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## UPCOMING JAPURA EVENTS

### ➤ Cricket Big Match

Japura Uni Vs Colombo Uni  
Sunday, the 20th of March 2022  
From 09:00 AM To 04:00 PM (AEST)  
At Oval 2, Greaves Reserve, Bennet Street,  
Dandenong, Vic 3175

### ➤ Japura Founders' Day Almsgiving (Dana)

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## JAAI PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Members,

It is with my great pleasure to be able to address and connect with you all, through the Summer Newsletter.

Firstly, my humble and sincere thanks to you all for placing your trust in me to lead our Association again for the financial year 2021/2022.

Currently we are moving forward successfully by fulfilling our promises that we made. Past six months was memorable having completed very exciting projects with your positive contribution which immensely enhanced our team spirit to do more valuable projects during next six months.

We were able to rectify and resolve couple of minor anomalies occurred in the past and we are back on track and are looking forward to engaging in member focussed projects in next few months.

Given the prevailing COVID pandemic restrictions are unfavourable, sadly we are unable to meet physically for any outdoor events. I am sure whenever the current COVID restrictions are eased, we will be able to organise some family events.

This summer newsletter is another effective way of communication to engage with you. Always we do care our members' health and wellbeing and look forward to hearing from you about your recent achievements and we are eager to share your success stories with our community through this newsletter.

I would like to thank all sponsors who generously contributed to this Newsletter project, the Media team, and the Editor for doing the hard yard to complete this Summer Newsletter.

My Best wishes to all until we meet again. Take care!!

Sincerely,  
Donald Perera.



# PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE – JAPURA ALUMNI NSW & ACT



Dear Members,

Let me start by wishing you a Happy New Year marked by good health and humour, as well as by some inspirational ideas!

Our VIC colleagues initiated the idea of working collaboratively as a broader USJP community in achieving the objectives of both of our alumni associations. At the first committee meeting for this year, the idea was warmly welcomed by your NSW and ACT colleagues.

Later last year, we e-met with a few office bearers/ committee members from both associations to discuss the way forward. As a good start, I can tell you that our members have already enjoyed a few successful events organised by our VIC colleagues including knowledge sharing webinars on “Real Estate Market Business Model” and “Maintaining relationships with the community during the COVID-19 crisis”, Music Evenings/Sing-alongs etc.,

This is our very first attempt at joining the Newsletter and we are looking forward to working together as a broader University of Sri Jayewardenepura community.

With around 160 multi-talented members in NSW and ACT, I am certainly confident that we will be able to actively and effectively contribute to your future projects and next editions of the Newsletter.

Best wishes,  
**Rithmika Kahawita**



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## JAAI SECRETARY'S MESSAGE



Dear members and friends,

With a profound sense of gratitude, I would like to extend warm greetings to the members of our association for their confidence bestowed on me to take up the responsibilities as Secretary of our association at the last AGM. I am aware that the role of Secretary calls for a sincere approach, technical acquaintance and high-level leadership skills to work in tandem with all stakeholders in our community. I hereby humbly submit that our key focus will be the continuous engagement with all the members and like-minded organisations to make JAAI more pulsating and prosperous.

I truly believe this newsletter will rejuvenate our unity further. We, as a united team of alumni members, can demonstrate a vital role in the development and success of our organisation with our ideas and suggestions. We wish to nurture a rich culture amongst the alumni which leads to building a strong and connected alumni network.

It is indeed an honour and I feel humbled to have been given an opportunity to work with you and to represent on your behalf. I assure you that during my tenure, we must ascertain respect for all our alumni members, encourage their participation in the affairs of our alumni association to make it a lively and vibrant body and increase networking between our members and alumni.

All of you are a part of this vibrant alumni association and are invited to join and participate in all activities. I seek the participation of each alumnus in helping us achieve our objectives for the association. With the support of all of you, I am confident that we will take JAPURA to new heights.

If you have any views and suggestions in this regard, please do not hesitate to forward them to me via email: [secretary@japuraalumni.org](mailto:secretary@japuraalumni.org) or contact 0412 819 113. I am looking forward to seeing your active participation.

Best Regards,  
**Sujith Fernando**

**JAAI MEMBERSHIP**

Japura Alumni Australia Incorporation (JAAI) is an established and registered entity since its inception in 2008 where all the Japurians from different faculties, different age groups who live in Victoria can share their different views, ideas common bonds and time to uplift the spirit of Japura mainly in Sri Lanka, Australia, and the rest of the world. Therefore, our members and Japura community at large are our key to succeed as a Not-for-Profit Organization in Australia.



**OUR JAAI MEMBERSHIP STRUCTURE**

We, as JAAI basically offer Life Memberships and General Memberships for Japura families as well as individuals. Life membership fee is one off payment for the lifetime and it is \$110.00 for individuals whereas \$120.00 for families including the Administration fee of \$10.00, but general membership fee is \$10.00 per annum and the above-mentioned one-off administration fee must be paid along with the new application for this category. The following table (Table 1.1) depicts our membership categories and numbers at present.

**TABLE 1.1 JAAI MEMBERSHIP STRUCTURE**

| SR. NO. | CATEGORY                         | NO. OF MEMBERS |
|---------|----------------------------------|----------------|
| 1.0     | LIFE MEMBERSHIP - MAIN APPLICANT | 121            |
| 2.0     | LIFE MEMBERSHIP -WITH SPOUSE     | 88             |
| 3.0     | GENERAL MEMBERSHIP               | 151            |
|         | <b>TOTAL</b>                     | <b>360</b>     |



**RENEWAL OF JAAI GENERAL MEMBERSHIPS FOR THE YEAR 2021-2022**

It is clearly understood that majority of our general memberships are due for their renewals by now. We, as JAAI respectfully expect that you will renew your memberships selecting following one option and transferring the relevant fee to the below mentioned JAAI Bank Account to be part of worthy causes, great programs, and professional development to be organised by JAAI in the future.

- OPTION 01 : To become an Individual Life Member : \$ 100.00
- OPTION 02 : To become Family Life Members : \$ 110.00
- OPTION 03 : To continue General Membership : \$ 10.00

**JAAI BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS**

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 Bank : ANZ  
 BSB No : 013 366  
 Account No : 477 646 618

**NEW MEMBERSHIP ENQUARIES**

If you are newly migrated Japura graduates or any other member of the Japura Community, who want to join and be part of JAAI, please contact any management committee member, if you are personally known or the Secretary of JAAI through an email to [secretary@japuraalumni.org](mailto:secretary@japuraalumni.org)

# INSIGHTS OF CRYPTOCURRENCY & BLOCKCHAIN TECHNOLOGY



By Dr. Sarath Lal Ukwatta

## WHAT IS CRYPTOCURRENCY?

Cryptocurrency is a virtual or digital currency that works on blockchain technology and is designed as an online medium of exchange to buy goods and services and to make payments. The 'crypto' in cryptocurrency stands for cryptography which is a method of using encryption and decryption to secure the currency data.

Each individual cryptocurrency coin is fundamentally a collection of numbers and letters. However, it is not a string of data that can be duplicated. A Cryptocurrency coin is an entry on a global ledger called a blockchain and the blockchain records every online transaction that has ever occurred for that cryptocurrency coin. The encryption on the blockchain protects the currency from external interference, tampering and duplicating.

## HOW DOES IT WORK? IS IT SAFE TO DO BUSINESS THROUGH CRYPTOCURRENCY?

Instead of governments and banks keeping track of the transactions, these records are stored in all the computers connected to a cryptocurrency network. These transactions are public to be viewed by anyone using a blockchain explorer. However, they cannot be altered. This makes cryptocurrency networks secure because there is no single point of failure. This is called decentralization and it is the opposite of the centralized setups of governments and banks. The decentralizing of information reduces the ability of data tampering and manipulation of the cryptocurrency blockchain.



There is also no organization or regulatory body deciding when to produce and how much to produce of a specific currency, as it is decentralized and created by cryptocurrency mining. The primary method of mining a cryptocurrency is by a computer that is processing the transactions on a cryptocurrency network. This incentivizes more computers to join the network and earn a cryptocurrency, in-turn helping increase the nodes of the network.



Distributed across the entire network is a blockchain, which is a set of data that records information of transactions and the amount of trade in the form of a digital ledger. Blockchain stores information in batches called "blocks" that are linked together in a chronological fashion to form a continuous line, metaphorically a chain of blocks. Blockchain is based on a century's old method of a general financial ledger. It is a non-destructive method to track data changes over time. This means the data is stored on each node across the entire blockchain network making it more secure, as it is verified and validated by every node, before proceeding with the process of making the transaction. Prior to a block being added to the data, a cryptographic encryption must be solved by a computer with adequate processing power thus creating the block which is added to the chain. The computer that solves the encryption shares the solution to all the other computers on the network, which is called a proof-of-work and when correct, a block will be added to the chain. The combination of these complex encryptions is verified by many computers to ensure the validity of



every block on the chain because users value the security of a multi-network verification. If a change is made to the information recorded in a particular block you do not rewrite it instead the chain is stored in a new block showing the 'X change to Y' times stamped at a particular date and time.

### IS IT REGULATED?

The accessibility and decentralized nature of cryptocurrency is an appealing factor for many consumers. However, as there is no regulatory body, a major disadvantage is the volatility of the value of an individual cryptocurrency. The value of the cryptocurrency can be significantly influenced by popularity and demand and consumers will anticipate drastic peaks and troughs when investing. There is also no support line or customer service for a user of cryptocurrency, which will be challenging for individuals who need support with fraud or misplacement.



### DOES IT REQUIRE PERSONAL INFORMATION?

A crypto wallet is the preferred method of holding a cryptocurrency as it has no requirements to provide personal information, this results in no identification being attached to a crypto wallet. Unlike a bank account which requires multi-factor verification. Also, any cryptocurrency held in a personal crypto wallet is held directly by the individual, not custodied by a bank like regular money in a bank account. This means no one individual can shut down a cryptocurrency wallet or block transactions as the owner always has total control over the account. The tradeoff is, if a crypto wallet is lost or the recovery phase is forgotten, the cryptocurrency is unattainable which again highlights the lack of a regulatory body.

### WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

Cryptocurrency is fast becoming a popular medium of exchange in a world that is rapidly becoming more digital and virtual. As more companies and governments accept its validity, it will also become a regular method of investment and a very lucrative method of storing wealth.



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# JAPAN AWARDS

“THE ORDER OF THE RISING SUN, GOLD RAYS WITH NECK RIBBON”

## To SENIOR PROF. SAMPATH AMARATUNGE

By Prof Prem Yapa

Senior Professor Sampath Amaratunge (Chairman of University Grants Commission and Chair of Department of Business Economics) was conferred with the award “The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon” by His Majesty the Emperor of Japan for his unparalleled mission to the cause of promoting friendly relations between Japan and Sri Lanka.

bestowed by the Japanese government in the name of His Majesty the Emperor on individuals who have achieved notable accomplishments in fields such as foreign relations, and the development of Japanese culture.



This award is officially known as “The Order of the Rising Sun,” and it is the highest honour



The awarding ceremony was held on 14 October 2021, at the official residence of the Ambassador for Japan Mr. Sugiyama Akira.

This is a great honour for University of Sri Jayewardenepura. We, Japura Alumni Association Inc – Victoria - Australia, are humbly proud of it and wish to offer our hearty congratulations to Senior Prof. Sampath Amaratunge on this distinguished accomplishment.



# REAL ESTATE MARKET BUSINESS MODEL IN AUSTRALIA “AS A POTENTIAL BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY IN SRI LANKA”



By Prof Prem Yapa

On 28 of January 2022, Japura Alumni Association Inc (JAAI), Technical and Knowledge sharing committee conducted a knowledge sharing Zoom webinar for the benefit of Japura community in Sri Lanka. The topic of the Webinar was on “Real Estate Market Business Model in Australia as a potential business opportunity in Sri Lanka”, This is the inaugural knowledge sharing webinar that

was conducted to academic members of Faculty of Management Studies & Commerce - Japura University – Sri Lanka and it was proposed and originated by Prof Prem Yapa. The aim of this webinar was to share and transfer specialized professional knowledge on real estate business that we gained from Australia back to our motherland.

### THE KEY TOPICS COVERED WERE:

- (1) What is the Real Estate Business Model in Australia? This topic covered the key regulatory framework of property Business,
- (2) How does the business model operate in Australia? This topic covered the buying, selling & renting procedure, and ethics,
- (3) Why is this business model important to Sri Lanka? This topic covered the investment & employment opportunities.

The Webinar’s primary outcome was to generate ideas and insights to adopt and develop the real estate business model in Sri Lanka. The Technical and knowledge sharing committee of JAAI is of the opinion that this webinar provided new knowledge and basic insights for the Japura participants to comprehend the feasibility of the model to apply in Sri Lanka.



### THE SPEAKERS OF THE WEBINAR WERE:

Mr. Gamage, Chief Executive Officer/Licensed Estate Agent Prosell Property Group Pty Ltd, Mr. Malawaraarachchi, Founder / Director

/Licensed Estate Agent, Sisira Real Estate Australia Pty Ltd and Mr. Fernando, Director/Rental Department/Licensed Estate Agent Grand Real Estate. The webinar was presented by Prof. Prem Yapa & Mr. Asanka Jayakody.



This webinar was well attended by Japura community both in Sri Lanka and Australia. Whole webinar was conducted for 2 hours from 19.00 -21.00 AEDT (Australian Eastern Daylight Time) and speakers spent one hour and 25 minutes on their topics allowing 35 minutes for questions and answers. Interestingly, participants in Japura University- Sri Lanka attended the webinar as groups in classrooms consisting about 80 academics and postgraduate students. About 25 Japura community in Australia attended the webinar. Among questions raised included buying and selling of property issues, solar rights and water, contracts without agents, resolving VCAT rental disputes and buyers’ and sellers’ cultures.

We thanked Senior Prof. Amaratunga -Former Vice-Chancellor of Japura University, Senior Prof. Epalawatta - Head of Commerce Dept, Prof. Kariyawasam - Head of Accounting Dept and Prof. Nimal, Dean, Faculty of Management Studies & Commerce of the Japura University for successfully coordinating this event.

Given the success of this webinar was dependent on the generous teamwork of the Japura Technical and Knowledge Sharing Sub-Committee, a big thank was extended to all the members of the Technical and Knowledge Sharing Sub-Committee for their invaluable commitments, all Japura members and all the friends for their invaluable contribution.

JAAI knowledge sharing committee expects to follow up and monitor the outcome of this webinar for further knowledge sharing events in the future.



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What is the Real Estate Business Model in Australia?  
Regulatory Framework of Property Business  
How does the business model operate in Australia?  
Buying, selling & renting procedure and ethics  
Why is this business model important to Sri Lanka?  
Investment & employment opportunities

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# THE PASSING OF A GREAT GENIUS AND A GOOD MAN

By Nilantha Peiris



## IN MEMORY OF Dr. TISSA RAJAPAKSE

I personally met Dr Tissa Rajapakse at events organised by JAAI and found him a quiet man – but also a quietly charming man – who carried with him a veritable library of knowledge and wisdom which he bore lightly but deeply, and shared willingly. I was fortunate

enough to get to know him in my own life and to discuss with him what he knew so well and so deeply about the serious issues that confront the world.

On behalf of JAAI, I thought it only right to compose an article in memory of him, once I knew of his passing and his parting from his loved ones and from us last year. This is a small tribute to him but a very much larger, sincere expression of thanks for what he and his family have been doing for so long for the Japura Community as a whole.

This is the story of Dr Tissa Rajapakse and what he accomplished during his lifetime as an academic of the highest quality, a lecturer who was unfailingly friendly, a great writer of skill and substance, a friend indeed to JAAI and whatever it needed, and, most of all, a family man who was a beloved husband and father and grandfather.

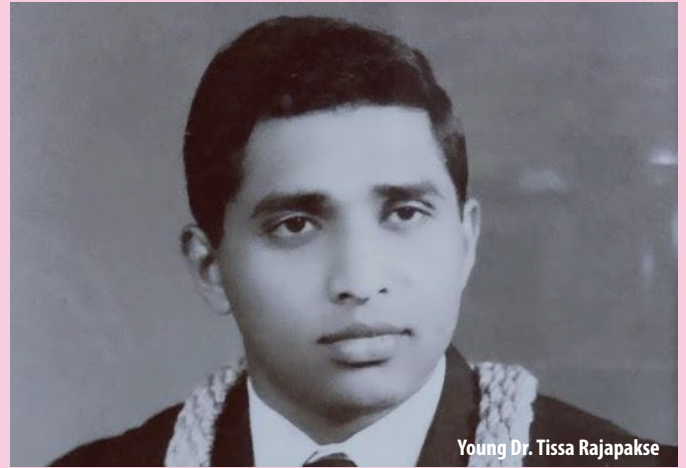
## BEGINNING HIS JOURNEY

Dr Tissa Rajapakse was born in 1945, in Denagama, Hakmana, Sri Lanka. He was one of five siblings from a very humble background, yet he set out on his path to learning and satisfying his deep sense of curiosity with determination, as if he sensed his destination even then. Tissa attended the primary school in Denagama and then moved to the Deniyaya Central College, which cultivated his passion for academia at a very early age. But that was only the start, the foundation.

## HIS UNIVERSITY LIFE

Upon completion of his schooling, Dr Rajapakse entered the University of Peradeniya, where he obtained his bachelor's degree (General) in 1963. He then obtained his Honours degree from the University of Sri Jayewardenepura. He held very fond memories of the Peradeniya University and especially of the

University of Sri Jayewardenepura, its academic staff and its students. It was for him, a golden time of his life, on which he would reflect often and share his reminiscences when he would visit, as he so often did those universities for graduation ceremonies and to meet with colleagues and newly made alumni.



Young Dr. Tissa Rajapakse

## HIS PROFESSIONAL CAREER

Dr Rajapakse subsequently commenced employment at the Central Bank of Sri Lanka in 1965 and developed a keen interest and understanding of practical economic regulation and policy making. This was a crucial post in Sri Lanka's public administration, and an opportunity for learning and cultivating insight which he soon sought to share. He made an early transition to disseminating his knowledge and experience when he commenced his initial teaching assignment with the University of Sri Jayewardenepura in 1970, even though this meant leaving his financially beneficial post at the Central Bank of Sri Lanka. He then received a scholarship under the Colombo Plan and travelled to Australia to complete his master's degree in agricultural economics. He indeed relished the opportunity to transfer the knowledge he had accumulated to that point in the hope of equipping Sri Lanka's future generations with the appropriate knowledge to take the country further on its journey, and he seized the opportunity to learn about its near neighbour and what it could offer.

He returned to Sri Jayewardenepura in 1975, which was a place he always considered home, no matter where else he might live and work. His peers and students witnessed in him a teacher who always encouraged thought and insight into solving the challenges that Sri Lanka, and indeed the world at large, were facing.

### HIS FAMILY LIFE

In January 1977, Dr Rajapakse married Ramanie Samaratunge (later an Associate Professor) and they lovingly embarked on journey that would see them travel the world in their pursuit of academic excellence, including her continuing qualifications and laying the foundations for their two careers as scholars and teachers.

Their daughter, Niwanthi, was born in June 1978 and her parents, with the dedication that parents show, saw to it that they imparted the wisdom and knowledge they themselves held, and which would serve her as the cornerstone for her future academic success. In May 1988, his son Dumindu was born and Dr Rajapakse continued to work tirelessly, with his wife's devoted support, to provide a stable foundation for his family for the next decades of their lives.



### UNDERSTANDING THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING WITH THE FAMILY

In the latter years of his life, Dr Rajapakse spent much of his time taking an avid interest in assisting his family succeed in life. He was ever-present for the milestones that Ramanie, Niwanthi and Dumindu achieved and was always on hand to provide the wisdom that can only be imparted by the truly learned. He spent a great deal of time reading, analysing and understanding the world and how we could all address some of the dire problems that were being faced. He was in this a 'quiet genius', whose mind and its power could only be fully understood if you chose to listen to the few yet powerful words he would articulate to those that mattered most to him.



### FIRST LIFE MEMBER OF THE JAAI

Being most generous and instrumental family members of JAAI, Dr Rajapakse, together with Professor Ramanie Samaratunge, were the first to become JAAI Life Members. They were always willing to help JAAI in numerous events that we organised and they worked hard behind the scenes to make JAAI the successful organisation that we see today. That is a last reminder of the contributions they both made. We can never forget, too, the massive contributions made by Dr Rajapakse's family towards the JAAI Scholarships Scheme which would support raising the lives of our undergraduates studying at the University of Sri Jayewardenepura.



### HIS LEGACY

With his enormous work during his life time, Dr Rajapakse will always be remembered as a true friend of JAAI and his legacy of learning from each other and from the environment will live on through his family friends and students for many generations to come in both Sri Lanka and Australia. For Sri Lanka and for Australia he always remained as an ambassador and friend.

Finally, we, as friends and peers of JAAI most devoutly wish that he may attain the bliss of nibbana as his most just reward!

# YOUNG ATHLETIC STAR FROM A JAPURA FAMILY

By Nilantha Peiris



Shehana Wijesundara

We were able to find a young talented athlete from a Japura family in the JAAI community and she has a shining and brighter future in the Australian Track and Field and

definitely will be a name to remember among Sri Lankan community in Australia. She is none other than Shehana Wijesundara.

## ABOUT HER FAMILY

She is the youngest daughter of Thushara Wijesundara, an Accountancy Graduate from the very first batch of Department of Accountancy of USJ and Preethi Wijesundara, who migrated to Australia in 2000. Their eldest daughter is Natasha, who has been studying Accountancy and Finance Degree in La Trobe University, Melbourne.



## SCHOOL LIFE OF SHEHANA

Shehana started her schooling at Mill Park Height Primary in 2008 and was able to find her footpath in the Track and Field winning 4 Gold Medals for 60M and 80M Hurdles, Long Jump and Triple Jump under 10 categories in the State Championships of Victoria. Since then, she could break 4 Victorian Hurdles records under younger age categories. Considering her achievements in the academic and sports, she was awarded a General Excellence Scholarship by Penleigh and Essendon Grammar School, where she is currently studying. She is determined to carry out her VCE this year parallelly excelling in her sports career.

## ACHIEVEMENTS OF HER SPORTS CAREER

- ➔ Under 18 Women Australian Champion in Heptathlon Event with 4680 points under her belt in 2021. She was ranked 6th overall in the world under her age category at that time.
- ➔ Silver Medalist in Women 100M Hurdles with a finish time of 14.40 Seconds at the Australian Athletic Championships in Sydney 2021.
- ➔ She was automatically qualified to represent Australia for Oceania Athletic Championships 2021, but it was cancelled due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.
- ➔ Gold Medalist in Women 4 x 100M under 16 representing Victoria in National Athletic Meet 2019.
- ➔ Bronze Medalist in Women 4 x 100M under 15 representing Victoria in National Athletic Meet 2018.
- ➔ She has already collected more than 40 individual Victorian Medals and 4 Victorian Hurdle Records under her name.
- ➔ Young Sporting Spiritual Award was given by Leader community Newspaper considering her honesty at State Championships.
- ➔ Received an award for outstanding achievement in academic and sports by School Sports Victoria.
- ➔ Member of the 2022 Target Talent Squad of Athletic Victoria.

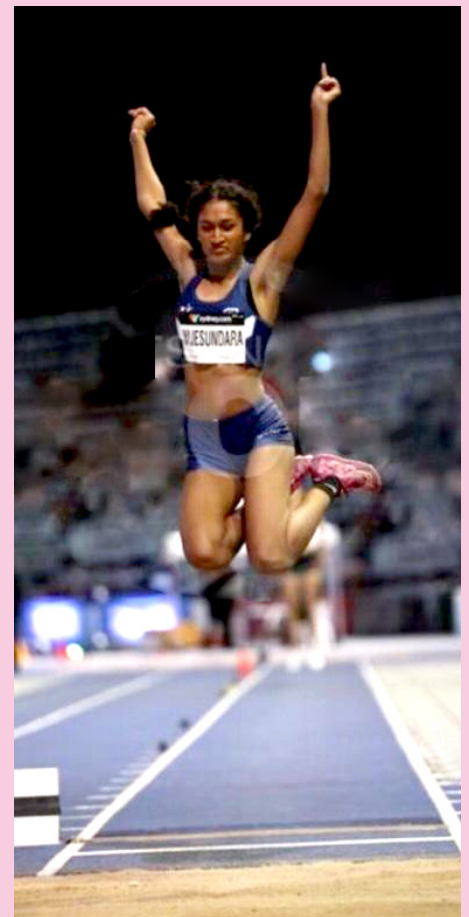


## HER FUTURE AMBITIONS

She is highly talented and trying to keep good balance between her education and sports and determined to represent Australia at the highest levels. Therefore, she nowadays plans to concentrate on Hurdles, Long Jump and Sprinting Events to give a crack dreaming to compete in the Olympic Games one day. Shahana's Guidance to the Younger Generation

Finally, she shared her stories and views about her journey up to now and asks our younger generations to follow their dreams with sports giving your best shot at whatever you do and do not give up, even things are not turning out the way you were anticipating for. Also, it is very important to show good sportsmanship on and off the field.

As JAAI Community, we wish her every success on her way to be an outstanding and prominent Athletic Star in the world!!



# JAAI MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE 2021-2022

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**JAPURA ALUMNI AUSTRALIA INC.**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2021**  
**APPROVED & AUDITED INCOME STATEMENT**

|                                                              | <b>2021<br/>AUD</b> | <b>2020<br/>AUD</b> |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| <b>INCOME</b>                                                |                     |                     |
| Membership Fee                                               | 3,450               | 620                 |
| Events Income                                                | 550                 | 6,803               |
| Members Welfare                                              | 2,800               | -                   |
| Other Welfare projects                                       | -                   | 3,119               |
| <b>TOTAL INCOME</b>                                          | <b>6,800</b>        | <b>10,542</b>       |
| <b>LESS : EXPENSES</b>                                       |                     |                     |
| Member Welfare                                               | 5,799               | -                   |
| Other Welfare projects                                       | -                   | 4,725               |
| Subscriptions                                                | 90                  | 90                  |
| IT and Communication                                         | 510                 | 210                 |
| Committee Meetings                                           | 289                 | 235                 |
| Leagal and compliance                                        | 170                 | 59                  |
| Event Expenses                                               | -                   | 3,486               |
| Insurance                                                    | -                   | 584                 |
| Sponsorship receivable written off                           | -                   | 500                 |
| Bank Chargers                                                | -                   | 41                  |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>                                        | <b>6,858</b>        | <b>9,930</b>        |
| <b>NET RESULTS BEFORE TRANSFERS TO MEMBERS' WELFARE FUND</b> | <b>(58)</b>         | <b>612</b>          |
| <b>LESS : Transfers to Members Welfare fund</b>              | <b>(2,999)</b>      | <b>-</b>            |
| <b>NET RESULTS FOR THE YEAR</b>                              | <b>2,941</b>        | <b>612</b>          |





**JAPURA ALUMNI AUSTRALIA INC.**  
**AS AT 30<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2021**  
**APPROVED & AUDITED BALANCE SHEET**

|                                     | <b>2021<br/>AUD</b> | <b>2020<br/>AUD</b> |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| <b>ASSETS</b>                       |                     |                     |
| <b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>               |                     |                     |
| Cash at Bank - ANZ                  | 9,537               | 11,046              |
| Cash at Bank - Bank of Ceylon       | 10,503              | 14,098              |
| Term Deposits - Bank of Ceylon      | 68,087              | 77,710              |
| Cash In Hand                        | 11                  | 11                  |
| <b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>                 | <b>88,139</b>       | <b>102,865</b>      |
| <b>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>       |                     |                     |
| <b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>          |                     |                     |
| Payables                            | 188                 | 2,138               |
| <b>TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>    | <b>188</b>          | <b>2,138</b>        |
| <b>EQUITY</b>                       |                     |                     |
| Accumulated Surplus                 | 8,261               | 6,472               |
| Members Welfare Fund                | -                   | 1,847               |
| Scholarship Fund                    | 79,690              | 92,408              |
| <b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>                 | <b>87,951</b>       | <b>100,727</b>      |
| <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b> | <b>88,139</b>       | <b>102,865</b>      |



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