

# THE VOICE

Monthly Newsletter for our Australian Alumni Community

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## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Members & Partners,

We are 25 days away from Australian Alumni Singapore 68th Anniversary Gala Dinner - the largest get together of Australian alumni and friends of Australia. Over the past 68 years our community has grown significantly as one of the largest and strongest alumni community. Our gala dinner is an opportunity for us to bring together our strong community and celebrate our achievements over the years.

We have some exciting news to share about our upcoming gala dinner:

- I am pleased to announce that former Singapore Minister for Foreign Affairs Mr. George Yeo will be the Guest of Honour for AAS 68th Anniversary Gala Dinner. Mr. Yeo played a key role in advancing diplomatic relations between Singapore and Australia since 1999. He was presented with Honorary Order of Australia (AO) in 2013 in recognition of his efforts.
- Outstanding Alumni Association Award is our way of recognising the contributions made by Australian University Alumni Associations in engaging their alumni network as well as the community to further the goals of their alma mater. We are thoroughly amazed by the submissions and the amazing work done by many of the alumni associations. Join us at the gala dinner and celebrate the achievements together with your fellow alumni.
- We have put together an amazing evening to celebrate the achievements of our community. Live performances, fun games, excellent lucky draw prizes and other goodies await you.

Please follow us on our social media channels to keep yourself updated about our upcoming Gala Dinner. We will be progressively releasing exciting informations in the coming weeks leading up to the gala on 25th November 2023.

Thank you for your overwhelming support, we are currently on our last 10 tables. Do not miss your chance to be part of a memorable evening. Please signup today to avoid disappointment.

If you or your business is keen to be a part of this event, here is your last chance. Please reach out to [galadinner@aas.org.sg](mailto:galadinner@aas.org.sg) for more information.

Yours Sincerely,



Rajaneesh R Kurup  
#forwardtogether



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## Calling All Stargazers!

The Australian High Commission Singapore is pleased to partner with the Singapore Science Centre in screening **Capturing The Cosmos**. The film is a stunning planetarium production highlighting research being carried out by astronomers in Australia, narrated by Academy Award winning actor Geoffrey Rush and with awe-inspiring time-lapse photography by Alex Cherney.

The film focuses on two Australian telescopes; the 'SkyMapper' at Siding Spring Observatory, New South Wales and the 'Murchison Widefield Array', a radio telescope in Western Australia. It showcases the best of science and innovation in Australia and the beauty of our solar system.

After the screening, visitors can join experts from the Singapore Science Centre at the Observatory to stargaze at celestial wonders for the remainder of the night (weather permitting). A mini-exhibition of the Australian Space Agency's timeline of Australia in space will be hosted on-site. Please come learn about the stars with us!

Date: 3 November, Friday

Time: 7:45pm - 10pm

Tickets required - <https://www.gevme.com/fridaystargazing>

### DID YOU KNOW?

This documentary was a huge collaborative effort between multiple Australian research institutions. It was made possible through a partnership between Melbourne Planetarium and the ARC Centre of Excellence for All-Sky Astrophysics (CAASTRO), and a collaboration between seven universities: the University of Sydney, the Australian National University, the University of Melbourne, Swinburne University, the University of Queensland, the University of Western Australia and Curtin University.

**Capturing The Cosmos** is also available for public screening at the Science Centre's Omni-Theatre on these dates and times:

Date: 4 November, Saturday

Time: 3pm & 3:40pm

Date: 5 November, Sunday

Time: 3pm & 3:40pm

**Get your complimentary tickets here:** <https://www.gevme.com/scsonlinetickets>

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**Dome Movie**

**Screening at the Omni-Theatre**

NARRATED BY GEOFFREY RUSH


# CAPTURING THE COSMOS

A NEW ERA IN ASTRONOMY





**PREVIEW WITH STARGAZING ON:**  
3 Nov 2023 (Fri)  
7:45pm - 10pm


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LEFT!**

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## Our Guest-of-Honour



**Mr George Yeo**

Honorary member of the Order of  
Australia

## Not all heroes wear capes

While our theme revolves around superheroes, we understand that not all heroes wear capes. So, please feel comfortable donning your elegant tuxedos and glamorous gowns for the evening, as we'll be adhering to a black-tie dress code too. We eagerly anticipate your presence!

## Join us for:

- Business and Brand Visibility
- Networking Opportunities
- Positive Community Impact

For more information,  
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since 1955

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

## DANIEL LEE

PROFESSIONAL SPEAKER, TRAINER AND COACH | MONASH UNIVERSITY GRADUATE



Daniel Lee is a professional speaker, trainer, and coach. He enables team leaders to engage their teams with effectiveness and enthusiasm.

He was an aspiring leader responsible for a USD5 million training budget in 2015. Despite that apparent success, one day he was told by his manager to 'show more leadership'.

Unable to show what he did not know, he went on to interview 220 successful leaders from 37 countries in 6 continents, and identified 30 principles of successful leaders. Together with his co-author, Avri Liran, they published a book titled 'First Time Leadership' in June 2021. Find out more about him here: [www.firsttimeleadership.com](http://www.firsttimeleadership.com).

Daniel has a Double Master Degree in Human Resources and Industrial Relations from Monash University, Melbourne, Australia. He is married with a young family, and was a former police officer who patrolled the streets of Singapore.

If you would like to find out more about Daniel or First Time Leadership, feel free to connect via [daniel@firsttimeleadership.com](mailto:daniel@firsttimeleadership.com)





## HDR candidates Jeffrey Ling and Catherine Toh receive HDR Open Access Advocate Awards 2023



**ReIn celebration of International Open Access Week, James Cook University (JCU) in Singapore is thrilled to announce that two Higher Degree by Research (HDR) candidates have won HDR Open Access Advocate Awards.**

Doctor of Philosophy (Agriculture, Environmental and Related Studies) candidate Jeffrey Ling was announced the winner of the Scholarly/Informational Communication category, and Doctor of Philosophy (Health) candidate Catherine Toh was the winner in the category of Artistic Expressions.

These awards were presented by [Associate Professor Denise Dillon](#), Associate Dean Research Education at JCU in Singapore, on behalf of the JCU Library and the Graduate Research School on 23 October 2023, and they highlight Jeffrey's and Catherine's remarkable contributions to the promotion of open access in the world of academia. The theme for this year's Open Access Week was "Community over Commercialisation".

Each of the winner's dedication to advancing open access aligns with this year's theme, and their exceptional efforts have helped advance the cause of open access. The innovative approach to open access in each of the winning entries highlights the values of knowledge sharing, and community building, as well as reflecting JCU's commitment to the ideals of open access and a brighter future for academic research.

The HDR Open Access Advocate competition, held in celebration of International Open Access Week, was one of three awards celebrated by JCU in marking International Open Access Week, which runs from 23 to 29 October 2023. The other two were Early Career Researcher (ECR) Open Access Champion Award 2023, and Open Education Champion Award 2023.

International Open Access Week serves as a global platform to promote open access advocacy. Events held in conjunction with Open Access Week encourage active participation and discussions about open access in research. Institutions, including universities, leverage Open Access Week to advocate for policy changes and the open sharing of knowledge.

Find out more about [International Open Access Week](#).

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

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

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

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## Canned fish poses potential risks for fish allergy sufferers



**A recent collaborative study by researchers from James Cook University in Singapore and Australia, as well as other universities in Australia and Indonesia, has shed light on the potential risks associated with consuming canned fish for individuals with fish allergies.**

Fish allergies have become an increasing global health concern, affecting up to 6% of children. This study focused on the safety of canned fish products for those with fish allergies, examining major allergenic fish proteins (allergens), including parvalbumin (PV), tropomyosin (TM), and collagen, found in various canned fish varieties such as salmon, tuna, and sardine.

[Dr Thimo Ruethers](#), Research Fellow at the [Tropical Futures Institute \(TFI\)](#) at James Cook University (JCU) in Singapore, and Adjunct Lecturer to JCU's [Australian Institute of Tropical Health and Medicine \(AITHM\)](#), emphasised the significance of their research: "Our study reveals the

complexity of the impact food processing, species and product choice have on the safety of canned fish. It's not straightforward, and the findings have important implications for individuals with fish allergies."

The study involved 53 fish-allergic children and evaluated 17 canned fish products produced by 9 different manufacturers. Results revealed that 66% of suffering patients exhibited antibodies called immunoglobulin E (IgE), specific to canned fish products. These antibodies recognise fish proteins, triggering allergic reactions upon consumption ranging from mild skin rash to life-threatening anaphylaxis. Furthermore, the study illustrated patients display product-specific varying levels of sensitivity to this interaction.

One of the key findings of the study was that canned fish displayed significantly reduced PV content compared to conventionally cooked fish, implying lower allergenicity. However, despite this reduction, the study revealed that PV and other heat-stable fish allergens like TM and collagen maintained their IgE-binding capacity in canned fish, suggesting that these allergens could still pose a risk to fish-allergic individuals. Importantly, TM seems to accumulate during processing.

The study also uncovered variations in allergenicity among different canned fish species. Notably, canned sardines exhibited stronger IgE binding for a significant portion of patients compared to canned salmon and tuna. Contrary to common belief, PV in canned fish was found to withstand the high processing temperatures involved in canning, challenging the assumption that these harsh conditions destroy allergenic proteins.

The research team's conservation analysis indicated that cross-reactivity to TMs of different fish species is more likely to occur than with PVs. Therefore, patients who exhibited strong IgE binding to TM might be advised to avoid canned fish entirely.

"The variations in allergenicity among different canned fish species reveal the need for a better approach to managing fish allergies," added [Professor Andreas Lopata](#), TFI and AITHM group leader.

In light of these findings, the researchers recommend an individualised approach to canned fish consumption for those with fish allergies. Before incorporating canned fish into their diet, individuals should undergo thorough evaluation, which may involve yet-to-be-improved allergy tests for heat-stable fish allergens and supervised oral food challenges.

The study underscores the need for further research and the development of diagnostic tools capable of identifying fish-allergic patients who can safely tolerate canned fish products. It also emphasises the importance of considering individual sensitivities and conducting oral food challenges when assessing the suitability of canned fish for individuals with fish allergies.

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

Taki AC, Ruethers T, Nugraha R, Karnaneedi S, Mehr SS, Campbell DE, Lopata AL. Thermostable allergens in canned fish: Evaluating risks for fish allergy. *Allergy*. 2023; 00: 1-14. doi: [10.1111/all.15864](#)

[View video abstract](#)

Learn more about [allergy diagnosis](#), [fish product labelling and management challenges](#), [allergens in fish](#), [crocodile meat allergy](#), [safe alternatives to fish](#), and [evaluating food safety in sustainable alternative food sources](#).

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

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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?

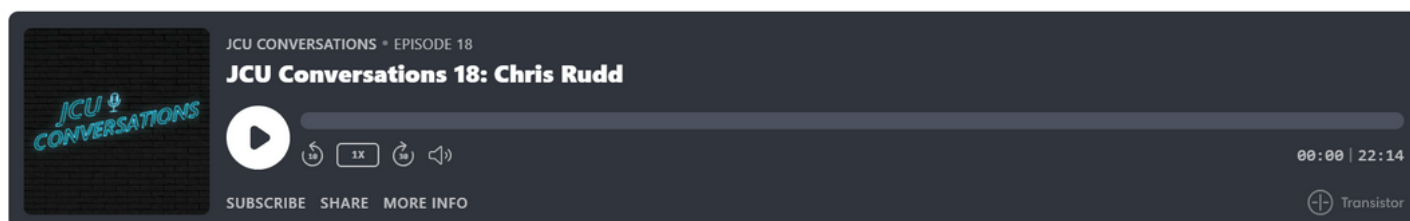
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### JCU Conversations 18: Chris Rudd

Professor Chris Rudd, Deputy Vice Chancellor and Head of Campus at James Cook University in Singapore, shares his insights and journey on his cross-cultural experiences, academic leadership, and the evolving role of universities.

This episode's host: Vania Halim, Former President of the Student Council at James Cook University in Singapore.





## *Lendlease funds in Asia take top spots in global sustainability rankings*



Lendlease has once again topped the GRESB rankings, leading the way for the built environment industry in Asia. Lendlease Global Commercial REIT (LREIT) and Parkway Parade Partnership emerged joint Global Sector Leaders as well as Overall Regional Sector Leaders in the Retail category. For LREIT, it is its fourth consecutive year as the Regional Sector Leader in Asia Retail (Listed) with the highest rating for its environmental, social and governance (ESG) performance.

### **Creating a sustainable ecosystem for the built environment in Asia**

In its journey to achieve the ambitious targets of Absolute Zero by 2040 and Net Zero by 2025 for Scope 1 and 2 emissions, Lendlease continues to demonstrate its leadership and progress in creating meaningful sustainability gains for the built environment industry. Examples include:

- **Shaw Tower:** Besides recycling close to 90% of the waste during demolition, the project is implementing Carbon Capture & Utilisation (CCU) technology in its concrete for all superstructures and columns from the second storey, a first for Lendlease projects in Asia.
- **Paya Lebar Green:** Use of Singapore Green Building Product certified "4-Tick" concrete, Carbon Cure concrete, recycled rebar and other sustainability initiatives is expected to achieve a 46% reduction in embodied carbon from baseline scenario.

Lendlease continues to share best practices and its experiences in creating sustainable outcomes with the wider built environment industry. Earlier this year, Lendlease supported the first Jurong Lake District (JLD) Innovation Challenge for piloting a smart building management system that predicts and adjusts building temperatures and humidity controls automatically at Jem.

While Lendlease has made significant progress in its ambitious sustainability goals, Lendlease will continue to push the envelope and remain committed to creating thriving and sustainable places for the communities of today and the future around the world.

Find out more [here](#).



# PARTNER UPDATES

## Victorian Tech Delegates visited Singapore for Big Data & AI World 2023



This month has been all about technology and innovation as the VGTI SEA - Victorian Government Trade and Investment Southeast Asia and Global Victoria teams worked together to bring 33 Victorian delegates to Singapore for Big Data & AI World Asia. Part of Tech Week Singapore which saw over 22,000 attendees, key topics included cybersecurity, the metaverse and, of course, generative AI. We welcomed the Australian High Commissioner to Singapore Allaster Cox to the stand and our guests enjoyed Melbourne coffee provided by Merchant Coffee Roasters.

Prior to the event, we held an industry day in collaboration with SGInnovate, Goodwins Law Corporation, Amazon Web Services (AWS) and IMDA to showcase our 16 visiting Victorian companies and learn about entry strategies into the Singapore tech ecosystem. It was fantastic to bring so many key leaders from the Singapore tech industry together to share experiences and explore collaboration opportunities with our Victorian delegates.

If you would like to learn more about the Victorian tech capability or any of the participating companies, scan the QR code below.





## Transforming Lives in Southeast Asia: The Economic Benefits of Investing in Eye Health



The Fred Hollows  
Foundation



At The Fred Hollows Foundation, we've always understood that investing in eye health transforms lives. Over the past 30 years, we've restored sight to more than 3 million people.

Now we have the data that demonstrates what we know.

The Fred Hollows Foundation has recently released a groundbreaking report in partnership with Victoria University's Institute of Strategic Economic Studies, that outlines the economic benefits of investing in eye health. The report, which used an investment case economic modeling technique, estimates the return on investment (ROI) in eye health to achieve the World Health Assembly (WHA) targets by 2030. The results show that investments in eye health are among the highest ROI of any disease intervention.

The report focuses on the two leading causes of blindness and vision impairment – cataract and refractive error – and models intervention costs and benefits across 19 countries in which The Foundation works. The benefits of restoring sight, which in this report focus solely on economic returns, include increased labour force participation and productivity, and improved education and learning.

Remarkably, cataract treatment, on average, returns US\$20.50 for every dollar spent, while refractive error treatments return on average US\$10.80 for myopia (nearsightedness) and US\$8 for presbyopia (age-related vision loss). Together, investment in the two leading causes of blindness and vision impairment will return on average US\$9.40 for each dollar spent.

This demonstrates what we all know – that investment in eye care has a great return.



Despite a dramatic economic upturn in recent years, the burden of blindness and vision impairment is still significantly high in the Southeast Asia region, accounting for 31% of the world's blind. That's why it is time to step up our investment in eye health in Southeast Asia. When we look at the findings from Southeast Asia, the estimated ROI for cataract treatment on average returns US\$22.4. Refractive error treatments return on average US\$11.8 for myopia (nearsightedness) and US\$8.4 for presbyopia (age-related vision loss). Together, investment in the two leading causes of blindness and vision impairment will return on average US\$10.4 for each dollar spent in Southeast Asia.



In Cambodia, where The Foundation has been actively working in since 1998, over 90% of blindness cases are preventable and primarily caused by cataract. Unfortunately, many people either lack the financial means to undergo the necessary surgery or are unaware of the available options. There is an ongoing need to address the challenges surrounding eye health in Cambodia, and increased investments in this area can provide a viable solution. Notably, cataract surgery in Cambodia demonstrates an estimated ROI of US\$22.6, while the estimated ROIs for myopia treatment and presbyopia treatment are US\$4.5 and US\$3.0, respectively.

The findings provide a compelling case for impact and social investment networks to invest in eye health in Southeast Asia. Beyond the great economic return that investment in eye care yields, restored sight brings longer and healthier lives, reductions in extreme poverty, increased labor force participation and productivity, increased school attendance, gender equality and independence. Investing in eye health not only benefits individuals but also has a positive impact on communities and the region's economic development. Contact The Fred Hollows Foundation to get more information on the economic benefits of investing in eye health and explore how your organization can contribute to eye health development.

The Fred Hollows Foundation has been a key leader in advocating and promoting the need to prioritize eye health investments. The Foundation's transformative approach to eye health, which includes strengthening health systems and partnerships with governments, local partners and other stakeholders, has been a key driver of our success in restoring sight to millions of people worldwide. These partnerships have been critical in ensuring that eye health programs are sustainable and have a lasting impact.

The Fred Hollows Foundation is committed to ending avoidable blindness, but we can't do it alone. Urgent collective action is needed across government, non-government, philanthropy and the private sector to prioritise health system investments to meet the 2030 global eye care targets. If we don't act now, by 2050 it is estimated that more than 1.7 billion people will be living with avoidable vision impairment.

Eye health programs transform lives and now is the time to step up our investment in eye health.

We welcome corporate partners who are interested in investing in eye health to [get in touch with us](#).

Click [here](#) to download the snapshot report.

Visit our website at [www.hollows.org](http://www.hollows.org) if you are interested to find out more or contact our Regional Philanthropy Lead, Priyanka Agarwal at [pagarwal@hollows.org](mailto:pagarwal@hollows.org)

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# UPCOMING EVENTS

## NOVEMBER BEACH CLEAN UP

by OCEAN PURPOSE PROJECT



For more information & to Register, please scan the Whatsapp QR Code and join AAS Sustainability Social Interest Group



## AAS CYCLING INTEREST GROUP MONTHLY MEETUP

SATURDAY, 11 NOVEMBER 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:

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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.

A COLLABORATION BEYOND BOUNDARIES

# RHYTHMIC RESONANCE

BY ANDY YANG & IAN DE SOUZA 2 NOV–10 DEC 2023

The Private Museum warmly welcomes you to the opening reception of Rhythmic Resonance: A Collaboration Beyond Boundaries by Andy Yang & Ian de Souza.

This exhibition explores themes of collaboration, cultural exchange, and artistic cross-pollination, drawing from de Souza and Yang's respective practices. Alongside the showcase of their respective artworks, the exhibition also features a series of unique collaborative artworks jointly created by both artists. Experience how meaningful exchanges can transform artistic practice, and be inspired by de Souza and Yang's journey of collaboration, partnership and creative growth.

### **Opening Reception**

Thursday, 2 November 2023, 6.30pm  
11 Upper Wilkie Road, Singapore 228120

### **Guest of Honour**

H.E. Allaster Cox  
High Commissioner  
Australian High Commission, Singapore

Click [here](#) to RSVP by Wednesday, 1 November 2023.  
Registration is compulsory.





University of  
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# UniSA Enchanted Magical Reunion Dinner 2023

16 Nov 2023

One Farrer Hotel, Ballroom 1 (Level 6)  
Farrer Park Station Road, S 217562

6.30PM - Open Registration & Cocktail  
7.30PM - Dinner

**Alumni**  
\$60

**Non-Alumni**  
\$120

Register here: [bit.ly/UniSASG2023](https://bit.ly/UniSASG2023)



# PAST EVENTS

## AAS BEER & BRAINS SESSION

by Raj, Maribel, Michael & Richard

 Date: 26th October

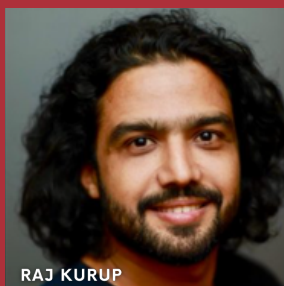
 Time: 7 pm

 Venue: Highlander Bar @ Millenia Walk



A fun & chill night drinking and networking!

For more information on our next session, please scan on Whatsapp QR Code.



RAJ KURUP

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MICHAEL AW

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**Chair of Alumni Engagement**



## Curtin University Alumni Singapore Chapter

### Memories Reunited, Connections Renewed!



On a splendid evening, nostalgia filled the air as Curtin Singapore alumni gathered for a heartwarming Sundowner event. The atmosphere was electric with the buzz of old friends reuniting and the excitement of new connections being forged. It was a celebration of shared experiences, personal growth, and the enduring spirit of Curtin.

Distinguished speakers graced the occasion, adding a touch of grandeur to the gathering. Curtin University Chancellor, Dr. Andrew Crane, Curtin University Vice-Chancellor, Professor Harlene Hayne, Curtin Singapore Pro Vice-

Chancellor and President, Professor Linley Lord, and Curtin University Alumni Singapore Chapter (CUASC) President, Mr. James Chen, PBM, lent their wisdom and inspiration to the event.

The highlight of the evening was a captivating speech by Hazlina Abdul Halim, a proud Curtin graduate and the CEO of Make-A-Wish Singapore. Hazlina's life experiences and professional journey served as a beacon of inspiration, demonstrating how Curtin alumni navigate the ever-evolving professional landscape with resilience and determination. Her valuable insights left everyone in attendance with a renewed sense of purpose and the knowledge that boundless opportunities await those who dare to dream.

For the Curtin Singapore community, this Sundowner was more than just an event; it was a symbol of the university's lasting impact on the lives of its alumni. It showcased the strength of the Curtin network, where connections made during university days continue to flourish in the real world. The event brought together alumni from various walks of life, each with their own unique stories of success and growth, all attributed to their time at Curtin.



The sense of unity and shared accomplishment was palpable in the room as attendees reminisced about their time at Curtin, the challenges they overcame, and the knowledge they gained. It was a testament to the university's commitment to nurturing not just academic excellence but also personal and professional growth.

As the event came to a close, heartfelt thanks were extended to all who joined in the celebration. It was a reminder that the Curtin community is more than just an academic institution; it's a family. A family that celebrates its members' achievements, supports their dreams, and continues to make Curtin proud with every step they take in their respective careers.



In the end, the Curtin Sundowner was a night to remember, not just for the enlightening speeches and networking opportunities, but for the enduring friendships and connections it kindled. It was a night that reminded everyone that the journey of learning and growth continues long after graduation, and that the Curtin spirit burns bright in the hearts of its alumni.

As alumni, let's carry this spirit forward, rekindle old memories, and create new connections. For it is in these shared experiences and connections that the true power and magic of Curtin is realized. Here's to the memories reunited and the connections renewed!

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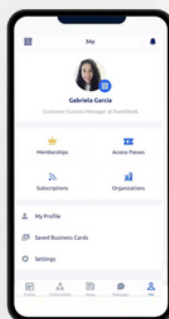
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# Global Talent or General Skilled Migration / Business Migration?

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                                     |

## 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.

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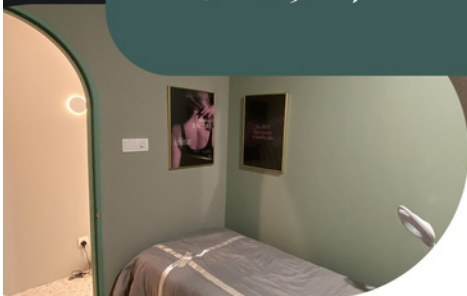
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