

THE VOICE

Monthly Newsletter for our Australian Alumni Community

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Members & Partners,

Earlier this month AAS had the opportunity to organize **New South Wales Business Connect** in partnership with Investment NSW. It was a great opportunity for the attendees to hear from **The Hon. Anoulack Chanthivong**, Minister for Industry and Trade, NSW. Minister Anoulack shared about the relevance of alumni in strengthening business and investment. The event was graced by Australian Ambassador to Singapore **H.E. Allaster Cox**, Speaker of the Parliament of Singapore **Mr. Seah Kian Peng**, Member of Parliament of Singapore and AAS Advisor **Mr. Neil Parekh** and many other prominent Australian alumni and prominent business leaders.



On **24th July** AAS patron H.E. Allaster Cox hosted AAS advisors and key stakeholders from our sponsors and partner organizations at his residence. We discussed the AAS journey so far, key milestones achieved and the way ahead as we move towards our 70th Anniversary next year.

AAS is proud to collaborate with **Willing Hearts** in supporting their mission of helping marginalised communities in Singapore. With the support of volunteers and donors, the Willing Hearts kitchen produces 6,500 meals daily, delivering to 40 locations across Singapore to people who need meal assistance. On 3rd August 2024, 25 AAS volunteers will be preparing meals to be delivered to the needy. We have last **5 seats available** and if you are keen to participate, please sign up [HERE](#) at the earliest.

On **29th August**, in partnership with **Odin Mortgage & Tax**, AAS will be hosting a networking and information sharing session for expats and Singapore-based investors. The attendees will have opportunities to connect with Australian Property & Tax consultants and learn about the latest market trends & key considerations for investment in Australia. Spaces are limited, **signup [HERE](#) today.**

AAS 69th Anniversary Gala Dinner will be held on **19th October 2024** at **Amara Sanctuary Sentosa**. We are pleased to announce the result of our online survey to choose the theme for AAS 69th Anniversary Gala Dinner - '**Enchanted Forest**'. We have released the ticket for purchase. Please avail the **[early bird rates](#)** today.

We will be announcing more information in the coming weeks. Follow us on your social media channels to know more and keep yourself updated on the latest information.

Yours Sincerely,

Rajaneesh R Kurup
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Enchanted Forest

DATE: 19 OCT 2024, SATURDAY

TIME: 6.30PM - 11.00PM

LOCATION: AMARA SANCTUARY SENTOSA

Gala Dinner
Early Bird Ticket



Whether you choose to be a mystical creature, a forest nymph, or a dapper woodland explorer, let your imagination run wild.

Your enchanting attire will contribute to the magical ambiance of the evening.



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 2024 - 2025. 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

Student Mentorship Programme

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.

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Testimonial for AAS Mentorship Programme

Dual Track Programme - The AAS Mentorship Programme is unique with its dual tracks which one track is for current students and another track for career professionals and aspiring entrepreneurs.

Since the Entrepreneurship/ Professional track was launched last year, numerous alumni had participated with successful completion. These alumni participated as they wanted to learn how established senior management have progressed in their career, while some were aspiring entrepreneurs who found the mentorship of seasoned business leaders effective in resolving common challenges which can be preempted.

Mentee's Journey and Experience - Violet Weng, an RMIT alumna, had applied to join the AAS Mentorship Programme in 2023 transiting her career journey with Janet Lim, a UTAS alumna, for close to 9 months.



Photo of Janet Lim (alumna of University of Tasmania) and Violet Weng (alumna of RMIT University) collaborating as Mentor and Mentee partnership (Photo Credit: Violet Weng)

Violet reflected introspectively, “The mentorship programme has been instrumental in my professional journey, helping me navigate challenges and self-doubt that led to my relinquishing of leadership roles. Through my mentor’s guidance, I embarked on a journey of self-reflection, identifying and addressing barriers to personal growth.”

She found the programme effective not just for her career but also personal growth, “My mentor has been an exceptional coach who played a pivotal role in my professional journey. Over the past two years, confronted with challenges at work, I found myself grappling with self-doubt and fear, ultimately relinquishing two leadership roles. Feeling trapped within my own mind, I sought a breakthrough to unlock my full potential. My mentor’s coaching empowered me to embark on a journey of self-reflection, where I identified and addressed hindrances to personal growth. With her guidance, I uncovered patterns of behaviour and thought, and developed actionable plans to improvement.”

As a mentor, Janet found that the AAS Mentorship Programme is a game-changer. She remarked, “As a young professional, I always wished for a mentor. That’s why I’m thrilled about the AAS mentorship programme, it’s a game-changer for personal growth and career growth. Victor has a gift for matching mentors with the perfect mentees. I’ve had the job of guiding Violet, a bright go-to-market strategist, and I’ve learned as much from her fresh outlook as she has from my experience. The connections we form are priceless. AAS alumni, don’t miss out – you’ll grow tremendously while helping others to shine.”

Do email us at mentorship@aaas.org.sg to participate at the mentorship programme or feel free to discuss with the Programme Chairman: Victor Tay (entrepreneurship/professional track) or Co-Chairman: Dipanti (student track).

James Cook University in Singapore's CEO Lounge: Connecting students with influential industry leaders and visionaries



A recurring event where Business School students get the opportunity to pitch their business ideas and gain industry insights from Singapore's leading CEOs.



Currently into its 7th edition, the CEO Lounge is organised every trimester by the Business School in James Cook University (JCU) in Singapore for its final semester students. Through this event, it gives students a platform to pitch business solutions to industry guests, including prominent CEOs in Singapore.

In addition, the event features panels of C-suite officers from various industries who share their invaluable career insights and engage with students in lively discussions over refreshments.

In addition, the event features panels of C-suite officers from various industries who share their invaluable career insights and engage with students in lively discussions over refreshments. These interactions provide a unique opportunity for students to network with top executives and gain firsthand knowledge of the business world. From 2023 till now, the CEO Lounge has benefitted more than 600 students, involving 28 C-suite officers from multinational corporations, small and medium enterprises, and non-profit organisations. Through the CEO Lounge, JCU in Singapore aims to help students grow their professional communication skills, develop their confidence, and become competitive employees.

James Cook University in Singapore's CEO Lounge: Connecting students with influential industry leaders and visionaries



"By providing our students with direct access to industry leaders and real-world business scenarios, we equip them with the necessary skills and insights to excel in their careers. This initiative not only enhances their learning experience but also prepares them to make meaningful contributions to the global business landscape," says Professor Stephen Boyle, Acting Campus Dean and Head of Learning, Teaching & Student Engagement at JCU in Singapore.

New collaboration with the Institute for Human Resource Professionals (IHRP)



The 7th edition of the CEO Lounge took place on 21 June 2024 with the theme "Global Perspectives: Cultivating a Competitive Edge", where students heard from business and HR leaders in a panel discussion.

During the event, JCU in Singapore also signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the IHRP. This new collaboration will see both parties working together to uplift HR excellence within the private education sector. The agreement, signed by Mr Aslam Sardar (Chief Executive Officer, Institute for Human Resource Professionals) and Professor Stephen Boyle, outlines plans for joint efforts in areas such as learning experiences, collaborative research activities, and knowledge exchange.

"This collaboration is a significant step towards nurturing future HR leaders and strengthening the HR community. By bringing together the expertise and resources of both organisations, we aim to create a clear pathway for JCU Singapore's students to achieve the IHRP Certification. This will provide a strong foundation for HR excellence within the private education sector. By partnering JCU in Singapore, IHRP seeks to support the students' academic and professional growth, and at the same time develop a talent pool that meets the changing needs of the HR industry." says Mr Sardar.

"We look forward to working with IHRP on research initiatives and knowledge exchange that will drive innovation and excellence in HR practices. This alliance is a testament to our dedication to enhancing the educational landscape and preparing our students for global challenges," adds Professor Boyle. JCU in Singapore looks forward to even more CEO Lounge events that will continue to connect students with industry leaders, so that they can be better prepared to meet industry expectations and excel in their future careers.

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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?

Latest ▾



JCU Conversations 27: Andreas Lopata

Life has been an exciting adventure for Professor Andreas Lopata, Professor in Biochemistry at the Tropical Futures Institute, James Cook University – it sometimes seems like he’s lived many lives over the past few decades! Professor’s Lopata’s education and career have quite literally taken him to unexpected places – from a Business school in Germany, to studying insects in South Africa, and specialising in food allergy research in Singapore today. Learn more about his colourful life experiences!

This episode’s host: Associate Professor Denise Dillon, Associate Dean of Research Education and Acting Dean Research at James Cook University, Singapore.





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Milestones in Motion: Celebrating 70 years in Singapore

Join CPA Australia's Milestones in Motion as we celebrate 70 years of presence in Singapore.

Embark on a journey of fitness and fun as part of the celebrations. From 7 August to 7 September, walk, run and/or cycle with your families and friends whenever and wherever you like. Every step and distance clocked counts towards honouring seven decades of remarkable achievements and success in Singapore. To make this event more memorable, let's set a record together in the Singapore Book of Records for the longest distance covered virtually by walking or running!

Participation is **FREE!** For CPA Members and Non Members as well!

Share your photos of your participation in the event and hashtag **#CPAASG70**. We'd love to see your pictures and mark this milestone journey together.

Scan to register:





CPA Australia Experience Based Networking Session

It is our pleasure to invite you to our **Experience-Based Pathway Networking Session**.

Whether you are currently new to CPA Australia or an existing member, Kindly join us and bring a friend along for an evening of networking and learn about the benefits as a CPA Australia member.

Highlights

- Learn about our latest updates and activities in CPA Australia
- Learn about the benefits of CPA Australia membership and Experience Based Pathway
- Networking session with prospective and fellow CPA members
- Dinner Catering is provided

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Concert by Melbourne Symphony Orchestra (MSO)



Congratulations to Melbourne Symphony Orchestra (MSO) for a successful joint concert in Yogyakarta last week on 11 July, joined with more than 2000 people!

The Victoria State Government (Victorian Government) Trade and Investment Indonesia team had the incredible opportunity to witness the success of this concert and the signing of two Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs), including an extension of the current MOU with the Cultural Department of Yogyakarta Special Region and a new MOU with the Royal Orchestra.

Since 2015, the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra (MSO) has maintained a strong partnership with the Government of the Special Region of Yogyakarta. This collaboration has flourished, encompassing multi-year programs of performances, annual youth music camps, knowledge exchange, and tours. In 2017, the MSO made history as the first Western orchestra to perform outdoors at the UNESCO World Heritage Prambanan Temple Site in a concert titled "Yogyakarta – Victoria Concert of Friendship." Throughout 2020 and 2021, MSO's Managing Director, Sophie Galaise, assisted Prince Notonegoro and his team in establishing the Yogyakarta Royal Orchestra, which debuted in June 2021.

The Victorian Government provides support to the MSO through Creative Victoria as part of a regional strategic engagement, and we are thrilled to continue strengthening these cultural ties and look forward to many more years of fruitful collaboration!

Melbourne Symphony Orchestra (MSO) will be travelling to Singapore next month from 18 - 23 Aug, to deliver a joint concert with the Singapore Symphony Orchestra (Singapore Symphony Group), stay tuned for more updates from our LinkedIn page: <https://www.linkedin.com/company/vgtisea/>



Innovative Models of Eye Care: Transforming Lives and Vision



Blindness and vision impairment affect millions of people worldwide. Currently, there are 43.3 million people who are blind and an additional 295 million people with moderate or severe vision impairment worldwide. The International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness (IAPB) predicts that by 2050, these numbers will soar to 1.7 billion individuals without significant interventions. Unfortunately, approximately 90% of vision-impaired people reside in low and middle-income countries, limiting their access to adequate eye care.

To combat this, sustainable and innovative models of eye care are crucial in effectively preventing avoidable blindness and to improve access to eye care for the millions of people who are needlessly blind. The Fred Hollows Foundation, in collaboration with its partners, has been at the forefront of efforts to eliminate avoidable blindness and vision impairment for over 30 years. With the global demand for eye health escalating, investing in eye health emerges as a vital priority to alleviate the economic burden and improve livelihoods for the global blind population.

One innovative model of eye care is Alina Vision, a social enterprise co-founded by The Fred Hollows Foundation. Alina Vision employs a tiered pricing model to make high-quality eye health services accessible to all, irrespective of financial capability. Middle and upper income patients' fees subsidize the treatment of low-income patients, ensuring affordability. Since its establishment as a pilot eye clinic in Vietnam, Alina Vision has screened nearly 53,000 patients and performed over 3,600 successful cataract and other surgeries, surpassing national and World Health Organization (WHO) benchmarks. Furthermore, Alina Vision serves as a training center, expanding the local eye health workforce by training eye surgeons, ophthalmologists, refractionists, and nurses.



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In Kenya, The Fred Hollows Foundation launched a project in 2019 to increase the uptake of cataract surgeries in remote districts. By leveraging the existing national health insurance scheme, the project enhances the availability and accessibility of cataract surgeries for low-income communities. The Foundation raises community awareness of the insurance scheme's coverage for cataract surgery costs, facilitates insurance registration for vulnerable, uninsured individuals, and collaborates with local hospitals to improve the quality of surgery while reducing costs. This approach increases the supply of high-quality cataract surgeries and promotes sustainable funding for essential eye treatments.

Empowering women for eye health is another crucial aspect of innovative models of eye care. In Bangladesh, The Fred Hollows Foundation supports Women CAN, a women-led entrepreneurship group that offers basic eye care services to local community members, focusing on reducing vision loss caused by refractive error. By funding women's business groups, The Foundation helps overcome barriers to eye health services for women. The Foundation provides the necessary eye-screening equipment and eyeglasses as a starter kit, enabling the women to generate income through screenings and affordable glasses sales. The generated funds are reinvested in hiring personnel and procuring subsequent batches of eyeglasses, ensuring sustainability and increased eye health access for women in remote areas.

Investing in innovative models of eye care is crucial to address the growing global demand for eye health services. The Fred Hollows Foundation and its partners have demonstrated the effectiveness of sustainable approaches, such as Alina Vision, health financing in Kenya and Women CAN in Bangladesh. These models not only provide accessible and affordable eye care but also contribute to the training of local eye health professionals, create social impact, and alleviate the burden of avoidable blindness. By working together across government, non-government, philanthropy and the private sector, we can make a significant difference in the lives of the world's needlessly blind.

Visit our website at www.hollows.org if you are interested to find out more. We also welcome corporate partners who are interested in investing in eye health to [get in touch with us](#).

NEW PVC & CEO, PROF ABHISHEK BHATI

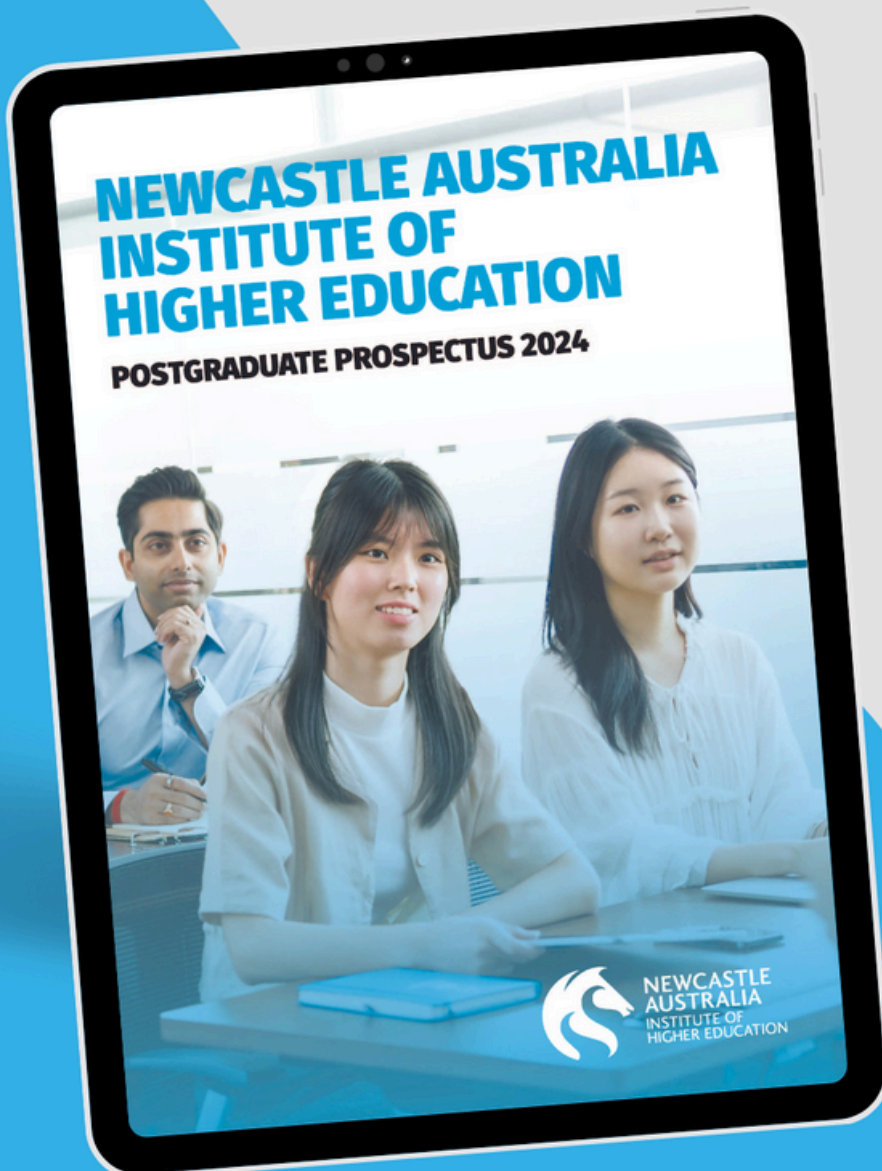


Professor Abhishek Singh Bhati came on board as the new Pro Vice-Chancellor (PVC) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Newcastle Australia Institute of Higher Education (NAIHE), on 1st July 2024.

As well as having extensive leadership experience, he is an active researcher, and has been published widely in the field of tourism.

“With a deep sense of enthusiasm and gratitude, I look forward to becoming a part of Newcastle’s dynamic community, where I can contribute to the University’s vision to be a world-leading university focusing on Looking Ahead, where one evolves continuously to embrace the opportunities through developing people and a creative culture for a better tomorrow for all,” Professor Bhati said, prior to joining NAIHE. Find out more about us [here](#).

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AAS CYCLING INTEREST GROUP MONTHLY MEETUP

SATURDAY, 17 AUGUST 2024 | 6.30AM SGT

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, 3 August 2024



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**3RD AUGUST 2024
(SATURDAY)**

9.00AM - 1.00PM

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Saturday, 17 August 2024

Admissions Day (September 2024 Intake)

Admissions Day

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When: 17 August 2024, 11am to 5pm
Location: Student Hub, Sims Drive Campus

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*Kindly bring along your relevant educational documents for a smoother consultation on the day.

*Photos and videos will be taken during the event for news and various publicity purposes.

[Click here for full agenda and registration](#)

Thursday, 29 August 2024



INFORMATION SESSION ON AUSTRALIAN PROPERTY & TAX

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Location: Amara Singapore

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To register, please contact:

1. Registration contact: Mr. Lee Bon Kwe Mobile: 9683 1339

2. Email to : Michael Aw (AAS VP & Treasurer) @ treasurer@aes.org.sg,
the registration detail [NAME, Handicap Index, Contact Number,
Email and Payment screenshot]

PAST EVENTS

AAS BEER & BRAINS SESSION

by Steffie, Steven, Li-Lin

 Date: 19 July 2024

 Time: 7 pm SGT

 Venue: Element on Tras Street



A fun & chill night drinking and networking!

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



STEFFIE VANESSIA

Chair of Events



STEVEN LEE

Co-chair of PU Programs
& Sponsorships



LI-LIN KWONG

Secretary & Co-chair of
Digital Transformation

PAST EVENTS

NSW Business Connect

in partnership with Investment NSW



📅 Date: 10 July 2024


🕒 Time: 7pm SGT


📍 Venue: Amara Singapore



PAST EVENTS


Griffith 2024 Graduation & Alumni Networking Event


 Date: 12 July 2024

 Venue: Official Residence of the Australian High Commissioner



AAS Partner Appreciation Dinner

 Date: 24 July 2024

 Venue: Official Residence of the Australian High Commissioner



PAST EVENTS

RMIT Future Ready Business Series



Our RMIT Future Ready Business Series brings together our RMIT Alumni community across academia, #industry and government. At our most recent session in Singapore, we hosted over 100 people and explored the role of procurement in #sustainabledevelopment.

Associate Professor Charles Lau gave a keynote presentation on the RMIT Sustainable Procurement Disclosure Index and how the index, which leverages Global Reporting Initiative standards and a 5-star rating system, might be applied in the Singapore context to help advance sustainable development.

As part of the event, a panel of experts discussed what is happening in sustainable procurement in their organisations and the challenges and opportunities they face. From the discussions that followed, it is clear that this topic will become more and more important for business leaders.

The evening also provided invaluable networking opportunities for fellow alumni and professionals from various industries, academia and government.

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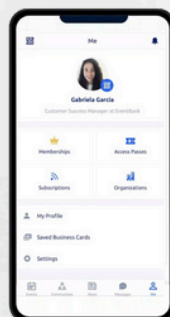
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Organisational Resilience in the New Normal

THE “NEW NORMAL”

As Governments, businesses and societies begin to adapt to the post-COVID 19 pandemic environment, organisations continue to evolve in a complex operating climate impacting daily operations, assurance to stakeholders and creating a sense of uncertainty. Left unchecked, these may materialise into potential undesirable consequences causing unnecessary disruption or leading to a crisis in their organisation.

Navigating through these complexities require trained and experienced professionals to ensure such threats do not become a reality and if they ever do, organisations must be ready to implement well tested contingency and response plans to recover from and resume critical operations.

It is a proven and well documented fact when organisations that are resilient and equipped to manage risks not only stand a higher chance of survival in their respective competitive fields but emerge stronger and ready to take on potential opportunities left behind by others who are not as well prepared.

Post-pandemic, more businesses, governments and key stakeholders will be requiring a greater adoption of business continuity and crisis management plans and procedures. Is your organisation ready?

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- Readiness tests and exercises
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As part of the 2024/25 budget, the Australian Government announced that it will implement a new National Innovation visa, replacing the current Global Talent visa (subclass 858) from late 2024, to target exceptionally talented migrants who will drive growth in sectors of national importance. Although we are not sure on the parameters of the new visa, we think it will look for the cohort of candidates similar those under the current global talent visa programme.

On the other hand, the Business Innovation and Investment visa program (BIIP) will cease, most likely as a result of the Australian government taking on the Productive Commission’s recommendation that the business migrants make limited economic contribution to Australia.

Budget 2024–25 | Budget Paper No. 2

Migration System Reforms

Payments (\$m)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Department of Home Affairs	-	8.5	8.3	..	-
Australian Taxation Office	-	1.5	-	-	-
Department of the Treasury	-	*	*	*	*
Total – Payments	-	10.0	8.3	..	-
<i>Related receipts (\$m)</i>					
Australian Taxation Office	-	*	*	*	*
Department of Home Affairs	-	-45.0	-40.0	-35.0	-35.0
Total – Receipts	-	-45.0	-40.0	-35.0	-35.0

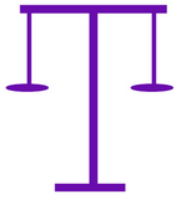
The Government will provide \$18.3 million over four years from 2024–25 to further reform Australia’s migration system to drive greater economic prosperity and restore its integrity. Funding includes:

- \$15.0 million over three years from 2024–25 for information and education activities to provide migrant workers with accurate and appropriate information about workplace safeguards, protections and compliance measures related to migration laws
- \$1.9 million in 2024–25 to conduct a data-matching pilot between the Department of Home Affairs and the Australian Taxation Office of income and employment data to mitigate exploitation of migrant workers and abuse of Australia’s labour market and migration system.

The Government will implement a new National Innovation visa, replacing the current Global Talent visa (subclass 858) from late 2024, to target exceptionally talented migrants who will drive growth in sectors of national importance. The Business Innovation and Investment visa program (BIIP) will cease, with refunds of the visa application charge provided from September 2024 for those who wish to withdraw their BIIP application. The measure includes \$1.4 million in 2024–25 for necessary system changes for the implementation of a new visa and closure of the BIIP.

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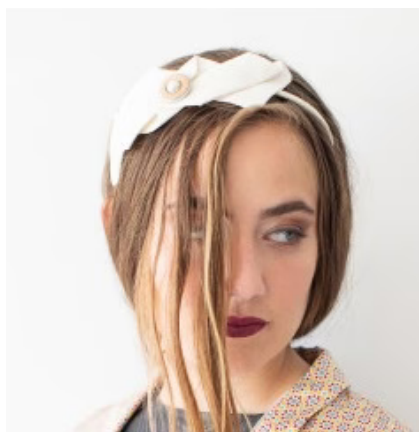
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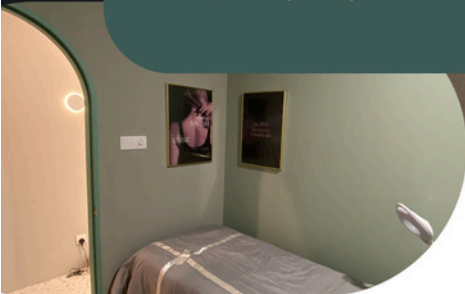
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