

## Australia-ASEAN Council 2021-22 Grants - Project Summaries

Project	Description
Australian ASEAN Sustainable Business Transformation Dialogue	The project will map country challenges and survey business practices referenced by the Sustainable Development Goals and create guidance for Australian and six ASEAN companies on how to collaboratively innovate actionable business recovery routes that positively impact society and the environment.
Australia-ASEAN: 'New Normal for the Visitor Economy Supply Chain'	This project organises events (webinars/workshops) in 2022 to share strategies for creating a sustainable 'new normal' for the visitor economy supply chain among Australia and ASEAN countries (Thailand/Malaysia/Vietnam). It will build a virtual community to strengthen international collaboration.
rīvus, 23rd Biennale of Sydney	The 23rd Biennale of Sydney, rīvus, will feature four significant contemporary Filipino and Thai artists – Cian Dayrit, Komunidad X Sipat Lawin, Leeroy New and Imhathai Suwatthanasilp – strengthening bilateral relations between Australia and Southeast Asia.
Building Economic Resilience and Connecting ASEAN Women Entrepreneurs with Australia	Working with multisector partners, this project builds ASEAN women's economic resilience (10 women in the Philippines and 5 women in Indonesia) by developing their entrepreneurial skills, connecting them with the Australian marketplace and helping them to empower their disadvantaged communities post-COVID.
Hospitality and Tourism: Food Cultures and Tourism Exchange	This project aims to share the empowerment of women through culinary skills, showcasing cuisines from regional Australia and the Philippines, and at the same time promoting tourism by highlighting regions specific to the produce used.
COVID-19 Healthcare Responses in ASEAN and Australia: Shared Learnings	The project will identify and compare COVID-19 hospital sector responses and learnings in each ASEAN country and Australia. A five-year plan and Collaborative Development Centre will sustain trade, collaboration and knowledge exchange for pandemic response capability development across the region.
Project Balikbayan: The Calamansi Story	The Calamansi Story is an Australian-first anthology of Filipino-Australians, Australia's fifth largest migrant community. This publication serves as our shared call to action: how might we create extraordinary connections together through cuisine, culture, and community for a more resilient circular economy?



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Project	Description
ASEAN-Australia Strategic Youth Partnership (AASYP) flagships	ASEAN-Australia Strategic Youth Partnership flagships capture three high impact programs: the ASEAN-Australia Young Leaders Forum, AASYP Review and the AASYP volunteer capacity development program. These programs will increase awareness about ASEAN-Australia relations and develop partnerships between young leaders across our region.
Cultural Tourism Recovery: Sharing Best Practices	This project connects cultural tourism initiatives in Australia, Malaysia, Indonesia and Philippines via a webinar series to share experiences of adapting and responding to COVID-19, and to gain greater capacity to rejuvenate cultural tourism post-pandemic.
New Video Artwork Commissions Presented with Digital Platform NOWNESS ASIA	In partnership with NOWNESS ASIA, IMA will commission five new video artworks from Australian First Nations and Southeast Asian diaspora artists. Presented via the NOWNESS platform, artworks will reach a monthly audience of >700,000, increasing Australian artist profiles across Asia.
Women’s Research Engineers Network: Expanding frontiers for Australia and ASEAN	The Women’s Research Engineers Network (WREN) will expand to ASEAN aiming to increase international collaboration between early-career research engineers. WREN acts as a platform for women researchers to connect and share knowledge, therefore boosting economic resilience in the educational system.
Australia Meets Singapore in a 13-Storey Treehouse	This is a digitally-delivered creative project inspired by the global best-selling Australian book and stage play ‘The 13-Storey Treehouse’. Young Singaporeans will be asked to design their own treehouse level inspired by ‘Australia meets Singapore’, with the top-three made into a short-film.
Aquatic Industry Personnel/Community Education - Water Safety and Drowning Prevention	Surf Life Saving NSW will deliver online education and training programs across six modules to lifesavers, coaches and the general community in Brunei, Myanmar, Philippines, Thailand and Vietnam. The program develops aquatic skills and employment pathways in aquatic safety, lifesaving and tourism.
Networking One Health Laboratories in ASEAN to Tackle Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR)	ASEAN has identified AMR as a leading public health concern. This project will establish a network of laboratories and researchers in Vietnam, Laos, and Cambodia working in One Health AMR research, later expanding throughout ASEAN, stimulating research and capacity development.



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<p>Engaging a Proactive Vietnam: New Economic Partnerships in ASEAN</p>	<p>The project will produce a research report through consultations with Australian and Vietnamese institutions and businesses. The research report's conclusions will form the agenda for a follow-up dialogue discussion on how both countries can work together to shape the economic architecture of the region.</p>
<p>UNSW ASEAN Conference (UAC) 2022</p>	<p>The UNSW ASEAN Conference (UAC) 2022 will feature panel discussions, keynote sessions, and networking opportunities discussing sociocultural, economic and political security issues. These will be aimed towards university students within Australia and also across ASEAN.</p>

## Australian ASEAN Sustainable Business Transformation Dialogue (AAC20210018)

**Sector:** Business engagement

**Country location:** Australia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, and Vietnam

**Grantee:** Sustainable Business Australia (SBA) Limited trading as Business Council for Sustainable Development Australia



Australian-ASEAN business leaders commit to a green recovery (*Credit: WBCSD*)

### Project description

The Business Council for Sustainable Development Australia project will map country challenges and survey business practices referenced by the Sustainable Development Goals and create guidance for Australian and six ASEAN countries on how to collaboratively innovate actionable business recovery routes that positively impact society and the environment. Shared challenges will be identified through the lens of each country's Sustainable Development Goals Voluntary National Review, the Better Business Better World report and ADB's 2021 Key Indicators Report. To discover the opportunity for collaborative sustainable business innovation and investment, the BCSDA will host an online Sustainable Business Transformation Roundtable, seeking feedback from 300+ businesspeople on the Identification Report.

Using the World Business Council for Sustainable Development's Vision 2050: Time to Transform, a multilingual survey will circulate across business in each country to pinpoint emerging and leading sustainable practices that address the challenges, focusing on those started since the pandemic. An online Sustainable Business Transformation Summit will finally target 500+ businesspeople and policymakers to tell important narratives and network around actionable solutions to the challenges. Outputs and outcomes will be circulated to each country's business associations and hosted on the WBCSD SDGBusinessHub, the UNEP SDG Knowledge Platform, and Australian Government SDG website.

### Key dates:

- Map Country challenges and release Identification Report, Australia/Indonesia/Singapore/Thailand/Malaysia/Philippines/Vietnam, 14 March 2022 to 15 April 2022
- Australian ASEAN Sustainable Business Transformation Roundtable, Online, 6 June 2022
- Survey Business on Country Challenges and interaction with the SDGs, Online, 13 June 2022 to 4 July 2022
- Australian ASEAN Sustainable Business Transformation Dialogue, Online, 4 July 2022 to 19 September 2022

**Social media:** <https://www.linkedin.com/company/business-council-for-sustainable-development-australia>

**Australia-ASEAN Council grant offer:** \$49,745.00

**Total project value:** \$54,719.50



## Australia-ASEAN: 'New Normal for the Visitor Economy Supply Chain' (AAC20210055)

**Sector:** Economic resilience

**Country location:** Australia, Malaysia, Thailand, and Vietnam

**Grantee:** Victoria University



Victoria University Logo (*Credit: Victoria University*)

### Project description

The visitor economy has been dramatically impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, creating long term change and disruption to industry operations. To support industry recovery and resilience, this project will foster international collaboration by hosting two webinars with onsite activities that engage industry, community, government and education stakeholders in Australia, Malaysia, Thailand and Vietnam, together with other ASEAN countries. The webinars will be a platform to share knowledge to build a 'new normal' for the visitor economy supply chain, and how the digital transformation can support supply chain resilience. The project will also host one workshop to encourage participation and networking exchange by diverse professionals. Based on webinars and workshops with key stakeholders, this project will establish an Australia-ASEAN New Normal Visitor Economy Supply Chain Alumni Group, with a virtual website platform to sustain networks and strengthen knowledge sharing, connection and collaborations.

### Key dates:

- Project initiation: meetings of international team members and industry stakeholders, Australia/Malaysia/Thailand/Vietnam and other ASEAN countries online, 7 March 2022 to 31 March 2022
- Form/establish steering group for the project: Australia/Malaysia/Thailand/Vietnam and other ASEAN countries online, 28 March 2022 to 31 May 2022
- Prepare, promote and host webinar one "How has the visitor economy supply chain been impacted?", Australia/Malaysia/Thailand/Vietnam and other ASEAN countries online, 15 April 2022 to 22 August 2022
- Prepare, promote and host webinar two "Digital Transformation to support New-Normal Supply Chain Resilience", Australia/Malaysia/Thailand/Vietnam and other ASEAN countries online, 23 August 2022 to 30 November 2022
- Prepare, promote, and host Australia-ASEAN Professional Engagement in 'New Normal' Supply Chain Workshop, Australia/Malaysia/Thailand/Vietnam and other ASEAN countries online, 1 December 2022 to 31 March 2023
- Prepare and launch the final report and Australia-ASEAN New Normal Visitor Economy Supply Chain Alumni Group, Australia/Malaysia/Thailand/Vietnam and other ASEAN countries online, 1 April 2023 to 30 June 2023

**Social media:** VU LinkedIn / Twitter

**Australia-ASEAN Council grant offer:** \$38,500.00

**Total project value:** \$196,506.02

## rīvus, 23rd Biennale of Sydney (AAC20210097)

**Sector:** Language, Arts and Culture

**Country location:** Australia, Philippines, and Thailand

**Grantee:** Biennale of Sydney



Leeroy New, Polyp Stage-Installation, 2015. Installation view at Boracay, Philippines (*Credit: the artist*)

### Project description

The 23rd Biennale of Sydney, titled rīvus, will feature works responding to water ecology and relationships with the natural world. Audiences will experience large-scale immersive installations and site-specific projects, including the works of three contemporary Southeast Asian participants. Filipino artist Cian Dayrit presents a new embroidered textile piece created in collaboration with local practitioners. At Information & Cultural Exchange, Manila-based artist Leeroy New, presents a site-specific work, using recycled, organic and industrial materials wrapping around the façade of the building. Thai artist Imhathai Suwatthanasilp presents a new immersive installation of delicate sculptural forms exploring elements of life that connect the past, present and future together. The 2022 edition has been developed and realised by a Curatorium comprised of Artistic Director and Colombian curator José Roca and co-curators Paschal Daantos Berry, Anna Davis, Hannah Donnelly and Talia Linz. The Biennale of Sydney will be open free to the public from 12 March to 13 June 2022 at Art Gallery of New South Wales, Barangaroo including The Cutaway, Circular Quay, Information & Cultural Exchange, Museum of Contemporary Art Australia, National Art School in partnership with Artspace, The Rocks and Pier 2/3 at Walsh Bay Arts Precinct.

### Key dates:

- Benefaction and Partner Preview for the 23rd Biennale of Sydney, Across the Biennale of Sydney Sites, 7 March 2022
- Opening Event at the Museum of Contemporary Art Australia, Museum of Contemporary Art Australia, 7 March 2022
- Media Preview 23rd Biennale of Sydney, Across the Biennale of Sydney Sites, 8 March 2022
- Opening event at the National Art School in partnership with Artspace, National Art School, 8 March 2022
- Opening event at the Art Gallery of NSW, Art Gallery of NSW, 9 March 2022
- Opening event at The Cutaway, Barangaroo, 9 March 2022
- 23rd Biennale of Sydney exhibition and public programs opened to members of the public, Across the Biennale of Sydney Sites, 12 March 2022 to 13 June 2022

**Social media:** @biennaleofsydney #biennaleofsydney #sydneybiennale #rivus #biennale #sydney #contemporaryart #arts

**Australia-ASEAN Council grant offer:** \$50,000.00

**Total project value:** \$443,731.20



## Building Economic Resilience and Connecting ASEAN Women Entrepreneurs with Australia (AAC20210104)

**Sector:** Economic resilience

**Country location:** Australia, Indonesia, Philippines

**Grantee:** Deakin University



### Building Economic Resilience & Connecting ASEAN Women Entrepreneurs with Australia



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Online Capability Building (*Credit:* Alfred Presbitero)

#### Project description

Working with multi-sector partners, this project will deliver an online capability program that builds entrepreneurial capabilities of 15 ASEAN women entrepreneurs in the Philippines and Indonesia and connect them to the Australian marketplace. Specifically, the online capability program focuses on building women's entrepreneurial capabilities from ideation to development to commercialisation of products/services. By strengthening ASEAN women's entrepreneurial capabilities, the economic resilience of the disadvantaged communities that they serve can be ensured. The program also provides a platform for ASEAN women entrepreneurs to engage and connect with business mentors and leaders in Australia facilitating mutual learning and further enhancing people-to-people links between ASEAN and Australia. The program is developed by Deakin Business School in partnership with the Philippines' Rag2Riches, Indonesia's Noken Papua Foundation, Australia Philippines Business Council and Australia's Global Sisters and is funded by DFAT. The program contributes to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDG 5, 8, 10 and 17).

#### Key dates:

- Program Formal Launch, Online, 2 May 2022
- Selection of Participants and Development of Need-Based Program, Online, 1 June 2022 to 30 June 2022
- Implementation of Capacity Building Program, Online, 1 July 2022 to 30 September 2022
- Pitching and Addressing Challenges/Connecting with Australian mentors and other entrepreneurs, Online, 3 October 2022 to 31 October 2022
- Program evaluation and development of digital learning resources, Online, 1 November 2022 to 15 December 2022

**Social media:** Facebook, YouTube, LinkedIn

**Australia-ASEAN Council grant offer:** \$48,011.20

**Total project value:** \$104,853.11

## Hospitality and Tourism: Food Cultures and Tourism Exchange (AAC20210227)

**Sector:** Business engagement

**Country location:** Australia and Philippines

**Grantee:** Australia Philippines Business Council



### A Blend of Tourism & Culinary Experiences Showcasing Regional Australia and the Philippines



Featuring a six-part series of Australian and Filipino culinary delights from iconic tourism destinations  
(Credit: APBC and Yasmin Newman)

#### Project description

This project aims to share the empowerment of women in both cultures through culinary skills, showcasing cuisines from regional Australian and the Philippines, and at the same time promoting tourism by highlighting regions specific to the produce used.

#### Key dates:

- Project and media plan development, Gold Coast/Sydney/Manila, 15 March 2022 to 15 April 2022
- Stakeholder engagement, Australia/Philippines, 25 April 2022 to 31 May 2022
- Video production and editing, Australia/Philippines, 15 June 2022 to 16 September 2022
- Project and media launch, Australia/Philippines, 19 September 2022 to 24 September 2022
- Episode 1, Australia/Philippines, 19 September 2022 to 24 September 2022
- Episode 2, Australia/Philippines, 3 October 2022 to 8 October 2022
- Episode 3, Australia/Philippines, 17 October 2022 to 22 October 2022
- Episode 4, Australia/Philippines, 31 October 2022 to 5 November 2022
- Episode 5, Australia/Philippines, 14 November 2022 to 19 November 2022
- Episode 6, Australia/Philippines, 28 November 2022 to 3 December 2022
- Report submission, Australia/Philippines, 5 December 2022 to 31 December 2022

**Social media:** <https://www.facebook.com/APBCwesternaustralia/>

**Australia-ASEAN Council grant offer:** \$48,900.00

**Total project value:** \$68,400.00

## COVID-19 Healthcare Responses in ASEAN and Australia: Shared Learnings (AAC20210268)

**Sector:** Health

**Country location:** Australia, Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam

**Grantee:** Melbourne Institute of Technology



Research Team: Prof Stuart Orr and Prof Amrik Sohal (*Credit: Monash University and Deakin University*)

### Project description

COVID-19 has placed many pressures on national hospital systems in the ASEAN countries and each has responded in different ways. This project collects the response learnings of each ASEAN country and compares them to Australia's approaches to identify opportunities for shared learning, collaboration, exchange and trade to improve the region's capability to respond to future pandemics. Three-hour video conferences will be conducted between teams of hospital sector representatives from each ASEAN country and Australian hospital sector representatives from Australia. Local researchers in each ASEAN country will also assist with these video conferences. The key learnings identified from the videoconferences will be distributed through a report and website ([www.ASEANHospitals.org](http://www.ASEANHospitals.org)). The project will conclude with an international workshop/forum. The report will include a five-year plan for ongoing collaborative development across the region. The five-year plan will be underpinned by a collaborative Australia ASEAN-Hospital Development Centre which will be established to continue the project's work.

### Key dates:

- Magazine interview, International Business Magazine, 2 November 2022 to 9 November 2022
- Magazine article, The Conversation, 9 November 2022 to 16 November 2022
- Final Workshop, Melbourne, 26 October 2022 to 26 October 2022

**Australia-ASEAN Council grant offer:** \$37,340.00

**Total project value:** \$95,674.00

## Project Balikbayan: The Calamansi Story (AAC20210277)

**Sector:** Economic resilience

**Country location:** Australia and Philippines

**Grantee:** The Entree.Pinays Pty Ltd



Calamansi for a Filipino Kamayan Feast (Credit: Maysie Lecciones)

### Project description

This is a project by The Entree.Pinays, a female-led, cultural advocacy group working together to bring Filipino cuisine, culture, and community to the hearts, minds, and tastebuds of Australians on Wurundjeri country.

Calamansi represents a story of lives and livelihoods - farmers and communities who grow it; businesses who innovate and bring it to market; and families who migrate to other countries, plant its seeds to mark a new beginning. Filipinos represent Australia's fifth largest migrant community. A backyard calamansi tree symbolises a living connection to our motherland, and the gift of life in Australia, the economic and social contributions of past, present and future.

### Key dates:

- Website live, [www.thecalamansistory.com](http://www.thecalamansistory.com), 14 April 2022 to 30 April 2023
- Social media, @entrepinays, 31 March 2022 to 30 April 2023
- Book launch, Melbourne, 23 February 2023

**Social media:** [entrepinays.com](http://entrepinays.com), @entrepinays, [facebook.com/entree.pinays](https://facebook.com/entree.pinays), Entree.Pinays YouTube channel, LinkedIn

**Australia-ASEAN Council grant offer:** \$50,000.00

**Total project value:** \$55,000.00

## AASYP Flagships (AAC20210292)

**Sector:** Language, arts and culture

**Country location:** Australia, Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, and Vietnam

**Grantee:** ASEAN-Australia Strategic Youth Partnership Ltd



ASEAN-Australia Young Leaders Forum, Australian Embassy Jakarta December 2019 (Credit: DFAT)

### Project description

This project will bring together young Southeast Asian and Australia leaders across the region. Forty passionate and influential future policy-makers, scientists, business executives and civil society leaders will participate in the flagship ASEAN-Australia Young Leaders Forum. The forum will equip future leaders with the skills, expertise and networks to effectively shape the future of our region and play a leading role in enhancing regional links and strengthening people-to-people connections between Australia and our direct northern neighbours in ASEAN. Similarly, the ASEAN-Australia Review 2022 will showcase long-form research articles from aspiring researchers about the future of the region. AAYSP will also be delivering tailored skill and capacity building sessions to a network of youth volunteers.

### Key dates:

- Review: Public call for writers for AASYP Review, ASEAN/Australia, 2022, 1 April 2022 to 5 May 2022
- Publication of Review, Online, 15 October 2022
- Volunteer capacity development training 2022, Online, 1 March 2022 to 30 September 2022
- AAYLF Call for applications, ASEAN/Australia, 1 September 2022 to 30 September 2022
- ASEAN-Australia Young Leaders Forum 2023, ASEAN+Australia, 4 February 2023 to 7 February 2023

**Social media:** <https://www.linkedin.com/company/aasyp>; [https://www.instagram.com/aus\\_aseanyouth](https://www.instagram.com/aus_aseanyouth);  
[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCWVM3rUX4yBFkm8m2Fr\\_9SQ](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCWVM3rUX4yBFkm8m2Fr_9SQ); <https://www.facebook.com/aasyp>

**Australia-ASEAN Council grant offer:** \$50,000.00

**Total project value:** \$87,375.00

## Cultural Tourism Recovery: Sharing Best Practices (AAC20210058)

**Sector:** Economic resilience

**Country location:** Australia, Indonesia, Malaysia and Philippines

**Grantee:** James Cook University



Cultural Tourism Recovery: A support network program in ASEAN and Australia (*Credit: Denis Tolkach*)

### Project description

Cultural tourism is a major income stream for regional communities in Australia and in ASEAN countries. These communities have been severely affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, as international and domestic tourism has been disrupted. Through a series of online and hybrid workshops, this project will enable cultural tourism initiatives from Australia, Indonesia, Malaysia and Philippines to network and share their experiences of adapting tourism-reliant communities to COVID-19. In particular, workshops will include adaptive techniques to address challenges of the pandemic, future product development, marketing, and creating career and entrepreneurship opportunities for women and youth. The project aims to develop capacity of cultural tourism initiatives in ASEAN countries to mitigate effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, adapt to the new conditions, diversify their economic activities and innovate. The project also aims to create long-term linkages between Australian and ASEAN communities, businesses and higher education institutions involved in cultural tourism.

### Key dates:

- Introduction and peer-knowledge sharing, Cairns – Online, 2 May 2022 to 6 May 2022
- Women and youth in cultural tourism, Yogyakarta – Online, 13 June 2022 to 17 June 2022
- Designing regenerative tourism offerings post-pandemic, Cairns - Online, 1 August 2022 to 5 August 2022
- Marketing cultural tourism, Kota Kinabalu – Online, 19 September 2022 to 23 September 2022
- Adaptation and economic diversification, Baguio - Online, 17 October 2022 to 21 October 2022
- Report dissemination, Cairns - Online, 28 November 2022 to 2 December 2022

**Social media:** @CulturalTourRec

**Australia-ASEAN Council grant offer:** \$34,360.00

**Total project value:** \$81,372.00



## **New Video Artwork Commissions Presented with Digital Platform NOWNESS ASIA (AAC20210238)**

**Sector:** Language, arts and culture

**Country location:** Australia

**Grantee:** Institute of Modern Art

# IMA

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IMA logo (*Credit:* Institute of Modern Art)

### **Project description**

In partnership with NOWNESS ASIA, Institute of Modern Art (IMA) will commission five new video artworks from Australian First Nations and Southeast Asian diaspora artists. Presented via the NOWNESS platform, artworks will reach their monthly audience of >700,000, increasing Australian artist profiles across Asia.

### **Key dates:**

- VIP Screening Event at IMA for program partners, Brisbane, 30 September 2022
- Films launched on NOWNESS ASIA, Online, 1 October 2022 to 1 November 2022

**Social media:** @ima\_brisbane

**Australia-ASEAN Council grant offer:** \$45,000.00

**Total project value:** \$99,000.00

## Women's Research Engineers Network: Expanding frontiers for Australia and ASEAN (AAC20210087)

**Sector:** Economic resilience

**Country location:** Australia, Indonesia, Malaysia and Thailand

**Grantee:** University of Wollongong



WREN committee members at the University of Wollongong in November 2021 - left to right: Dr Emily Yap, Dr Ashley Ansari, Ms Grace Kennedy, Dr Marcella Bernardo, Dr Shiva Pedram and Dr Maina Garcia (*Credit: Paul Jones*)

### Project description

The barriers to women's STEM career progression result in high rates of attrition. This is particularly acute in engineering research and academia where women are still in the minority, leading to the diminishment of women's voices in leadership and decision-making. Specifically, lower social capital in their fields and lack of collaboration opportunities impede women's visibility and success rate in attaining continuing sources of funding to support their careers. Women's Research Engineers Network (WREN), established in 2021, is led by women ECRs in engineering and provides a channel to promote international collaboration between women research engineers and increase the awareness of leaders to implement policies that support women in their academic careers. The network targets early-mid career women engineers working in research, but membership is not restricted to gender nor field (open to any who are allies to reduce gender inequality in STEM) and welcome postgraduate students. This project will expand the WREN to universities in Indonesia, Thailand, and Malaysia. Through WREN's website, webinar and podcast series, and conference, participants will improve their knowledge of women in STEM issues, build on awareness, and foster international collaboration, such as through grant proposals, joint publications, and co-teaching partnerships.

### Key dates:

- Kick-off meeting, Online, 10 May 2022
- Striving for Gender Equity in Academia, Online, 9 August 2022
- Promoting networks of women's academics, Online, 8 November 2022
- Annual WREN Conference and research & teaching networking workshop, Hybrid - location of UGPN conference if in person, 7 March 2023 to 10 March 2023
- Interview podcast series to be released over the year, Online, 17 May 2022 to 14 March 2023
- Final meeting, Online, 28 March 2023

**Social media:** website: [thewren.global](https://thewren.global), Instagram & LinkedIn & Twitter: [thewrenglobal](https://www.instagram.com/thewrenglobal);  
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC9FoK0Qqc2IJ2k8Ku4zo44Q/about>

**Australia-ASEAN Council grant offer:** \$49,500.00

**Total project value:** \$135,207.00

## Australia Meets Singapore in a 13-Storey Treehouse (AAC20210207)

**Sector:** Language, arts and culture

**Country location:** Australia and Singapore

**Grantee:** CDP Theatre Producers



CDP Theatre Producers stage play of 'The 13-Storey Treehouse' (Credit: Heidrun Lohr)

### Project description

'The 13-Storey Treehouse' book series for 6-14 years old's by Andy Griffiths and Illustrated by Terry Denton is Australia's fastest and biggest ever selling book series; with 11 titles published in over 35-countries, 20-languages with over 15-million sales. CDP Theatre's stage play of the same title is an award-winning, sell out show which has toured across Australasia, Singapore, Europe and USA. In collaboration with Singapore Partners Snap! Entertainment, this project invites young people in Singapore to imagine and design a brand new Australian-Singapore inspired level for the ever-expanding Treehouse, via a one-page written submission or drawing. The three strongest entries will be scripted and bought to life in a 12-15-minute final short film. The three successful entrants will talk (online) with CDP's Treehouse creative team (writer, director, designer), who will then transform each design as a 4-5-minute scripted story to be performed/filmed, then made digitally available to millions of young Treehouse fans, specifically targeting Australian/ASEAN/Singapore based young people.

### Key dates:

- Release of digital content in the form of a short video by the actors to promote the completion, Singapore (Digital), 4 June 2022 to 11 July 2022
- Finalists announced: Three successful Tree-house levels publicly announced digitally – following on from selection process, Singapore (Digital), 25 July 2022
- Promotion of forthcoming film extensively in Singapore/Australia/ASEAN countries, Singapore/Australia, 9 August 2022 to 14 November 2022.
- Launch: Launched finished film digitally and worldwide, Singapore/Australia/worldwide via digital channels, 15 November 2022
- Live-screening: In 2022/23 in conjunction with next Treehouse tour, Singapore, 24 March 2023 to 30 March 2023

**Social media:** [www.cdp.com.au](http://www.cdp.com.au), [www.https://www.snap-entertainment.com](https://www.snap-entertainment.com)

**Australia-ASEAN Council grant offer:** \$38,820.00

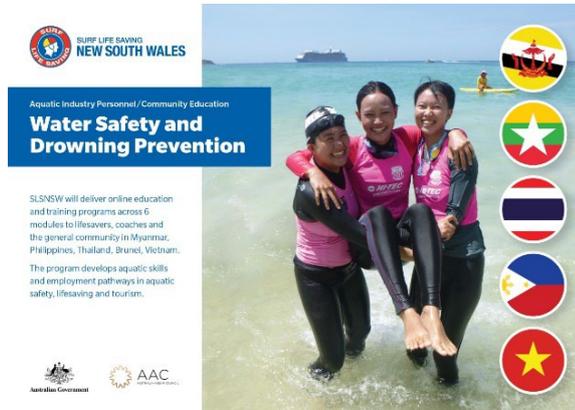
**Total project value:** \$50,703.00

## Aquatic Industry Personnel/Community Education - Water Safety and Drowning Prevention (AAC20210281)

**Sector:** Health

**Country location:** Australia, Brunei, Myanmar, Philippines, Thailand, and Vietnam

**Grantee:** Surf Life Saving New South Wales



Water Safety and Drowning Prevention Program - Thailand 2020 (Credit: Surf Life Saving NSW)

### Project description

Surf Life Saving NSW (Australia) and their in-country partners in Myanmar, Philippines, Thailand, Brunei, Vietnam, with funding and the support of the Australia-ASEAN Council (AAC), will be delivering vital lifesaving education and skills training through a series of interactive online training and education workshops to aquatic industry personnel and the general communities across the ASEAN region. The program develops skills and employment pathways in aquatic safety, Lifesaving and tourism, while adhering to Covid-19 requirements.

### Key dates:

- CPR/Resusitani on Awareness and Water Safety and Drowning Prevention Program, Online-Thailand, 1 June 2022 to 24 January 2023
- CPR/Resusitani on Awareness and Water Safety and Drowning Prevention Program, Online-Philippines, 1 July 2022 to 24 January 2023
- CPR/Resusitani on Awareness and Water Safety and Drowning Prevention Program, Online-Vietnam, 1 August 2022 to 24 January 2023
- CPR/Resusitani on Awareness and Water Safety and Drowning Prevention Program, Online-Brunei, 1 September 2022 to 24 January 2023
- CPR/Resusitani on Awareness and Water Safety and Drowning Prevention Program, Online-Myanmar, 1 October 2022 to 24 January 2023

**Social media:** <https://www.surflifesaving.com.au/>, <https://www.facebook.com/surflifesavingnsw/>, <https://twitter.com/slsnsw>, <https://www.youtube.com/surflifesavingnsw>, <https://www.instagram.com/slsnsw/>, <https://www.facebook.com/philippinelifesaving/>, <https://m.facebook.com/SANGA-Surf-Lifesaving-Group-2126266370793106/>, <https://www.facebook.com/zambalessler/>, <https://www.facebook.com/PhuketLifeguardService/>, <https://survivalskills.vn/>, <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100057627242597>

**Australia-ASEAN Council grant offer:** \$30,000.00

**Total project value:** \$48,000.00

## Networking One Health laboratories in ASEAN to tackle Antimicrobial Resistance (AAC20210010)

**Sector:** Health

**Country location:** Australia, Cambodia, Laos, Vietnam

**Grantee:** University of Sydney



Vietnamese woman selling vegetables at market in Hoi An (*Credit: woouooooojpn*)

### Project description

ASEAN has highlighted antimicrobial resistance (AMR) amongst its major threats. Microbial pathogens (bacteria, fungi, parasites, and viruses) have devastating impacts on human and animal health, and food security - effective antimicrobials allow us to contain those threats. Due to over-use in healthcare and agriculture antimicrobial efficacy is waning. A One Health approach to surveillance and containment is essential, yet capacity remains limited. Current regional responses to AMR focus on hospital surveillance of bacterial pathogens, neglecting other pathogens and the need for One Health research. There have been major investments in workforce training (e.g. SEAOHUN) and laboratory capacity (e.g. Fleming Fund, CDC) within the region. Despite the success of One Health research networks elsewhere, they remain underdeveloped in ASEAN. This project will establish a network to respond to existing and emerging threats, expanding to remaining ASEAN locations in future. The project commences with a virtual conference inviting researchers to share their current focus, followed by a meeting to map capacity for AMR research in laboratories across the region, and then a discussion on approaches to data/sample sharing and standard operating procedures. An MOU will be signed supporting regional initiatives and reports prepared and disseminated detailing future regional research priorities and procedures.

### Key dates:

- Virtual conference: invite researchers to share current focus and introduce proposal, Virtual (hosted Sydney), 16 May 2022
- Virtual meeting: map capacity for AMR laboratory research, Virtual (hosted Sydney), 13 June 2022 to 18 June 2022
- Virtual meeting: discuss approaches to data/sample sharing, standard operating procedures, Virtual (hosted Sydney), 11 July 2022
- Sign MOU, Virtual (hosted Sydney), 8 August 2022
- Produce reports, 17 April 2023
- Disseminate translated reports, 15 May 2023

**Social media:** @sydney\_health; @SydneyUniWorld

**Australia-ASEAN Council grant offer:** \$33,683.00

**Total project value:** \$252,055.00

## Engaging a proactive Vietnam: new economic partnerships in ASEAN (AAC20210062)

**Sector:** Economic resilience

**Country location:** Australia and Vietnam

**Grantee:** Perth USAsia Centre



Web banner with project title and logos (Credit: Davina Designs)

### Project description

This project is focussed on understanding Vietnam's proactive role in shaping the economic architecture and underpinning economic resilience in the ASEAN region. Vietnam has hosted APEC in 2017, chaired ASEAN in 2020, and led the coordination and delivery of a number of regional initiatives such as the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP). Vietnam has emerged not only as a participant in multilateral trade efforts, but as a leading proponent of regional trade integration. Its activity extends to the diplomatic and security domains as well. "Engaging a proactive Vietnam: new economic partnerships in ASEAN" will identify areas where Vietnam and Australia can align policy to strengthen the economic resilience of the region. The project will achieve this through four phases of activity: consultation, research/writing, dialogue, and a public launch of a research report. Through this process, Perth USAsia Centre will develop a concrete agenda for Australia-Vietnam cooperation toward jointly shaping and building institutions for economic resilience in the ASEAN region.

### Key dates:

- Consultation phase, In-person and online, 7 March 2022 and 11 April 2022
- Writing research report, 11 April 2022 to 16 May 2022
- Design of research report, 16 May 2022 to 3 June 2022
- Private recommendations and outcomes Dialogue, Hybrid (mainly online, in-person where possible), 6 June 2022 to 10 June 2022
- Refine research report to include dialogue out-comes and recommendations, 13 June 2022 to 17 June 2022
- Design of final research report, 20 June 2022 to 30 June 2022
- Public report launch event, Hybrid (mainly online, in-person where possible), 1 August 2022 to 12 August 2022

**Social media:** @PerthUSAsia

**Australia-ASEAN Council grant offer:** \$10,000.00

**Total project value:** \$22,500.00

## UNSW ASEAN Conference (AAC20210152)

**Sector:** Economic resilience

**Country location:** Australia, Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, and Vietnam

**Grantee:** UNSW ASEAN Society



UNSW ASEAN Conference 2019, John Niland Scientia Building UNSW, 12 October 2019 (Credit: ASEAN Society UNSW)

### Project description

The UNSW ASEAN Conference (UAC) 2022 brings together hundreds of people from various backgrounds to spark conversation around emerging issues in the ASEAN region. In 2022, UAC will take a deep dive into where progress is happening in the ASEAN region and the many dimensions it may take, themed around the three pillars of the ASEAN Community: Economic, Socio-Cultural, and Political-Security. In 2022, UAC will also host the ambition of international youth in its UAC Case Competition on the evening of the conference. With a keen focus on discussion, audiences will have the opportunity to hear from world-class speakers, future leaders, and themselves engage in discussions with several hundred attendees.

### Key dates:

- Case competition, UNSW, 1 August 2022 to 1 October 2022
- UNSW ASEAN Conference, UNSW, 1 October 2022

**Social media:** <https://www.facebook.com/ASEANSocUNSW>, [https://www.instagram.com/aseansoc\\_unsw/?hl=en](https://www.instagram.com/aseansoc_unsw/?hl=en); <https://www.linkedin.com/company/unsw-asean-conference/>

**Australia-ASEAN Council grant offer:** \$29,168.00

**Total project value:** \$42,168.00