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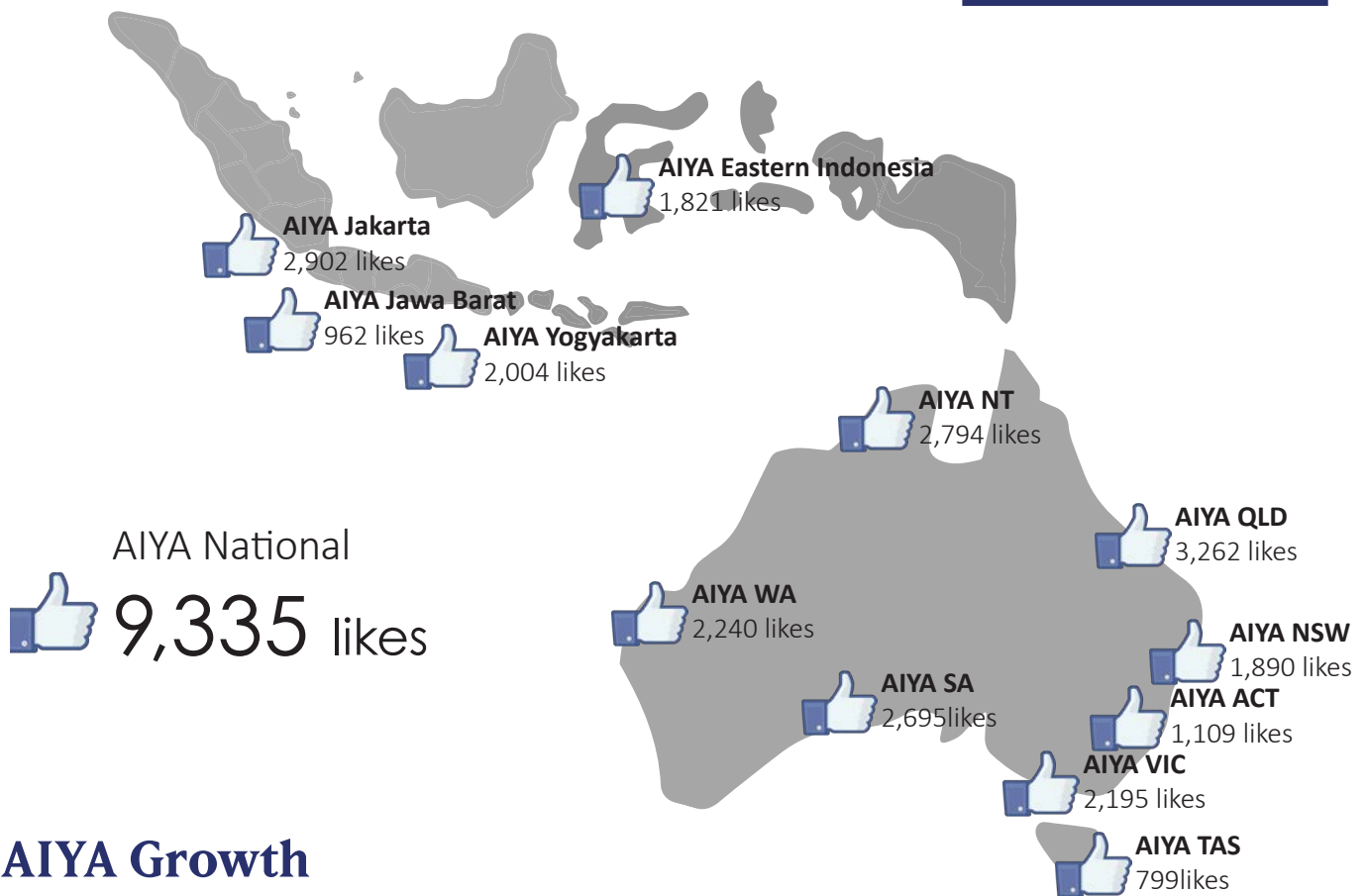
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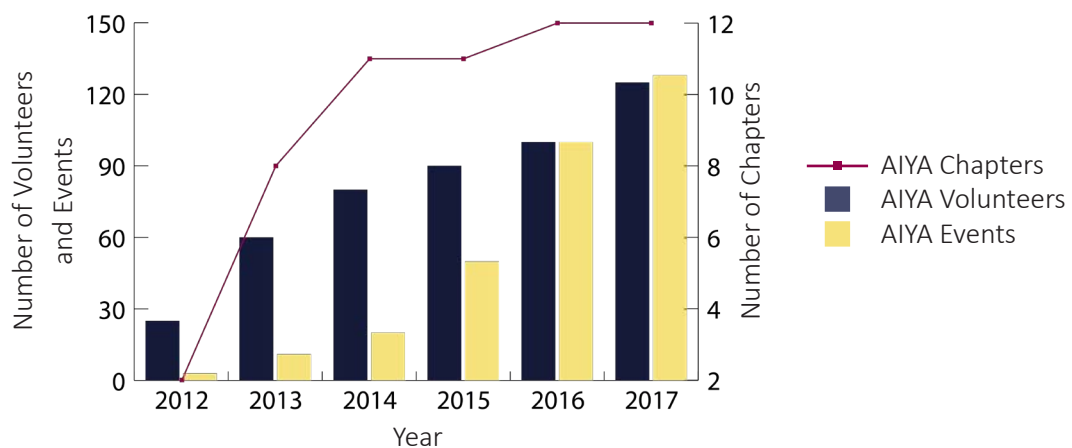
# AIYA National Updates

## AIYA at a Glance

### Facebook Page Likes



## AIYA Growth



**300+**  
total paying  
AIYA members



**125+**  
Number of AIYA  
Volunteers



**2,200+**  
Twitter followers



**540+**  
Linkedin followers



**130+**  
events organised  
across AIYA chapters



**5,000+**  
weekly mail links  
subscribers



**530+**  
Instagram followers

\*Statistics based on AIYA National's Social Media



# President's Welcome

*On behalf of AIYA National, we are very pleased to showcase the memorable and successful 2017 for AIYA!*

Five years ago, there were very few platforms or networks which enabled young Australians and Indonesians to share and explore their deep interest in both Australia and Indonesia and to collaborate on projects and initiatives that strengthen the cultural understanding of the people of both countries.

2017 was the milestone fifth year of operations for AIYA, the peak non-government youth body that aims to connect, inform and inspire young Australians and Indonesians, and to create, facilitate and open up opportunities for increased bilateral youth engagement.

We have now grown to a massive team of over 120 volunteers across both countries! It is a privilege to lead this passionate and talented group of young people who are dedicated to the growth and development of the organisation and who recognise and value the role that AIYA plays in in the Australia-Indonesia space.

The AIYA Annual is an opportunity to present a summary of the entirety of AIYA's highlights to our members, supporters, friends, families and partner organisations. It is a chance to reflect and to celebrate what we achieved from countless hours of effort fuelled only by semangat. From running the third annual National Australia Indonesia Language Awards (NAILA) and contributing a submission to DFAT's Foreign Policy White Paper, to launching AIYA Eastern Indonesia and building upon our existing partnerships, 2017 has certainly been a big year for AIYA.

Our admirable communications team has done a fantastic job of keeping you all up to date via our weekly AIYA Links newsletter and via regular social media updates. Each executive committee of an AIYA chapter has strived to boost AIYA's impact at the chapter level, and they have all done a remarkable job.

In particular, I would like to extend a massive thank you to the incredible members of AIYA National who moved on from their roles in 2017- Natasha Burrows (former Director of Communications), Sam Bashfield (former Director of partnership and Memberships); Katrina Steedman (former Director of Operations); Liam Gammon (former AIYA Links Editor) and Anastasia Pavlovic (former Web and Video Officer). All of these people made a huge impact on their portfolios, and fortunately we have experienced great succession with new committee members at both the National and Chapter levels.

AIYA is extremely grateful for the ongoing support of our partners and our members, without which we would not be able to continue to do what we love. We look forward to continuing to work together in 2018 and to having you involved in our events and initiatives.

Salam semangat,  
**Nicholas Mark**



# AIYA National Executive Committee

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# Message from A



**Paul Grigson**  
Australia's Ambassador to Indonesia

Over three years as Australian Ambassador to Indonesia it has given me great pleasure to see the people-to-people links between our countries continue to grow and mature. Both relatively young countries, our young people have also gravitated towards each other and have a fascination for exploring the cultures and languages of our (almost) nearest neighbour.

Indonesia and Australia have no greater asset than our young people. Each year around 19,000 Indonesian students choose to study in Australian universities and colleges, and more than 3000 New Colombo Plan students have come to Indonesia since 2014 making it the most popular destination. Hundreds more participate in youth exchange programs such as AIYEP, the Muslim Exchange Program, Australian Volunteers for International Development and the school-based BRIDGE program.

In my time as Ambassador I am immensely proud of the fact that we have more than doubled our alumni network which continues to foster stronger links between our two countries. I have also established an internship program to encourage graduates from both countries to work in Australia's largest embassy, in Jakarta.

This year I was pleased to host a number of young people from both countries, including from AIYA, for the inaugural Australia-Indonesia Youth Leaders' Workshop in May at the embassy in Jakarta. It was a great opportunity to share experiences and explore the role youth play in our bilateral relationship.

The Australia Indonesia Youth Association is a standard bearer in inspiring and connecting young people in both countries. Its annual Bahasa Indonesia language competition has become a prestigious platform, and a great motivation for Australians to master Indonesian.

I wish AIYA's membership and leadership well in all its endeavours and am pleased to continue to support AIYA through the Australia Indonesia Institute of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

**Paul Grigson**  
Australia's Ambassador to Indonesia



# mbassadors

**A**n old saying goes: We can choose our friends, but never our neighbours. This saying applies to the relations between Indonesia and Australia, where neither chose to be neighbours with the other, yet were placed next to each other by the Almighty.

As next-door neighbours, Indonesia and Australia were created to be perfectly different. Such differences must not become a hindrance; rather it should be used to perfectly complement each other, to strengthen existing cooperation and to seek new ways to enhance the welfare of our peoples.

To do so, both Indonesia and Australia need to better understand each other. And there is no better way to do this than by building trust, relations and appreciation between its peoples, particularly its youths.

Established in 2011, the Australia Indonesia Youth Association (AIYA) has successfully contributed to this noble cause. Through its many activities, AIYA has engaged, connected and inspired Indonesian and Australian youths to learn more about each other, and thereby deepening mutual understanding between communities across the borders of the two countries.

Right now, more than 1.2 million Australian tourists are visiting Indonesia annually while around 19,000 Indonesian students pursue higher education in Australia. This momentum can be sustained and elevated through the work of organisations like AIYA, thereby further enhancing the thriving peer-to-peer relations between Indonesia and Australia.

The Embassy of the Republic of Indonesia in Canberra, together with all Indonesian Missions in Australia, is committed to work together with AIYA in connecting our youths and promoting the closer friendship between them.

**Y. Kristiarto S. Legowo**  
Ambassador of Indonesia to Australia



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Ambassador of Indonesia to Australia

# AIYA Blog 2017 in Review

The end of 2017 means another chance to recap the most fascinating highlights of the AIYA Blog.

**W**e started the year with a series of enlightening discussions with recipients of the Darmasiswa Scholarship, which saw our contributors describe the opportunity to live and study language, culture and the arts in Indonesia as ‘[a huge privilege](#)’, ‘[an amazing, diverse experience](#)’ and ‘[a truly global program](#)’.

The AIYA Blog spoke to an exciting plethora of informative and inspirational individuals, from [Rob Henry](#), a man with an important message, to playwright [Sandra Thibodeaux](#), to [language lover](#) Ochie Chandra DeMeulenaere. And who could forget the unique perspectives of distinguished journalist and columnist Desi Anwar in a [two-part](#) conversation.

*Focusing on one element of a country is an easy way to dismiss its complexity.*

— *Desi Anwar*



Our [Career Champion](#) series saw us interview those who have achieved success in the public domain – accomplished individuals who have pursued their passion across a lifetime – including professional footballer [Robbie Gaspar](#) and academic [Jeffrey Neilson](#). We were truly stumped after our chat with cricket enthusiast [Bruce Christie](#)!

Exploration of cultures and societies has always been a strong focus of the Blog, and this year was no exception. Diyanti Koroh and Albert Christian Soewongsono explained the traditions of [Easter](#) and [Christmas](#) respectively in Kupang, East Nusa Tenggara, while Jane Ahlstrand took us through the diversity of Balinese [music](#) and [dance](#) (visit the [JembARTan](#) blog for more!).

Insightful critical analysis came in the form of research from qualified academics on topics such as the dangers of plastic pollution, the science of collaboration and social equality (note that these were originally published on [The Conversation](#)).

*When a local Dayak leader started negotiations by laying his sword on the table between us, I decided it was time to leave.*  
— Jeffrey Neilson

More recently, the AIYA Blog played host to interviews with award-winning filmmakers Rosie Clynes and Michael Abimanyu Kaeng in support of the [ReelOzInd!](#) Australia Indonesia Short Film Competition and Festival, as well from some funny and friendly supporters of AIYA as part of our [Member Spotlight](#) series.

With [sassy film](#) reviews, exciting event recaps explorations of subversive [pop culture](#) and news of the launch of a [new AIYA Chapter](#) in Indonesia, the Blog was filled with enlightening discussions and wise revelations. The AIYA Blog editing team were humbled by the rich and genuine character of the individuals, who are either profiled on or submit to the blog and who purvey goodness and empathy on a daily basis. We saw only a small proportion of these individuals on the AIYA Blog in 2017, and the Australia-Indonesia youth relationship is all the better for it.







# NAILA Update

## What is NAILA?

The National Australia Indonesia Language Awards (or NAILA) is an initiative of the Australia-Indonesia Youth Association (AIYA) that aims to reward and foster the development of Indonesian language learning in Australia. It is the first language competition of its kind bringing together speakers from all different age groups and backgrounds to enable them to learn, network and mentor one another. For a more detailed wrap-up of NAILA's 2017 program including information about the winners, [please click here](#).

## NAILA in 2017

Building from the 2015 and 2016 competitions, NAILA introduced two new award categories: the Junior Executive Award and the Teachers Award. In 2017, our team received a record 133 high-quality video entries in Indonesian.

The theme of this year's competition was 'Asal Usul Kita/Saya' meaning 'Our/My Origin(s)'. Participants from across Australia and Indonesia were given the opportunity to present on a broad range of issues related to this year's theme.

It was fantastic to hear primary school students in remote Australia present about their ancestral origins, tertiary students speak about the origins of their interests in studying Bahasa Indonesia, executive-level speakers speak about origins of the bilateral relationship, and native Indonesian speakers express their thoughts on Indonesia's many languages.

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## Awards Weekend

NAILA celebrated its third year with an awards ceremony and networking weekend in Melbourne on 10 – 12 November. The awards evening, hosted by the Australia Indonesia Business Council – Victoria, was attended by over 100 guests including Ibu Dewi Savitri Wahab (Indonesian Consul General, Melbourne), Mr. Joel Backwell (Executive Director – International Education at the Department of Education and Training, Victoria) and Mr. John Cheong Holdaway (NAILA 2017 Judge and NAILA 2015 Executive Awardee).

Richard Mathews, Australian Consul General to Makassar, delivered his congratulations to all the participants of NAILA 2017 via video message. The Hon Bill Johnston MLA, Minister for Asian Engagement, Western Australia also congratulated the participants and commented on the importance of Indonesian language study.

The 2017 awardees delivered their winning entries in front of their families, friends and members of the Australia-Indonesia community.

Over the awards weekend, the awardees and their families explored Melbourne, enjoyed an Indonesian lunch, participated in a gamelan workshop hosted by the Melbourne Community Gamelan, and had a private dinner. During the weekend awardees had the opportunity to meet leaders in the Australia-Indonesia relationship, connect with each other and members of the NAILA community, and form lasting friendships.

NAILA is incredibly grateful to our 2017 VIP judges: Dr. Angie Bexley, Mr. Kevin Evans, Ms. Sekar Sari, Mr. John Cheong-Holdaway and Dr. Lily Yulianti Farid.

NAILA is driven by a dynamic and talented group of young Australian and Indonesian volunteers who are dedicated to improving the bilateral relationship.

NAILA is incredibly grateful to our partners for their support and we are extremely proud of every applicant in our 2017 competition. Without them, NAILA would not be possible.

## Connect with NAILA!

Visit the website:

<https://2017.naila.org.au/> and follow NAILA on Facebook, Twitter and YouTube!



# AIYA Chapter Updates

## Australian Capital Territory

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In 2017, AIYA ACT was busy again with its usual academic panels, annual Networking Night and weekly language exchanges. We were excited to host a few flagship events including orientation events, new-release movie screenings and sport activities.

An orientation picnic was held on the shores of Lake Burley Griffin, to meet new Indonesian studies students and welcome back old ones. After enjoying the sun, a swim and barbeque, it was exciting to get to know about each other's future plans in Indonesia. At an Indonesian Studies information evening, new students were encouraged to talk to older students about their Indonesian study and exchange experiences, over an Indonesian buffet. As ANU hosts world-class Indonesian language, politics and culture courses, is home to leaders in Indonesia academia and offers numerous exchange opportunities and scholarships, this was a great way to showcase the opportunities available at ANU.

AIYA ACT hosted two new-release Indonesian films this year: 'Cek Toko Sebelah', an Indonesian feel-good comedy, and 'Kartini', a celebration of the national heroine. With over 230 people attending each screening, these events were a fantastic way to see the broader Canberra community, of both Australians and Indonesians, gathering together to engage in Indonesian culture. A particular highlight of the 'Kartini' film screening, held at the National Film and Sound Archive, was a panel discussion where Indonesian women professionals were interviewed about their views on the legacy of Kartini and feminism in Indonesia more generally.

"Yuk Main" or "Let's Play" was AIYA ACT's first sporting event, held in conjunction with PPIA ANU. Located on a sports oval at ANU, we started the afternoon with a warmup of the Indonesian dance poco-poco, followed by learning AFL skills and playing a small AFL game. We then played Indonesian traditional games including sack racing and krupuk



eating (which is very similar to the Australian version of eating donuts from a washing line)! The highlight of the afternoon was retrieving a coin covered in sambal from inside the flesh of a watermelon – with our teeth! Even though milk was provided to soften the blow of sambal, some students were feeling the burn a few hours afterwards! To finish off the afternoon, we enjoyed a barbeque of sausages, sate, tempeh and freshly-made pavlova. This event was a great way to engage with and enjoy each country's cultural activities but discover that Australians and Indonesians really aren't that different after all!

At the conclusion of 2017, AIYA ACT is sad to see a few long-serving members leaving the committee, in particular Sophie Hewitt as President and Ella Kelly as Secretary.

#### **Committee:**

**2016/17: President - Sophie Hewitt, Vice President - Anna Filling, Treasurer - Jeremy Hutton, Secretary - Ella Kelly, General Executive Officers - Arif Zamani, Breanna Gabbert, Freya Gaunt, Ingrid Olbrei, Rifa Fatharani, Evie Sharman, Harvey Keown, Uma Ossatjyz, Peter Gilbert, Lachlan Aynsley, Dominic Huntley and Heloise Duce**

**2017/18: President - Peter Gilbert, Vice President - Ade Tinessia, Treasurer - Evie Sharman, Secretary - Jaya Pastor Elsegood, Communications Officer - Virag, General Executive Officers - Jake Reeve, Breanna Gabbert, Jeremy Hutton, Uma Ossatjyz, Sarah Binney and Natasha Ramadan**





## AIYA Chapter Updates

# Jakarta

*AIYA Jakarta is currently focusing on growing its membership and partnerships through hosting more regular events!*

We are pleased to be partnering with TelkomTelstra (an Australian-Indonesian joint business venture) to host our fortnightly Language Exchange programs at their office. We host two language exchange programs to facilitate our two different markets: students and young working professionals. Around 20-30 participants regularly meet to discuss recent issues, selected topics and have casual conversation in both English and Bahasa Indonesia. We do hope that AIYA Jakarta and TelkomTelstra can further collaborate in the future! We are also looking at doing Language Exchange at other universities across Jakarta to broaden our AIYA network.

*We also host monthly coffee catch ups, famously dubbed CEPAT KAYA, or Capek Macet Mending Nongkrong Bareng AIYA.*

The idea behind this is that a lot of Jakartan young professionals try to find an escape while waiting for the crazy, afternoon peak hour traffic to subside. It's a casual event where we gather in a coffee shop and hang out with other AIYA members and the AIYA executive team. The event is typically held at coffee shops around Senopati area such as Crematology Coffee Roasters and Coffee Toffee!

We've also hosted some big events every few months this year! The first big event was an Australia Awards Information Session, in partnership with Australia Awards Indonesia to give people further information

about the prestigious Australian scholarship. The event also aired live on our Facebook account, so people from outside Jakarta could participate and ask questions. We received a big turnout of members and their friends keen to hear the presentation from Australia Awards representatives. Our very own Vice President for Internal Affairs, Felix Sihombing, also shared his first-hand experience studying in Australia.

Straight afterwards, we held Buka Bersama at Gado-Gado Boplo for attendees to break the fast with friends! AIYA members from various religions enjoyed sharing a meal with their Muslim friends celebrating the holy month, and it was another great way to bring people together.

This year, we also held a Basa-Basi event, themed "Young Australians and Indonesians that Shape the Relationship". We invited three young speakers from both countries. Murray O'Hanlon from the Australian Embassy in Indonesia spoke about the contribution of the Australian government in Indonesia's development sector. Aqmarina Andhira from Rumah Cerita talked about her work in children's development funded by the Australian government, and Anton Lucanus from Neliti.com discussed how the platform he developed has helped to digitise Indonesian literature so it can be easily accessed by people around the world. We received great feedback from each of the speakers and the audience commented they felt inspired to contribute more in the bilateral relationship.

Following the Basa-Basi Event, we organised an online campaign to celebrate Indonesia's Independence Day





in August. We encouraged our members to post a picture of them with our frame and add some words of what Indonesia really means to them alongside the hashtag #INDONESIAadalah. We also had our Vice President of External Affairs, Greg Reynolds, walking around Kota Tua in North Jakarta to interview people on what Indonesia means to them, a video of which was shared on our Facebook page.

For anyone who has spent time in Jakarta, you would know what a challenge getting anywhere usually is – which is why we are particularly grateful to our AIYA Jakarta members and friends for making the effort to attend our events and be engaged in our activities! Thanks for a great 2017 and we are looking forward to more fun in 2018.

#### **Committee:**

**2017/18: President - Sekar Langit, Vice President (Internal) - Felix Sihombing, Vice President (External) - Greg Reynolds, Secretary and Treasurer - Ardelia Nabila, Events Officer - Asti Setiadi, Communications Officer - Stella Hie, Community Engagement Officer - Truman Ceallia.**



## AIYA Chapter Updates

# New South Wales

In 2017, AIYA NSW has expanded our portfolio of events, fostered friendships and reached out to new sections of the NSW community. The Chapter has worked to build on multiple layers of the Australian and Indonesian youth relationship: from schools engagement, to university students and young professionals through a suite of exciting events; like a giant kue lapis of Australian-Indonesian youth connections!

We held our inaugural Military Diplomacy event, with panelists from academia, army and policy officers joining to discuss the changing nature of Aus-Indo Military partnerships. This event attracted both professionals with interests in security relationships, as well as university students with broad policy and defence interests beyond Indonesia. This was a successful event based on the Chapter's aim to engage more non-Indonesianists within our community.

*2017 also saw the return of the **Great Garooda Debate** – where two teams of three fierce debaters battled for grand supremacy on serious topics such as populism in politics, to who has more tech savvy politicians, to whether nasi padang beats out a lamington!*







Our Malam Karier brought together diverse professionals to share their career and academic experience, as well as how their Indonesian language skills or knowledge was useful in their respective careers. Our speakers included:

- Dr Kirrilee Hughes, CEO, AFS Intercultural Programs Australia;
- Dr Elisabeth Kramer, Deputy Director, Sydney Southeast Asia Centre;
- Nugra Akbari, IT Domain Specialist, Telstra;
- Ruly Fitrah, Deputy Director, Indonesia Investment Promotion Centre Sydney (BKPM)
- Francisco Widjojo, Associate, Baker McKenzie, former Business Development Manager, PT. Ultra Sakti. CAUSINDY 2017 Alumnus.

The advice of our wonderful speakers rang true for younger graduates picking their university subjects, recent graduates scratching their heads at the next step to pursuing work in Australia or Indonesia, and to those already in workforce who were heartened by the advice that there's always pathways and ways to grow in our respective careers.

Our chapter's commitment to sharing and celebrating Bahasa Indonesia at all levels continued this year. During semester, we hosted weekly language exchanges at the University of Sydney as well as some joint celebrations with PPIA NSW. We also hosted our first Young Professionals language exchange in the city in November. Other key events included our Kartini Film Screening, hosting three Aus-Indo social nights for the visiting AIYEP delegation, ReelOzInd! Screening and AIYA goes surfing!

The Chapter bowed out stage left for this year—rocking out to the sweet tunes of Bali band Navicula and non-for-profit Kopernik discussing music and technology—plugging in our amps/tuning into various social and environmental issues facing Indonesia. Malam Trivia continues to be a staple summer event for the Chapter; bringing Indonesians, Australians, quizzers, and Flodge enthusiasts together to have friendly nongkrong and celebrate all things Aus-Indo! We want to pass our thanks on to the 2016/2017 executive team and are excited for all the coming events in 2018!

#### **Committee:**

**2016/17: President - Vira Munaf, Vice President - Leah Emmanuel, Treasurer - Stanley Lee, Events Officer - Owen James, Communications Officer - Madeline Charles, Community Outreach Officer - Patrick Hendra, General Executive Officers - Andre Hidayat and Bening Putri Wardhani**

**2017/18: President and Treasurer - Owen James, Vice President - Andre Hidayat, Secretary - Katherine Hudson, Events Officer - Andaleeb Akhand, Communications Officer - Widhia Kurnia Sukmono, Community Outreach Officer - Josie Lange, General Executive Officers - Bening Putri Wardhani, Brittany Betteridge, Leah Emmanuel, Giana Ramadianti and Febe Haryanto**

## AIYA Chapter Updates

# Northern Territory

*2017 has been an incredibly interesting, promising year for AIYA Northern Territory.*

This year, we have proudly grown and strengthened connections with local organisations across Darwin and its hinterland. Our membership base has increased and we have successfully organised two events and two workshops. Moreover, the number of attendees at our events has grown and our executive team is its strongest yet!

Over the course of 2017, our executive team has attended over 20 different formal events, of which one of our highlights was attending the Conferral Ceremony for former Indonesian President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono as he received an honorary doctorate degree in economics from Charles Darwin University.



Our Kartini movie screening saw the largest recorded number of attendees for an AIYA NT event – little did we know Darwin was home to so many Indonesian film fans! For our hard-working executive team, it was incredibly satisfying to see the community getting involved in our efforts.

Since 2016, our Chapter has benefited considerably from a stronger and more organised executive team, which has enabled us to achieve bigger and better things. We are delighted by the participation of the Darwin community in our events and efforts. In particular, we wish to thank Pak Consul Andre Omer Siregar of the Indonesian Consulate in Darwin. His advocacy of our organisation and events has been instrumental to our success this year.





Our sincere thanks and appreciation goes to both Vice-chancellor Professor Simon Maddocks and Dr Nathan Franklin of Charles Darwin University, former Director of DFAT-NT Mr. Lorenzo Strano and his team, former PPIA-NT president Ka Faatih Natasha and her team, Mr Luke Gosling PM, Mr Terry Mills MLA, Alderman Gary Haslet, former president of AIBC-NT Eddie Morgan, current president of DIWA-NT and AIBC-NT Ibu Linda and her team, president of IIFA-NT Bapak Rudi Siagawanto and the Northern Territory Government for all their consistent support for AIYA NT throughout 2017.

2018 will be an exciting year for our chapter. We are excited by current discussions with other Darwin-based organisations which may lead to future partnerships which will continue to foster and promote the Indo-Australia relationship. Whilst Darwin is not Australia's largest city, we will forever remain the closest major city to Indonesia. Thus, AIYA NT remains an integral chapter and is ultimately why we believe the AIYA NT chapter will remain strong for years to come. We look forward to what we can achieve in 2018!

#### **Committee:**

**2016/17: President - Kyaw Naing John Yusuf, Vice President - Lara Whitehouse, Treasurer - Max Stretton, Grants Officer - Frankie Brougham, Secretary - Fathan Harsya, Communications Officer - Al Rifki, Events Officer - Lang Williamson**

**2017/18: President - Max Stretton, Treasurer - Steven Jingga**



## AIYA Chapter Updates

# Eastern Indonesia

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AIYA Eastern Indonesia is the newest AIYA Chapter, based in two provinces, Nusa Tenggara Timur (NTT) and South Sulawesi. These two committees represent the vast region of Eastern Indonesia, and this dual-committee system marks a point of difference from other AIYA chapters. This new chapter is led by two women: Claudia Dhaja as president of the NTT Committee and Mentari Rahman as the president of the South Sulawesi Committee.

*2017 has been a great year for NTT! We consistently continued to engage with more young individuals and host youthful events throughout the year.*

### Nusa Tenggara Timur

**A**IYA Eastern Indonesia's NTT Committee seeks to provide the youth of Eastern Indonesia with links to educational opportunities whilst fostering strong connections between young Indo-Oz Individuals.

We kicked off 2017 with our first Language Exchange in July. The event was a success, and a number of local young people, professional individuals and Australians who were in Kupang for 'Bahasa Indonesia untuk Penutur Asing' ('Indonesian for Foreign Speakers') (BIPA) Program attended alongside people from other nationalities and local youth communities in Kupang. The event was truly beneficial for those who participated especially for the visiting Australian students who were able to improve their Indonesian language proficiency. A wide range of conversation topics, a special Sasando-playing performance, live music performance from the band Kincir Angin and free coffees and snacks, made for a great evening for everyone. We're thankful to Basement Cafe for helping to make the evening such a success.

In August, we held AIYA EASTINDO UniBRIDGE Information Session and TOEFL Trial Test in collaboration with MITRA Association of Widya Mandira Catholic University, which aimed to promote





AIYA to high-school and university students and at the same time, attract new memberships from others who attend the event. Over 50 people attended and, we were honored to have the guest speaker, Jeremy Taylor from Three for All Foundation Melbourne, who helped the committee facilitate the TOEFL test and also our sponsor, Victory Book Kupang, who provided us with prizes for trivia game held during the information session. In his interactive presentation, Jeremy discussed some tips and tricks to getting a good TOEFL score as well as many interesting things about the Land Down Under. Responses from this event were very positive, indicated by several attendees who requested more TOEFL and IELTS trial tests at our upcoming events and the several new registered AIYA members.

Most of the Kupang-based members of AIYA EastIndo have been closely engaged with UniBRIDGE long before the establishment of AIYA in Eastern Indonesia. UniBRIDGE has helped strengthen the Indo-Oz bilateral relationship at a grass-roots level. In September, we hosted our second language exchange with students from Charles Darwin University. We're really happy to say that this language exchange between Australian and Indonesians still continues to grow!

The high interest among young people in NTT to pursue higher education abroad led us to host an Online Scholarship Discussion in October. By using WhatsApp as the medium, we could reach young people from other regions in NTT to be able to also join the discussion.

In this event, former AIYA NTT executive member and LPDP Scholarship awardee, Albert Soewongsono, who is currently studying Mathematics at ANU spoke, alongside his fellow LPDP awardee, Indriani Manu, who is also currently studying in Australia. The informative presentations from Albert and Indriani alongside the Q&A at the conclusion of the event made for a fruitful discussion. Our committee executives, Dije and Lilyen were overwhelmed by the onslaught of questions from enthusiastic participants.

Committee President Claudya Dhaja has wrapped up 2017 commenting, "we're really happy with what we've done over the past few months. Thank you to the NTT executives, members, partners and sponsors for their hard-work and cooperation. We look forward to becoming better than what we are today in the years to come".





## Makassar (South Sulawesi)

The South Sulawesi Committee of AIYA Eastern Indonesia has been supported and works closely with the newly-established Australian Consulate General in Makassar. We began in 2017 by conducting a soft launch event, titled “Do You Want To Study or Work in Australia?” in May at Bosowa University. The event was incredibly successful, attracting 178 attendees and helping to raise awareness among South Sulawesi youth of scholarship opportunities to study in Australia such as the Australia Awards Short-Term and Endeavour Scholarships and Fellowships. Similarly, participants had the opportunity to gather information about work opportunities in Australia through the Australia Working Holiday Visa. This event featured speakers including the Vice Consul of the Australian Consulate General in Makassar, and other Australian alumni.

Following this, we assisted the Department of Education and Training of the Australian Embassy to hold several “Endeavour Scholarships and Fellowships Information Sessions”. A two-day event was hosted at two prominent universities in Makassar, Bosowa University and Hasanuddin University. The event allowed professionals and students in South Sulawesi to gain further information about Endeavour Scholarships, a lesser-known scholarship opportunity compared to the Australia Awards. This event was concluded with an IELTS Tryout for participants wanting to practice their English language skills.

During Ramadan, we collaborated with the Celebes Institute for the Study of Care of Children and Adolescents (LKPARC) to run a community outreach activity at Nur Ikhsan Orphanage. In order to share happiness and do good deeds, the outreach endeavour comprised games, social activities, sex education, a Quran recital contest as well as an Islamic speech competition. We ended the activity by breaking the fast and distributing gifts to the orphans. Overall, the opportunity to share joy with underprivileged children was incredibly inspiring and life-changing for the AIYA members involved.

Our most significant highlight of the year was the official launch event of AIYA Eastern Indonesia and the AussieBanget Corner in July. Richard Matthews, the Consul General of the Australian Consulate General in Makassar, Prof. Budu, the representative of Hasanuddin University, and Clarice Campbell, AIYA Director of Operations, attended and delivered opening remarks at the launch event. The two presidents of the respective committees, Mentari Rahman and Claudia Dhajaalso, had the opportunity to present closing speeches at the inauguration. This event successfully drew more than 120 participants. Violet Rish, the former vice consul of Australian Consulate General in Makassar, stated that a previous soft launch event held in May and today’s official launch event were the most successful collaborative events she has attended in Makassar. She also



provided “many thanks to Mentari and her South Sulawesi Committee for the constant hard work to bring Makassar into AIYA!”.

Towards the end of the year, we held our first Language Exchange meet-up to support Australians and Indonesians based in Makassar to improve their Indonesian or English and increase awareness of Indonesian and Australian culture. The meet up was incredibly successful, and attracted Australians and Indonesians, but also drew foreigners from Iran and the UK! The more the merrier!

We already have big plans for 2018, including a scholarship coaching webinar for scholarship hunters next-year. We have had requests from young people in Riau, Surabaya, and Ambon to hold a scholarship event in their cities. Whilst our chapter is geographically limited to South Sulawesi, the chapter will conduct a webinar to accommodate Indonesian scholarship candidates from a broader area and ultimately disseminate information about scholarship and study opportunities in Australia.

AIYA Eastern Indonesia would like to express its sincerest gratitude to the South Sulawesi Committee and NTT Committee for their fruitful collaboration to strengthen this new and improved Chapter. A special thanks to the Australian Consulate General in Makassar for their continuing support and assistance. 2017 has been a roller-coaster ride, and we are excited to welcome 2018 with more engaging and unforgettable events!

#### **Committee 2017/18:**

**NTT: President - Claudya Dhaja, Vice President - Ricardus Williams D.Wau, Treasurer - Lilyen Sede**  
**South Sulawesi: President - Mentari Rahman, Vice President - Emily Logan, Secretary and Treasurer - Muhlis Ismail Kasim, Communications Officer - Chaerul Anwar, Events Officers - Mudassir Hasri Gani and Ahmad Fadli Mappeaty**







## AIYA Chapter Updates Queensland

**A**IYA Queensland had a fantastic year, with many events and achievements thanks to the hard work of our committee and participation from our members. Our year's events included social nights, experiencing cultures, and connecting young professionals working on the Australia-Indonesia relationship.

We started the year off with a bang at Sendok Garpu restaurant. Delicious food and challenging questions made for an extremely enjoyable Trivia Night! The best part about this night was that we were connecting Australians and Indonesians in a fun atmosphere. We also hosted Migration and Visa Seminar with Alex Halim and Associates. This was a highly informative evening as we learnt about options for Indonesians to study longer and possibly live long-term in Australia.



One of the highlights from this year was the many celebrations of Kartini Day. We collaborated with Perhimpunan Indonesia Queensland (PIQ) and hosted a night to commemorate the birth of Indonesia's feminist icon, R.A. Kartini. Committee member Lachlan read a beautiful story about Kartini's life. Nia also performed an Indonesian a capella song. We celebrated Kartini Day with a special Language Exchange day with 'Pojok Indonesia Conversation Group' at UQ. We shared our thoughts about Kartini's legacy, while enjoying delicious Indonesian snacks, klepon and lumpia! AIYA QLD also hosted a screening of the biographic film "Kartini". It was a brilliant opportunity to learn more about the life of Kartini. Some of us may have even shed a few tears!

The year got more exciting when we travelled up to the Sunshine Coast for 'Winter at the Beach' barbecue event. We recently went back to meet Lily and Rezkhy, local UniBRIDGE Ambassadors, for a night of pizzas by the beach and ngobrol-ngobrol. It was a great night to catch up with our friends on the Sunshine Coast!

We are delighted to have increased our collaboration with the Australia-Indonesia Business Council (AIBC) QLD this year. We were invited to attend their board meeting to introduce AIYA and discuss how we can collaborate more closely. In September, we partnered with AIBC QLD to host 'Indonesian Opportunities Networking Event'. Inviting a panel of speakers Rebecca Hall (Trade & Investment Queensland), Dr Emma Baulch (QUT Digital Media Research Centre),





Dr Greta Nabbs-Keller, (UQ International Development), and Ruly Fitrah (BKPM), we showcased the opportunities in Indonesia for young professionals and businesses. The speakers emphasised the opportunities in international education and training, tourism, and public service, including the increasing investment into Indonesian capacity building and technical expertise by the Australian government, and the importance of learning Bahasa Indonesia and studying in Indonesia. This was a great insight and we are proud that many of our members are alumni of Indonesian study programs. More excitingly, Liam is heading to Indonesia for AIYEP 2017/18 program while Zac will spend a year in Indonesia on ACICIS!



We had the opportunity to meet so many great people this year, including Mr Richard Matthews, the Australian Consul-General for Makassar, and Indonesian Ambassador to Australia H.E. Mr Kristiarto Legowo. It was wonderful to catch up with them and to have their support for the role of young people in bilateral relationship between Australia and Indonesia.



That's a wrap for 2017! We hope our events have been connecting, informing, and inspiring young Australians and Indonesians. Sampai jumpa tahun depan!

#### Committee:

**2017/18: President - Rachmania Wardhani, Vice President - Isaac Bennett, Secretary - Priscilla Tjokrowijoto, Treasurer - Joel Adsett, Events Officer - Liam Mckinnie, Communications Officer - Zachary Look, Community Liaison Officer - Lachlan Haycock**







## AIYA Chapter Updates

# South Australia

**A**IYA SA has had an amazing year with many successful events. The chapter continues to grow, and we have many more exciting things in store for next year.

As always, our monthly language exchanges continue to be popular. If you are interested in practicing your Indonesian or English in a very casual environment, make sure you come and join us on the last Thursday of every month. Details will always be on our Facebook page.

Our fantastic Secretary/Communications Officer, Krystal Buckle, has started an AIYA SA Instagram page.

*You can find us at [@aiya\\_southaustralia](https://www.instagram.com/aiya_southaustralia), make sure to follow AIYA SA to see all the amazing pictures from our events and to find out more about what's happening with AIYA SA!*

Like many chapters, one of our most successful events this year was the screening of Kartini. Kartini is a popular film released recently that documented the life of Kartini, the famous Indonesian heroine. As one could expect, the Ibu Bangsa of Indonesia drew quite a crowd! The cinema was full of people excited about this movie and AIYA SA was really proud to be the ones to bring this movie to South Australia.

We also organised screenings of Solo, Solitude: Istirahatlah Kata Kata, the story of Indonesian poet Wiji Thukul. Held in partnership with Flinders Jembatan, this event was particularly exciting as we had the film's director, associate producer and the brother of Wiji Thukul to answer questions after the film. This film showing attracted people from a diverse background really connecting people as AIYA's mission states.

Not all our events are movie nights though! One of the most interesting events this semester was the Australia-Indonesia Youth Affairs Forum 2017. This forum, organised by the previous committee under Stiffan Djami, discussed the relationship between Indonesia and Australia. The event featured very interesting speakers including:

- the Right Honorable The Lord Mayor of Adelaide, Mr Martin Haese
- The Lady Mayoress of Adelaide, Mrs Genevieve Theseira-Haese
- State Director of Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade of SA, Mr Dave Gordge
- Director, South East Asia, International Engagement, Trade, Immigration and Higher Education Department of State Development, Government of SA, Mr Mike Guerin
- Executive Dean, Faculty of the Professions, The UofA, Prof. Christopher Findlay AM.





The highlights of this event were Mike Guerin's discussion of the amazing connection that South Australia and West Java have as well as the Lady Mayoress' speech which was conducted in Bahasa Indonesia!

Our most recent event was the End of Semester Pesta. This event was great fun and brought people from different walks of life. It was really good to see everyone let their hair down after the semester's exams were finished and have a good old-fashioned Australian BBQ. The highlight of this day was teaching Indonesians the classic Australian game of 'marks up'. Everyone had a great time!

Thanks to everyone who has been involved in making 2017 another great year for AIYA SA!

#### **Committee:**

**2016/17: President - Stiffan Djami**

**2017/18: President - Michael McAneney, Vice President - Adi Sulistiyanto, Secretary - Krystal Buckle, Events Officer - Darmianti Razak**





# AIYA Chapter Updates

## Victoria

*For the year 2016/17, AIYA Victoria has held many community events, as well as assisting other Australia-Indonesia organisations at their events. Here are some of our highlights!*

### Masak-masak Night

Masak-masak night was one of our earliest socio-cultural events. With about 30 members attending, everyone contributed to cooking (and eating) loads of Nasi Kuning, Ayam Goreng Bumbu Rujak, and Kari Sayur. Emily Heng – the Socio-Cultural Director – also provided AIYA Victoria with the amazing venue, complete with kitchen sets. It's safe to say that everyone left satisfied! A special thanks to James Akerman, the Secretary, who prepared the Bubur Ketan Hitam as dessert for all those who wanted second helpings!



### Basa-basi (Youth and Women in the Media)

AIYA Victoria held two Basa-Basi events, each attended by approximately 30 people. The first Basa-Basi concerned the role of youth. Hosted at the Australia-Indonesia Centre (AIC) offices, the first Basa-Basi addressed the opportunities, challenges, and the roles that today's youth plays in the bilateral relationship between Australia and Indonesia. The

two guest speakers included Indonesian academic from Monash University, Dr Howard Manns alongside medical doctor and now Masters of Public Health student at the University of Melbourne, Made Utari Rimayanti. Together, they were able to provide some unique insights into the discussion and were both very incredibly engaging.

The second Basa-Basi discussed the experiences of women in the media. Our speakers included two professional journalists. Nasya Bhafen is a senior lecturer in media and communications at La Trobe University and former producer at the ABC and Yani Lauwoie is a long-time staff member of Femina magazine and announcer for 3ZZZ Community Radio. Discussion centered on the experiences of these incredible women and their illustrious careers navigating the intricacies of the Indonesian media industry. Importantly, the women advocated for greater participation of youth, particularly young women in the media industry.





## Language Exchange (LX) and Berbahasa

AIYA Victoria's flagship Language Exchanges (LX) and Berbahasa, are still routinely run. With attendance averaging at about 12 people every week, Estelle Fraser – the Education Director – alongside the help of Yahya Zakaria was busy to make sure that activities were always run smoothly. Our regular educational events offer a practical environment where Indonesians and Australians alike can exchange wisdom and conversations, building tangible Indonesian-Australian connections.

## Netball

During the first half of 2017, AIYA Victoria also entered a team in a community netball competition. The team played weekly games, while some competitors were completely new to the game, everyone participated enthusiastically. It was a good opportunity for many Melbournians to become more limber in the Melbourne winter months while also providing ways to facilitate new connections amongst the AIYA community.

## #wafsac

AIYA Victoria helped the #wafsac (Watch a Film, Save a Culture) campaign by holding a fundraising movie event. We watched the documentary, *As Worlds Divide*, which concerns a Melbournian who goes to live with the Mentawai people. His experience leads him to become motivated to support grassroots education for the Indonesian Mentawai community. AIYA Victoria collected donations at the film screening and our efforts have meant that the campaign can provide education supplies for the Mentawai people, as well as contribute to the film's mission to build a school.

## Movie Screenings

AIYA Victoria also attended many Australia-Indonesia movie screenings with its members. Some of these movie screenings are the RealOzInd, IFF (Indonesian Film Festival), and Kartini.

Overall, AIYA Victoria has been very busy. Our highlights are only the beginning of the community events we held, and attended, in the Australia-Indonesian community this year. We want to thank all those who have supported us at our various events, and we looked forward to collaborating with you all in the year to come!

### Committee:

**2016/17: President - Sam Shlansky 2016/17), Vice President - Jenni Henderson, Treasurer - Angeline Ang Arseng, Secretary - James Akerman, Communications Officer - Evelynd, Education Officer - Estelle Fraser, Social Cultural Officer - Emily Heng, Sports Officer - Bayu Pratama**

**2017/18: President - Stephen Sebastian Tedja, Vice President (Internal) - Emily Heng, Vice President (External) - Estelle Fraser**



## AIYA Chapter Updates

# Western Australia

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**W**e kicked off the year with an academic panel discussion, 'Analysis & Predictions of the 2017 Jakarta Gubernatorial Elections: Ahok and the Islamic hardliners – a threat to Indonesia's democracy, or just robust politics?' held at the Perth USAsia Centre and co-hosted with the Indonesia Institute and the Australia Indonesia Business Council. The sold-out event included a panel of noteworthy figures including Dr Ian Wilson (Senior Lecturer, Politics & Curity at Murdoch University's Asia Research Centre), Bapak Agus Gunawan (Director Indonesia Institute and former Head of Bank Danamon in Indonesia) Jarryd De Haan (Research Analyst at Future Directions International) and was moderated by Sinead Mangan (ABC journalist and PhD candidate).

In April, AIYA WA hosted the Perth screening of 'Cek Toko Sebelah' as part of the film's Australian national tour. The film was enjoyed by an audience of over 150, and proved popular with Indonesians and Australians

alike. We backed this up with a sold-out screening of the film 'Kartini', based on the incredible true story of Indonesia's feminist national heroine. Screened on Hari Kebangkitan Nasional (Indonesia's National Awakening Day on 20 May), the film was co-hosted with Balai Bahasa Indonesia Perth and was followed by an informal networking dinner for AIYA members.

October saw the return of the successful and popular Basa Basi speaker series. AIYA WA hosted the inaugural WA Minister for Asian Engagement, Bill Johnston MLA, who spoke on the state government's plans for Australian-Indonesian trade relations and his goals in the new role. Later that month we hosted the WA Opposition Leader, Dr Mike Nahan, who spoke on his personal experience with Indonesia and Asia more broadly.

Our final event for the year was a screening of the documentary film 'As Worlds Divide'. Filmed







across eight years, the film documents the lives of the indigenous people of Mentawai, Sumatra who are fighting a loss of connection with their land and culture. The event raised \$530 for the Indigenous Education Foundation, which supports the preservation of their precious culture through education.

As we welcome in the 2017-2018 executive committee, we thank our committee and members for all their hard work and enthusiasm in 2017. AIYA WA looks forward to many more exciting opportunities to showcase the Australian-Indonesian relationship in 2018. Thanks to our committee and members for all their hard work and enthusiasm this year, and we look forward to what's ahead in 2018!

#### **Committee:**

**2016/17: President - Stewart Palmer, Vice President - David Scholefield, Secretary - Fiona Bettesworth, Treasurer - Matt Satchwell, General Executive Officers - Vanessa Juliana, Boaz Shearer, Isabelle Lange, Martha Weriuang, Riley Brown and Collin Wiyoto**

**2017/18: President - David Scholefield, Vice President - Vanessa Juliana, Treasurer - Isabelle Lange, Secretary - Emily Wise, General Executive Officers - Fiona Bettesworth, Matt Satchwell, Cendranata Wibawa Ongkowijoyo, Michael Peck, Georgia Eagleton, Boaz Shearer, Martha Weruing and Riley Brown.**





Opening Night during September

Currently in its third year of activity, AIYA Yogyakarta has had a very busy year! For 2017, our strategic focus has been to create and implement more regular events, in order to foster a greater sense of community between Australians and Indonesians living and studying in Yogyakarta.

A notable achievement this semester was the establishment of a fortnightly language exchange, as are successfully run by many other chapters. Our language exchanges are typically held in the evenings at Bjong Ngopi Cafe or AoA Resto and Creative Space in Yogyakarta. Discussions range from travel and music to horror stories! Both of these cafes are great examples of the burgeoning coffee culture in Yogyakarta, where patrons often bring their laptops to work on assignments late into the night (mixed with karaoke-styled singing and a live band). We received positive feedback from our language exchanges, with many Yogyakarta students appreciating the opportunity to converse in English, and Australian students happy to receive a more authentic, local perspective of student life in Yogyakarta.



Language exchange was regularly held at Bjong Ngopi Cafe

Another regular event that AIYA Yogyakarta held was weekly futsal. Futsal is a great way to connect Australians and Indonesians alike, especially in a city like Yogyakarta with thousands of young energetic students who follow soccer. Our weekly futsal events became a place to meet and form new friendships. In both semesters AIYA Yogyakarta also held a Futsal tournament where prizes were awarded to the winning team.

***This year AIYA Yogyakarta continued its involvement with LSM Rumah Impian (an NGO for street children based in Yogyakarta) and held a Community Outreach program.***

Importantly, this program allowed our Australian members to support the local NGO by helping to facilitate three main activities: a movie screening and discussion, a music performance and sporting activities for the children. We received great feedback from the children at Rumah Impian, who also invited us to return the following semester! The Australian participants greatly benefitted from the program, as they were able to gain an insight into the work of NGOs in Yogyakarta. We hope to continue our relationship with Rumah Impian into the future.





This year, AIYA Yogyakarta also hosted some exciting new events. In May, we partnered with Project Child Indonesia to hold a Trivia Night at Pandanaran Hotel (closely modelled on the popular Trivia Nights held in other AIYA chapters). On the night, participants answered questions about both Australia and Indonesia, with topics ranging from science and music to movies and TV. In October we also held a Halloween Party in conjunction with K-Meals Resto and Bar in Prawirotaman. This was our first collaboration with the bar and it was exciting opportunity to see AIYA members dress up with their interpretation of "IT".

AIYA Yogyakarta is pleased to continue fostering the Australian and Indonesian space through its engagement with young, energetic students. Many students in Yogyakarta are still not well aware of Australian culture and therefore we strive to continue making positive impressions which we hope can lead to genuine, strong relationships.

*Trivia Night was a wonderful opportunity to showcase one of Australia's favourite pastimes to local Indonesians, many of whom had never been to one!*



**Trivia Night in May (partner with Project Child Indonesia)**

#### **Committee:**

**2017: President - Joe Soerjoko, Vice President - Wisnu Trianugeraha, Treasurer - Michael Zanon, Secretary - Brianna Kerr, Communications Officer - Fadila Rahma, Sports Officer - Rezha Syaf, Events Officer - Nadia Fristika Romadhona**

**2017/18: President - Wisnu Trianugeraha**

# Writing by AIYA Members

*This year, AIYA sought contributions to the AIYA Annual from our individual members across Australia and Indonesia. We were open to articles, opinion pieces, and personal stories - and are delighted to bring you three of the best here.*

## Crucial Response

**Nicholas Dobrijevic**

*Nicholas is studying a Bachelor of Arts majoring in Indonesian studies at the University of Sydney. He has been a member of AIYA's NSW and Yogyakarta chapters.*



I first met East Javanese punk band Crucial Response at the domestic terminal of Jakarta airport in May 2017. A friend from Melbourne and I had just landed from Yogyakarta and we were heading to Padang in West Sumatra for the United Forces Festival at a punk collective called Hardcore Mayhem.

I had not slept much the night before and my friend was struggling to recover from a combination of Orang Tua wine, prolonged sleep deprivation and some fairly heated games of pool. As per usual, Lion Air was running on jam karet (rubber time), so I occupied myself by reading a sign illustrating how not to use a Western toilet – “Dilarang mencuci kaki di Kloset” (do not wash your feet in the bowl). There was an outdoor smoking area filled with businessmen, soldiers and a young cleaning lady wearing a white face mask.

It was the hottest part of the day by this time, and when we finally walked out onto the tarmac the thick Jakarta smog worked to intensify the already devastating heat. On top of this, a parked plane fired up its engines as we passed, making it feel like we had just descended onto the surface of the sun. Even though we were only clad in shorts and t-shirts, I began to sweat profusely. My head was swimming and I panted like some kind of trapped animal. Amidst this overwhelming mirage of horror, four black figures appeared carrying assorted bits of music equipment. They were dressed in black boots, jeans and leather jackets without a single trace of sweat.

It was none other than Crucial Response: Gusta, Andy, Yanuar and Iqbal. The image of these four has remained with me as a symbol of the uncompromising spirit of Indonesian punk: style, dedication and a blatant aura of resistance.





## From the Heart

### *Young people at the heart of Mt Agung relief efforts*

**Steph Pearson**

*Steph is currently part of the Australian Volunteers program and is based in Bali. She was Chapter President of AIYA Queensland in 2016.*



**O**n 21 November 2017, Bali's Mount Agung volcano erupted for the first time in 54 years. The volcano has now transitioned from a period of phreatic (steam-driven) to magmatic (ash and gas-driven) eruptions, where lava has been steadily rising in the crater, and re-forming a 'crust' as it settles. From 25-27 November, significant ash eruptions resulted in the temporary closure of Denpasar's Ngurah Rai airport, and the re-evacuation of around 70,000 people living within the volcano's 8-12km radius. When the alert level was raised to siaga (alert) in September, a small

number of local NGOs began to provide fresh food, cooking equipment, water filtration devices, stationery, children's books, masks and other safety supplies to the evacuation camps. Since the initial increase in seismic activity, up to 140,000 Balinese have now been displaced in a sequence of changes of alert status and evacuation zones. Currently, there are 75,000 in makeshift camps and this number is likely to rise in the coming months if volcanic activity increases.

One of the key groups working to safely deliver resources to evacuees is Agung Siaga, an independent and not-for-profit response team of young Indonesian educators, farmers and artists based in Ubud. Since the formation of Agung Siaga's information and logistics hub on 23 September 2017, dozens of Indonesian, Australian and international volunteers have given their time in the public kitchen, logistics, inventory, admin, fundraising and field team. Initially, the public kitchen provided over 200 meals per day, twice a week to evacuees. Logistics drop points were established in Ubud, Denpasar and Canggu, and thousands of evacuees in Kubu, Bangli and Klungkung camps in East Bali received much-needed fresh food and supplies delivered by field team volunteers.

Due to the volcano's multiple eruptions in late November, the Agung Siaga team has now expanded from providing immediate needs (food, shelter, water) to public information programs and emergency distribution





As the spectre of volcanic activity increases and Bali's wet season begins, Riri explains that there are many more people that the team aims to reach, especially through education about the emergence of lahar (ash and mudflows from rain) and kits for ash and sulphur dioxide preparedness. "There are still so many camps that do not have proper masks. They need them now more than ever."

When asked why so many young Indonesians continue to contribute to Agung Siaga's response effort in the face of so much uncertainty, Riri responded, "Because everyone is doing it from the heart."

**To find out more about the work of Agung Siaga and how you can get involved, please visit their Facebook: [Agung Siaga Community](#), or their GoFundMe page: <https://www.gofundme.com/helpagungevacuees>**



of hygiene, ash and shelter kits. Indonesian team members are also prioritising the development of creative education and sustainable livelihood initiatives.

Riri, the Field Team coordinator, believes that resourcefulness is what drives the Agung Siaga family. "Even with limited human and material resources, we have been practical, direct and effective in collaborating to achieve our purpose: providing the small camps with what they need most. We have had people come in and out, independently, voluntarily, and we have still managed to keep it going, with a growing number of supporters."

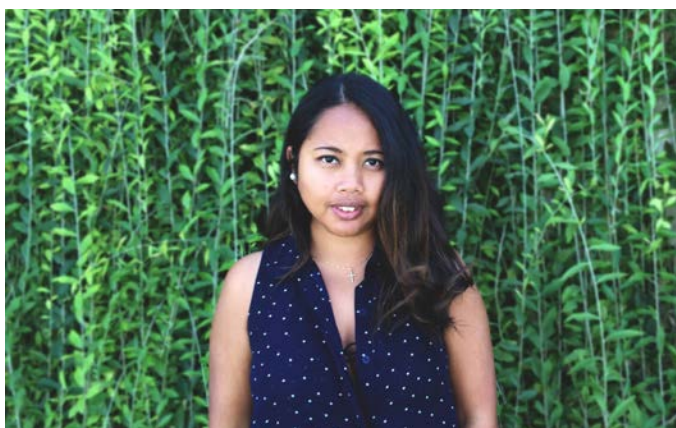




## Making My Mark

**Martha Weruing**

*Martha is a graphic designer and Indonesian traditional dancer, originally from Flores. She now lives in Perth and is a member of AIYA WA's Executive Committee.*



**W**hen I moved from Indonesia to Perth, Western Australia three years ago, I realised my life had changed forever and that adjusting might be more difficult than I anticipated. The expectations that I set for myself threw me into pieces. What I needed to learn first was that moving countries is not the same as traveling – it can be a much more challenging and rewarding experience. This is my story.

When I left my comfort zone in Indonesia and moved to Australia, I did so with high expectations. I was over-confident and kept busy doing my best to fit in with my new home. I tried to absorb as much as possible, to get into the rhythm of my new community in Australia. I did my best to be similar to those already in this country, but unfortunately it's not that simple.

While I was busy trying to make myself look and act like everyone else, I did not realise that I was waging a war within. I was confused about my goals, was forever changing myself, and could not speak honestly about what I truly thought and hoped for. Rejections and failures became my day-to-day, and I found myself asking, "How can I contribute to this society if I don't even know who I am?"

By chance, I soon found an Indonesian traditional dance troupe in Perth. It reconnected me to an old passion that was buried deep within me, and which I had almost forgotten. I was ecstatic to finally have something that I could be a part of and be proud of. I spent a lot of my free time practicing, and I joined in many multicultural events around Western Australia. I also visited a few schools around Perth to share and educate students about Indonesia through dance, batik workshops and cultural activities. It was only then I realised that embracing and expressing my culture and identity was the solution to settling in in Australia. I first tried to be similar, but being truly myself and celebrating my cultural background is what being Australian represents.

Since I found my way back to my passion, I feel much happier and more confident. I rebuilt myself from the beginning again; this time not by trying to fit in but by standing out exactly as I am with my cultural differences.

I began finding my place in many positive communities, including being part of the Youth Affairs Council of Western Australia and starting my journey with AIYA WA. I've learned that Australia is a big multicultural country where all people are free and encouraged to share their cultural background to live in harmony. I took this as my opportunity to add to Australia's rich tapestry by sharing my Indonesian culture and art.

In November 2017, I was nominated as a finalist for the WA Youth Awards in Cultural Endeavors. It was not something I was expecting nor was it my motivation for engaging with the community, but I was chosen for my contribution to the Western Australian cultural fabric, for doing what I love.

From this long and often difficult journey, I have realised that a little thing done with big love and passion will take us to amazing places we never could have imagined. Rather than being similar, we should aspire to be unique, to contribute to the diversity of our dynamic society so that it may become more interesting, rich, and colourful. This is my contribution to my second home.

# Partnership Updates

## AIYA Partners and Supporters

AIYA wishes to thank our partners and supporters for assisting and collaborating with AIYA throughout 2017, so that together we can continue to connect, inform and inspire young Australians and Indonesians. We can't wait to join forces and explore new and more effective ways to fulfil our goals in 2018 and beyond.



### Australia Indonesia Institute (AII)

#### Testimonial:

The Australia-Indonesia Institute (AII) is one of AIYA's Executive Partners, supporting their operations and initiatives. AII funding also supports AIYA's annual NAILA language competition and also AIYA's Affiliate Partner, CAUSINDY, both of which have made significant contributions to the vibrancy and engagement of youth in the Australia-Indonesia space. In particular AII funding in 2017 supported AIYA in advancing education and culture on issues affecting Australian and Indonesian youth by hosting more than 120 large and small events in Australia and Indonesia.



### Australia Indonesia Centre (AIC)

#### Testimonial:

The Australia-Indonesia Centre has been proud to continue its ongoing partnership and support of the invaluable work of the Australia Indonesia Youth Association through 2017. The people-to-people connections that each of AIYA's chapters create, and the seminars, dialogues and social events that

the Association hosts, are critical to cementing a foundation for the future of the Australia-Indonesia relationship. The Centre congratulates AIYA on their expansion into Makassar in 2017, where it can continue to build a vibrant network of young people committed to friendship and understanding between close neighbours. In 2017 the AIC continued to support NAILA for a third consecutive year, such as by sponsoring the 2017 Senior Award, as well as having Indonesia Director, Kevin Evans, among NAILA's panel of VIP judges. In 2017 the AIC was also pleased to host AIYA Victoria's Basa-Basi session at the AIC Boardroom at Monash Caulfield.



### Australia Indonesia Youth Exchange Program (AIYEP)

#### Testimonial:

The Australia Indonesia Youth Exchange Program (AIYEP) is funded through DFAT's Australia-Indonesia Institute and has been established for 35+ years.

In 2017, AIYEP came under new Program Management by AFS Intercultural Programs Australia. AFS worked closely with AIYA's national body to promote AIYEP to potential Australian participants, aged 21 to 25, who live, work and study in all Australian states/territories.



In 2017, the Indonesian AIYEP cohort were hosted in NSW, and AFS partnered with AIYA NSW Branch on a range of regular social activities between AIYA members and AIYEP participants. An Indonesian AIYEPer also interned with AIYA's national body, and was physically hosted in AFS' Sydney offices.



**AIYA National's Katrina Steedman and Nicholas Mark with the 2017 AIYEP intern, Muhammad Takdir.**



## **Australia Indonesia Business Council (AIBC)**

AIYA members have a significant interest in contributing to and learning about the current state of business and trade between Australian and Indonesia. Our increased collaboration with AIBC across Australia enables both organisations to provide opportunities to expand personal and regional networks and to expand our respective memberships. In 2017, AIYA and AIBC co-hosted five networking events targeted at young professionals. Our chapters and NAILA are excited to continue to work together with AIBC in 2018.



## **Australian Government**

### **Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade**

## **DFAT, Australian Embassy & Consulates**

AIYA is in an excellent position to promote educational opportunities in both countries, as many of our executive and members have studied in both Australia and Indonesia- and a large number have also received government scholarships to do so.

AIYA works to promote the various scholarship opportunities available to Australian and Indonesian citizens to study in either country. We also assisted the Australian Embassy's #AussieBanget campaign throughout the year, and the Consulate in Makassar was vital to the success of our new AIYA Eastern Indonesia chapter.



## **Kementerian Luar Negeri, Indonesian Embassy & Consulates**

As showcased in the majority of our chapter updates, Kemenlu has been an invaluable supporter of AIYA since its inception. We work with the Indonesian embassy and consular staff at all levels on a variety of community events and programs across Australia.

## Affiliate Partner



## Other Partners



**If your organisation is interested in partnering with AIYA, we would love to hear from you!**

Please email us at [partnerships@aiya.org.au](mailto:partnerships@aiya.org.au) to discuss sponsorship or other collaboration opportunities in either Australia or Indonesia.



# Become an AIYA Member

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## Join a friendly environment for young Australians and Indonesians

AIYA membership is open to the general public, and to people of all ages and backgrounds. Membership allows you to connect with young people in your area who are engaged in the Australia-Indonesia relationship, and to share your language and cultural experiences through language exchanges and other educational and cultural events. These events and programs range from debate nights and guest speaker events where you'll likely learn something new on topical issues facing both countries, to film screening fund-raisers and Australia-Indonesia trivia nights that are focused on history, culture and current affairs.

## A stepping stone to shaping the Australia-Indonesia relationship

Joining AIYA will open the door to a range of opportunities – both through our varied program of events as well as by introducing you to the many high-achieving young professionals that are AIYA members or sit on one of our executive committees. You'll have access to information about education and other opportunities in government, academia and the private sector, and the chance to connect with potential mentors and career champions.

## Get involved in running your local chapter

Anyone can be a member, but you'll need to be aged 18-35 to have a vote at chapter AGMs and have a role on a chapter or national committee executive. You can then take the lead in planning and running major events, develop and advocate for policy and liaise with our like-minded partner organisations. When you're a member, AIYA will become your organisation to help shape!

## Discounts and member-only opportunities

Be the first to hear about member-only opportunities offered via our partnerships network. These include discounts to paid AIYA chapter events and fundraisers, and free access to UniBRIDGE's online language exchange platform. Benefits vary from state to state, so please keep an eye out for your local AIYA chapter's social media channels and newsletters to find out what great perks they have in store for you.

## AIYA membership operates for the whole organisation

While most of our events are organised by chapters, your membership is valid across the whole of AIYA. This means you can attend AIYA events and receive member benefits all around Australia and Indonesia!





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