian Unicorn Bukalapak's Melbourne tech hub featured in the Strategy as an example of fostering innovation and knowledge exchange between Australia and Indonesia.



Read the report here: <https://www.dfat.gov.au/southeastasiaeconomicstrategy>



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 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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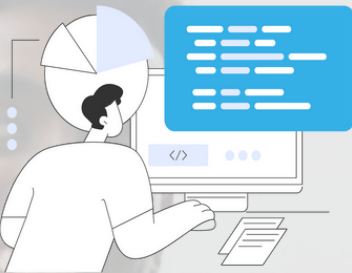
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AAS CYCLING INTEREST GROUP MONTHLY MEETUP

SATURDAY, 14 OCTOBER 2023 | 6.30AM SGT

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[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

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

#July and November topics will have 2 CPD hours.

UPCOMING EVENTS

AAS BEER & BRAINS SESSION

by Raj, Maribel, Michael & Richard

 Date: 26th October

 Time: 7 pm

 Venue: Highlander Bar @ Millenia Walk

Come & join us for a chill & relaxing evening of networking and getting to know the AAS Management Committee - Raj Kurup (JCU), Maribel Colmenares (La Trobe), Michael Aw (La Trobe) & Richard Ngo (University of Tasmania).

Kindly note: Participants will pay for their own drinks.

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



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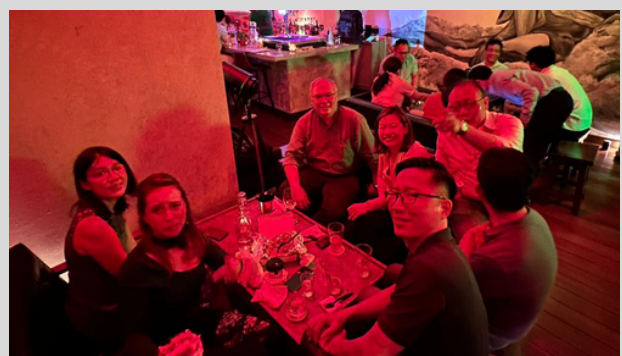


Some of our past Beers & Brains sessions

TIPSY FLAMINGO



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UPCOMING EVENTS

October 2023



ALUMNI-TO-ALUMNI CIRCLE - BEST PRACTICES IN SUSTAINABILITY FOR BUSINESSES

RMIT Alumni gladly invites all senior alumni who are currently working in Singapore to an intimate networking event called the Alumni-to-Alumni (A2A) Circle.

Started in 2020 in Vietnam, A2A Circle has become a well-known event series that attracted nearly 1,000 prominent alumni who hold managerial positions in diverse industries to connect and collaborate on both personal and professional levels. RMIT Vietnam Alumni collaborates with RMITAS to pilot this signature event with similar objectives to unite a community of 70,000 alumni based in Singapore.

Register now to reserve your slot.

For inquiries, email us at alumni@rmit.edu.vn.

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 2023



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27 Oct (Fri)
[Quantum AI Cybernetics]

28 Oct (Sat)
[Greener Way of Thinking]

NAVIGATE THE FUTURE: SKILLS FOR ADVANCEMENT

Join us for an engaging two-day learning series, where we bring together industry leaders, subject matter experts, and forward-thinking professionals. Together, we'll explore and develop the key competencies essential to navigate and excel in the future.

 Dates: 27th & 28th October 2023

🌟 Event Highlights:

Day 1: Quantum AI Cybernetics

Step into the future of technology as we dive into Quantum Computing, Artificial Intelligence, and Cybersecurity. Our dynamic panel of experts will illuminate the way forward. Immerse yourself in cutting-edge workshops that explore the captivating theme of "Quantum AI Cybernetics."

Day 2: Greener Way of Thinking

Embark on a journey toward a more sustainable future. Our event revolves around the theme of "Greener Way of Thinking," uniting panel of experts and enthusiasts. Through panel discussions and immersive workshops, you'll gain insights, tools, and inspiration to contribute to the global movement for environmental well-being.

[Join us at our Learning Series via this link!](#)

A Sneak Peak of the Speakers Lineup

"Quantum AI Cybernetics"



Moderator
Mr Jerald Chua
COO
Bondline Pte Ltd



Speaker
Dr Rex Yeap
Assoc Facilitator
SIM Academy



Speaker
Mr Julian Tan
Quantum Business Dev
IBM



Speaker
Mr Lim Ming Han
Lecturer
SIM Global Education

"Greener Way Of Thinking"



Moderator
Ms Cayle Wong
Head Sustainability & Comms
EVO



Speaker
Ms Valerie Lee
Assoc Facilitator
SIM Academy



Speaker
Dr Tommy Tan
Founder/Principal Consultant
Dolphine Performance Consulting



Speaker
Mr Wildy Chia
Lecturer
SIM Global Education

PAST EVENTS

Update from RMIT Alumni Singapore

RMIT Alumni Singapore (RMITAS) had an eventful August!

Our RMIT-SIM graduates of 2023 celebrated their graduation milestone in style with a 'rocking' party at Highlander Bar at Millenia Walk on 22 August 2023.



Graduation Celebrations with the new graduates from RMIT/SIM in Singapore



Professor Julie Cogan, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Business and Law) and Vice-President at RMIT University gave the keynote address.

Subsequently, we supported and co-organized the RMIT's Future Ready Business Series with RMIT College of Business & Law which was held in the Pan Pacific Hotel on 23 August 2023. The topic "Unlocking Potential: Strategies to attract, retain and engage talent" had about 90 alumni & guests enjoying an insight into current issues facing leaders in human resources.

Lastly, on 30 August we supported the Aviation engagement initiative by RMIT Alumni to meet with our alumni who are working in the Aviation Industry in Singapore. We hosted a group of industry professionals and management at Peony Jade at Amara Hotel and had a good exchange of views on the latest trends in the aviation industry.



RMIT Aviation Alumni with RMIT & RMITAS

PAST EVENTS

Tuesday, 29 August 2023

UNSW Alumni Association Singapore Gathering @ Indochine Restaurant



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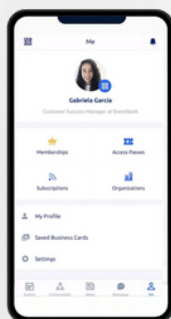
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Weekday Enchantment | 6 – 31 Oct 2023 10am - 6pm

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Enjoy a spooky photobooth session and receive 2 photostrips! Simply make a min. nett spend of \$30 in a single receipt to receive a coupon at B1 Concierge Desk.

Photobooth at L1, near Prive, from 13 – 31 Oct 2023, 12pm to 9pm.

Seek the Haunted Ward | 21 – 31 Oct 2023

The hospital's secrets shall manifest in a new ward number posted daily on our Facebook and Instagram story (@313somerset). Will you heed the call? Visit B1 Concierge Desk and quote the correct ward number to receive 5,000 Plus\$ (worth \$2.50).

313 Fear-Fest | 13, 14, 20, 21, 27 and 28 Oct 2023, 7pm to 9pm

Roaming the mall are twisted talents dressed as doctors, nurses and more – a glimpse into the hospital's tormented past. Brace yourself for eerie encounters as you navigate our Horror realm.

Capture the Fear | 13 – 31 Oct 2023

Capture a photo with our roaming talents and stand to be 1 of 3 lucky souls to win 200,000 Plus\$ (worth \$100). Simply be a Lendlease Plus member, follow our Instagram (@313somerset), post your photo on Instagram story and tag us to enter.

Good Eats and Art Treats at Jem | Now – 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.*

Double The Delights | Now – 29 Oct

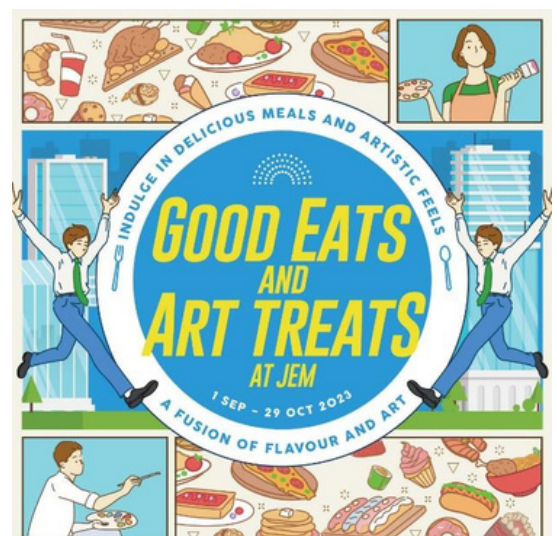
Enjoy a delicious bonus of 2X Plus\$ with a min. spend of \$10 at participating F&B outlets. Visit jem.sg to view the full list of participating outlets.

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Lendlease Plus Sign-Up Exclusive | Now – 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.

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| 9 – 22 Oct 2023

Dinner Delights | 9 – 22 Oct 2023

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*Participating F&B stores include stores from Food & Restaurant and Food Specialties categories only. Please visit www.parkwayparade.com.sg/store-directory for list of participating F&B stores.



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OBF Rewards | 6 Oct – 5 Nov 2023

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Global Talent or General Skilled Migration / Business Migration?

The Australian Government announced that the planning level for the 2023-24 permanent Migration Program will be set at 190,000 places, with 137,100 places for the *Skill* stream.

On 24 August 2023, the Department of Home Affairs published additional information on how the State and Territory allocations has been distributed. Below is the nomination allocation table, which can also be found on the [Home Affairs website](#).

2023-24 State and Territory nomination allocations			
State	Skilled (Subclass 190) visa	Nominated (Subclass 491) visa	Skilled Work Regional (Subclass 491) visa
ACT	600		600
NSW	2,650		1,500
NT	250		400
QLD	900		650
SA	1,100		1,200
TAS	600		600
VIC	2,700		600
WA	1,500		850
Total	10,300		6,400
			Business Innovation and Investment Program (BIIP)*
			0
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Subclass 189/190 visas – General Skilled Migration

The State and Territory allocation levels has been reduced back to pre-pandemic levels. Potential applicants can expect a reduction in the number of invitations issued by the state/territory governments, as well as longer waiting time and increased competition.

Subclass 188 visas – Business Migration

You will also note that there is no current allocation to any state or territory government for the business innovation and investor visa programme. The Department advised that this is because it has enough applications on-hand to meet the 2023–24 planning level for the BIIP.

Subclass 858 – Global Talent Visa

In contrast, Global Talent visa program has been allocated 5,000 places for 2023-24 program year. The GTI program offers direct permanent residency and does not depend on any points system, skilled occupation list, State or Territory nomination.

Although the threshold to be invited to apply for the GTI visa is much higher than that of the GSM program. It may be the only pathway for very senior technical leaders, executives or entrepreneurs in the target sectors who are over 45. With the global talent visa, although the age limit is 55, candidates who can provide strong evidence of actual or potential but realistic extraordinary contribution to Australia may still be granted a global talent visa even if they are over 55.

We have helped highly skilled migrants secure the Global Talent visa who thought they were only eligible for the business skilled migration or employer nominated / general skilled migration programmes.

Whether you are onshore or offshore, [get in contact with us](#) to find out if you're eligible for the Global Talent visa pathway and let us help you secure your future in Australia.



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* Invisalign Singapore is facilitating the outreach program for corporates. The dental treatments, Invisalign treatment consultation, offers and payments will be directly between the patient and the partner clinic for this program.
** Data on file at Align Technology, September 30, 2022

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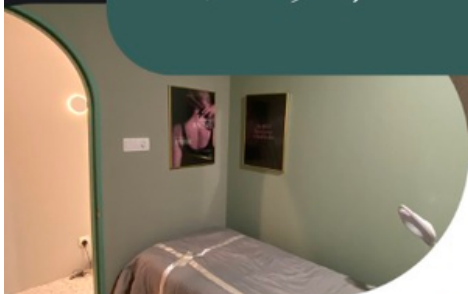
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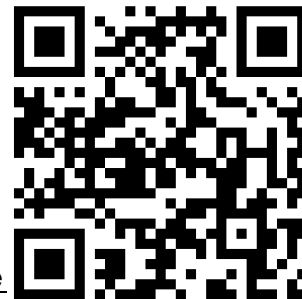
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Role Description

- Assist in planning, execution and finalisation of audit assignments
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- Conduct review of statutory financial statements in accordance with Singapore Financial Reporting Standards
- Supervise, coach and develop junior members
- Manage client's expectations and maintain excellent management client relations
- Other ad-hoc projects

Your Profile

- Bachelor's degree (Accountancy graduates)
- Preferably candidates who are pursuing professional qualification eg. ACCA, CPA, CA (Singapore)
- At least 2 years relevant experience
- Work independently and flexible
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Associate Audit, Singapore

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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

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Communications and Marketing Intern

Role Description

- Undergraduates or fresh graduates are welcome to apply
- Support the Head, Sustainability & Communications and the team to develop communications and marketing strategies aligned with overall company objectives
- □ Conduct research on key market trends and competitive landscapes to inform strategic decision making
- □ Support in the development of integrated marketing and communications plans that encompass various communications channels such as digital media, publicity and targeted marketing
- Produce high quality and engaging content for various platforms – websites, media releases, marketing collaterals, social media
- Plan and execute events, coordinate with vendors to ensure seamless execution
- Help track effectiveness of communications and marketing campaigns
- Work closely with sales, product and operations to ensure alignment of messaging and goals

Your Profile

- Undergraduate's or Bachelor's degree in Marketing, Communications, Business or related field
- Strong written and verbal communications skills
- Some knowledge of digital marketing, social media platforms and emerging trends
- Experience in marketing tools such as social media management, google analytics and email marketing will be advantageous
- Flexibility to adapt to changing priorities and willing to take initiative
- Strong interpersonal skills and the ability to work effectively within a team

Communications and Marketing Executive

Role Description

- Fresh graduates or candidates with 2-3 years of experience are welcome to apply
- Support the Head, Sustainability & Communications to develop communications and marketing strategies aligned with overall company objectives
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Field Marketing Manager - ANZ

Pymont, New South Wales Melbourne, Victoria

Role Description

- 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 tradeshow. 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.

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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