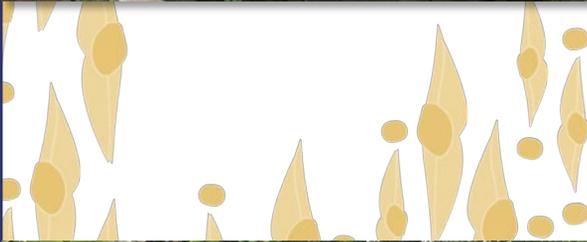


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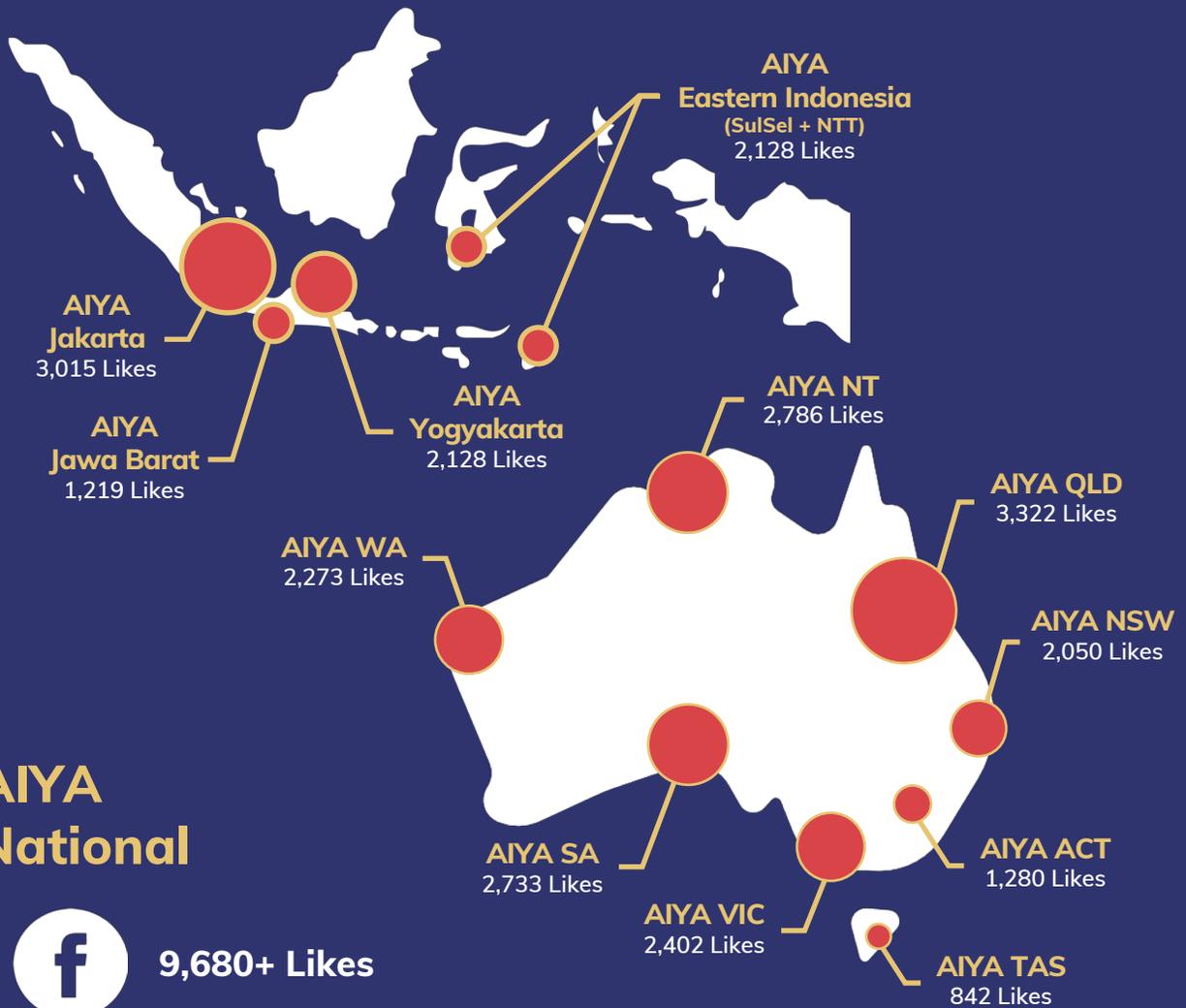
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AIYA National



9,680+ Likes



2,430+ Followers



890+ Followers



760+ Followers



AIYA Website

8,300+ Visits, 4,300+ Users



AIYA Links

3,860+ Subscribers



AIYA Events

300+ Organised

Dear AIYA members, followers, partners and supporters,

It is an honour to present the 2018 AIYA Annual to showcase and celebrate the incredible efforts of all the volunteers at the National and Chapter levels who have worked to strengthen AIYA's mission to connect, inform and inspire young Australians and Indonesians.

2018 for AIYA can best be summed up by three key words: **growth**, **consolidation** and **diversity**. What started out as a coffee conversation at ANU back in 2011 has now developed into a strong organisation run by **over 150 volunteers** that facilitates bilateral youth engagement and has contributed to a new generation of Australia-Indonesia savvy young people.

In 2017, we were pleasantly surprised to discover that we held over 120 events and initiatives. In 2018, we had already reached that milestone before June. Aided by productive strategic planning weekends for our Indonesian Chapter Presidents in Jakarta and for our Australian Chapter Presidents in Sydney, we achieved our goal to increase the regularity of events and hosted **over 300 events!**

The amazing growth is particularly attributable to the support and encouragement provided by our Director of Operations, Clarice Campbell, and our Operations Officer (Indonesia), Sophie Hewitt. Significantly, for the first time we now have more Indonesian than Australian members, which is testament to the luar biasa help from the Operations team to push AIYA beyond our previous achievements.

This increased activity has led to significant consolidation for AIYA, with a focus on strengthening Chapter committees, our Communications portfolio and Partnerships and Memberships. A key achievement for 2018 was launching our rejuvenated www.aiya.org.au website as a one-stop-shop for Australia-Indonesia matters for young people. Our exceptionally competent Director of Communications, Disty Winata, has assembled and lead a fantastic comms team to strengthen the AIYA Blog and social media channels (especially Instagram!).

This year we also consolidated existing and new partnerships, lead by the dedicated and proactive Sam Shlansky as Director of Partnerships and Membership. We would especially like to thank the Australia Indonesia Institute and the Australia Indonesia Centre for their continued support. In particular, we have increased our collaboration with the Australia-Indonesia Business Council (AIBC) across Australia in 2018, and we had the fantastic opportunity of volunteering at and attending the AIBC Conference on the Gold Coast.

In its fourth year, the National Australia Indonesia Language Awards (NAILA) initiative continued to reward and foster the learning of Indonesian language in Australia, with the theme of diversity. NAILA Directors Maighdlin Doyle and Sally Hill and their team of **over 25 volunteers** did a stellar job to deliver another valuable NAILA program this year, as a demonstration of how Australians come to learn about and understand Indonesia by learning Bahasa Indonesia and engaging in the region.



Last but not least, I would also like to acknowledge the noble behind the scenes efforts of our Treasurer, Sheila Hie, and Company Secretary, Melanie Kilby. They have kept the AIYA cogs turning to ensure that everything that AIYA does is both possible and sustainable.

We hope that you enjoy reviewing and learning about all of the above 2018 AIYA highlights (and more!) in this publication and we are very grateful for your ongoing support and interest in AIYA.

Salam semangat,

NICHOLAS MARK
President, AIYA National

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MESSAGE FROM AUSTRALIAN AMBASSADOR TO INDONESIA

In both Australia and Indonesia, the next generation of leaders understands how important it is to gain experience in each other's countries and are increasingly seeking opportunities to do so.

Last year alone more than 20,000 Indonesian students chose to study in Australian universities, colleges and schools. Between 2014 and 2018 more than 5,300 Australian students will have completed programs in Indonesia under the New Colombo Plan and hundreds more will participate in youth exchange programs such as the Australia-Indonesia Youth Exchange Program, the Muslim Exchange Program, and the school-based BRIDGE Program.

As a youth-led organisation active in both countries, the Australia-Indonesia Youth Association makes an important contribution to growing and maintaining these connections. By bringing young people together, AIYA is building friendships and cultural understanding between young Australians and Indonesians.

The connections that are built through these exchanges create the people-to-people links we rely on to strengthen and support the bilateral relationship.

With your unique understanding and experience of both countries, AIYA members are well-placed to uncover opportunities and potential for enhanced collaboration between our two countries. A good example of this innovative thinking is the National Australia Indonesia Language Awards, AIYA's initiative to encourage Indonesian language learning in Australia.

The Australian Government is pleased to support AIYA through the Australia-Indonesia Institute.

I congratulate AIYA's leadership and members on a successful year and wish you well for your endeavours in 2019.

H.E. MR GARY QUINLAN AO
Australian Ambassador to Indonesia



MESSAGE FROM INDONESIAN AMBASSADOR TO AUSTRALIA

This year (2018) has been a busy year for the bilateral relationship between Indonesia and Australia.

The year was marked with a number of important high-level visits, such as the visit of President Jokowi to Sydney in March 2018 for the ASEAN-Australia Special Summit and the visit of Prime Minister Morrison to Bogor in August 2018 for his premiere Official Visit abroad.

One of the most important milestones that we have achieved this year is elevation of the bilateral relations from the Comprehensive Partnership (CP) to the Comprehensive Strategic Partnership (CSP) between Indonesia and Australia.

With the elevation, both our countries have committed to work together not only for the benefit of our two peoples, but also for the benefit of our region and beyond.

The second pillar of the CSP is Connecting People. People-to-people links and contacts are critical to a strong bilateral relationship. Therefore it is important to continue building bridges of cooperation that connects our peoples, unlocks opportunities, and builds trust and understanding among our multicultural communities.

As an organisation linking the youths of our two countries, the Australia Indonesia Youth Association (AIYA) has been playing an important part in developing deeper knowledge, enhancing cultural awareness, providing insights and forging lasting friendships between the young generation of Indonesia and Australia.

This year, AIYA through its many Chapters continued to perform such a valuable role through a number of programmes such as fundraising events for the disasters in Lombok and Central Sulawesi, holding information sessions for career and scholarship opportunities, convening gamelan and culinary events as well as many more sporting tournaments.

I encourage AIYA to further enhance its role in the future, particularly to support the goals of the CSP to connect our two peoples closer. As the youths of today, you hold the key to a better relationship between Indonesia and Australia. With the seeds of mutual appreciation and true friendship planted early, I am certain that the future of our two countries will shine even brighter.

H.E. MR Y. KRISTIARTO S. LEGOWO
Indonesian Ambassador to Australia



BLOG

2018 in Review

On the AIYA Blog, we keep our readership up-to-date on all things shaping Australia-Indonesia relations by covering AIYA events, reporting on current affairs and showcasing inspiring individuals helping to bridge the two communities.

HERE ARE THIS YEAR'S HIGHLIGHTS ON THE AIYA BLOG, YUK CARI TAHU!

We started 2018 with an article published by a PhD candidate at the University of Western Australia on the possibility of [increasing the number of women legislators in Indonesia](#), an incredibly relevant topic given the upcoming presidential election.

Through our Member Spotlight series, we got to know a little bit more about our incredible AIYA members. This year, we shined the spotlight on AIYA Operations (Indonesia) Officer, Entrepreneur and Martabak Manis Lover, [Sophie Hewitt](#); New Colombo Plan Scholar, [Fiona Bettersworth](#); former AIYA Web & Video Officer, [James Richie](#); Facebook Account Manager, [Anastasia Pavlovic](#) as well as AIYA Victoria's Treasurer and Language Enthusiast, [Johanes Warsono](#). We also gained new insight from the author of the children's book, 'Petualangan Anak Indonesia' and AIYA President, [Nicholas Mark](#).

Our Career Champion series is dedicated to the inspiring Australians and Indonesians working to positively shape Australia-Indonesia relations. In 2018, we spoke to Indonesian Ethnomusicology Professor and winner of the research category award at the Australia Indonesia Awards (AIA) 2018, [Margareth Kartomi](#) and Jakarta-born My Kitchen Rules winners: [Tasia and Gracia Seger](#). We also had a wonderful time sharing the journey of [Bruce Djite](#), Australian Socceroos Star currently playing for PSM Makassar and Australian MasterChef Finalist, [Iess Liemantara](#) with other readers.



AUSTRALIAN SOCCEROOS STAR AND
CURRENT PLAYER FOR PSM MAKASSAR - BRUCE DJITE

“I think there is such a diversity here in Australia and it’s so great to see so many cuisines and different cultures uniting people through food..”

JESS LIEMANTARA, 2018



Movie, music and literature reviews provide a great insight into Indonesian language and culture, and continue to feature heavily on the AIYA Blog. Written in both English and Indonesian, this year we explored [‘Ziarah: Tales of The Otherwords’](#) by P.W Purba Negara, the remake of [‘Pengabdian Setan/Satan’](#) ‘Slave’ by Joko Anwar as well as Leila Chudori’s novel, [‘Laut Bercerita \(The Sea Speaks His Name\)’](#).

Of course, we continued to capture the growth and achievement of our AIYA Chapters. Among the hundreds of AIYA events held throughout 2018, we celebrated the revamping of AIYA Tasmania and [AIYA Jawa Barat](#) marked by its successful soft-opening and [‘Welcome Night’](#) as well as the efforts undertaken by AIYA NSW to raise money for disaster-affected areas in Indonesia with their [‘Let’s Share a Meal for Lombok and Palu’](#) event.

However, the hallmark for the AIYA Blog team was the opportunity to cover the [AIBC Conference 2018](#). Attended by over 300 delegates, it was a chance to rub shoulders with key figures in the bilateral relationship. We also filmed an interview with the Chairman of Indonesia’s Investment Coordinating Board (BKPM), [Tom Lembong](#) which has sparked a desire to produce more video-related content in 2019.



**GAMELAN PERFORMANCE AT
LET’S SHARE A MEAL FOR LOMBOK AND PALU**



**THOMAS LEMBONG WITH
AIYA BLOG EDITOR WELLA ANDANY**

We encourage readers to submit their work (in English or Indonesian) to the AIYA Blog team at blog@aiya.org.au. We hope to continue to connect, inform and inspire our readership with a semangat spirit in 2019 and YOU can help the AIYA Blog to fulfil this mission!



NAILA UPDATE

WHAT IS NAILA?

The *National Australia Indonesia Language Awards (NAILA)*, an initiative of the Australia-Indonesia Youth Association, is an annual speech competition that rewards and fosters the development of Indonesian language learning in Australia. Primary school students through to executive level speakers are invited to participate in the competition that culminates with a national awards ceremony and networking program. It is the first language competition of its kind bringing together speakers of 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 2018 program including information about the winners, [please click here](#).

NAILA IN 2018

The National Australia Indonesia Language Awards (NAILA) aims to contribute to combatting the decline of Indonesian language study in Australia. In its fourth year, NAILA received almost 100 entries across 10 Award Categories from all of Australia's states and territories, as well as Australians living in Indonesia. The theme for the 2018 competition was 'Diversity' or 'Keanekaragaman/Kebhinnekaan'. Primary school through to executive level participants were given the opportunity to deliver a speech in Indonesian addressing a broad range of issues relevant to the theme.

NAILA is extremely thankful to the members of the 2018 VIP Judging Panel: John H. McGlynn (Co-Founder of the Lontar Foundation), Svida Alisjahbana (CEO of the Femina Group and Deputy Chair of the Australia-Indonesia Centre), Yacinta Kurniasih (poet, writer, performer and Indonesian Studies Coordinator at Monash University), and Jane Ahlstrand (Lecturer at the University of New England, and NAILA 2015 Wild Card Awardee and 2017 Tertiary Awardee). Thank you for your continued commitment to championing the study of Indonesian.

NAILA gratefully acknowledges the generous in-kind and financial support from partners and supporters as the competition would not be possible without their support.

AWARDS EVENING

The NAILA 2018 Awards Ceremony and Networking Evening was held at the Monash University Conference Centre, Melbourne on 9 November. Attendees included guests from across business, government, diplomatic and creative sectors.

This year's Awardees presented their award-winning speeches in front of Australia-Indonesia community members, as well as friends, families, and teachers. Throughout the evening, awardees also had the opportunity to meet leaders in the Australia-Indonesia space, expand their networks with members of the NAILA community and build lasting friendships with fellow Awardees.

THE NAILA 2018 AWARDEES

1. **Blake Johnson**
Primary Awardee
2. **Kayla Burnett**
Junior Awardee
3. **Sreeya Das**
Middle Awardee
4. **Rya Hwight**
The University of Melbourne Asia
Institute Senior Awardee
5. **Ellen House**
The Australia-Indonesia Centre
Tertiary Awardee
6. **Bryanna Wilson**
Executive Awardee
7. **Iven Manning**
Wild Card Awardee
8. **Andrian Liem**
Native Speaker Awardee
9. **Tom McKenzie**
Deakin University Teacher Awardee
10. **Team Aku Cinta Indonesia**
People's Choice (Group) Awardees



NAILA is driven by a dynamic and talented group of young Australian and Indonesian volunteers who are dedicated to improving the bilateral relationship. Read about the team on the [website](#), and please reach out if you'd like to join our team: naila@naila.org.au

CONNECT WITH NAILA!

Visit the website: <https://naila.org.au/>

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AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

AIYA ACT has had a strong year. Personally, I am very proud of my committee and how they have worked together to help further the Australia-Indonesia relationship.

ACT has represented AIYA well at many events, including those run by our friends at the Australia Indonesia Business Council (AIBC), the Indonesian Embassy, and at panels and conferences run by the Australia National University's (ANU) Indonesia Project. AIYA ACT is fortunate to have such an active community in Canberra and we only hope to become more involved.



AIYA TEAM AT AIBC PARLIAMENTARIAN DINNER

Each year, one of the biggest events for AIYA ACT is the organising and running of Indonesia Day delivered to high school students across Canberra.

This year, approximately 200 students attended and spent the day doing workshops, watching cultural performances and feasting on Indonesian cuisine. Among the workshops, the favourites seemed to be the Saman (traditional Acehese dance) and 'tawar-menawar' (bargaining) workshop. It was great to see so many teenagers taking an interest in Indonesian! The Indonesian Embassy also supported our event by running an Indonesian dance workshop.

AIYA ACT's strong relationship with the Indonesian Embassy continued throughout 2018. In May, the Embassy helped us to organise our annual networking night, by providing a venue and a representative to speak alongside ANU lecturer and Southeast Asia specialist, Ross Tapsell and DFAT Director, Tamie Balaga. It was a great night filled with lots of rendang and discussions about Indonesia, what more could you want! A week later we hosted a film screening of *Banda: The Dark Forgotten Trail* which was well-received by the Indonesian community in Canberra. The committee is already scoping out locations for our next film screening, *Wiro Sableng* so if you haven't already done so, follow AIYA ACT's Facebook page and stay tuned...



FLORIAD DANCE PERFORMANCE WITH THE INDONESIAN EMBASSY

ACT also hosted a weekly Language Exchange (LX) where anyone studying Indonesian or who has an interest in Indonesian language-learning could come along and practise. We also ran two workshops, a Balinese dance workshop taught by Putu, a visiting Oxford fellow at ANU and a cooking class where we made pavlova and satay - both from scratch! Workshops are something ACT is really hoping to push in the coming years, with potential to host a regular gamelan workshop in partnership with the Indonesian Embassy in 2019. We are excited to see if we can make it work!

ACT also hosted a few social events, such as a trivia night with our friends from PPIA, the occasional BBQ, and some information nights which are always great to forge new connections and friendships. ACT is keen to foster stronger social ties between our members. We hope to host a more diverse range of social activities in order to retain and attract new members in future.



TRIVIA NIGHT WITH OUR FRIENDS FROM PPIA

ACT is looking forward to building on our strengths in the coming year by continuing to foster connections with other organisations and individuals. I'm so grateful many of our members are eager to continue their involvement with AIYA ACT and I look forward to working with the 2019 executive committee.

CHAPTER COMMITTEE

2017/18: President – Peter Gilbert; Vice President – Adeline Tinnessa; Treasurer – Jaya Pastor Elsegood; Secretary – Truman Calleia; Communications Officer – Viraji Wijekoon Mudiyansele; Education Officer – Sarah Binney; General Committee Members – Natasha Ramadan

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EASTERN INDONESIA NUSA TENGGARA TIMUR

2018 has been a breakout year for NTT. We are pleased our committee has consistently hosted a number of key events and gone from strength to strength.



AIYA INFO SESSION X UNIBRIDGE WORKSHOP

We commenced 2018 by hosting an AIYA information session and UniBRIDGE workshop at the University of Nusa Cendana and Kupang State Polytechnic in March. These events successfully attracted a large number of enthusiastic students from different majors across both campuses and they came away with a much better understanding of what AIYA and UniBRIDGE can offer.

Our social events including Language Exchange, Trivia and Chit Chat nights, have been held regularly throughout the year. Held at the Aussie Banget Corner at Nusa Cendana University and various cafes throughout Kupang, they were attended by numerous AIYA members, local young people and professionals, and even friends from Portugal and the US! With a wide variety of conversation topics such as heroes, music, politics and fun facts about Australia and Indonesia, we hosted these events in partnership with the International Relations Office of Nusa Cendana University and MITRA (Eastern Indonesian Students Foreign Relations Association). We are delighted these nongkrong sessions have been really helpful for our members to catch up on and sharpen their English skills in a relaxed way. In future, we aim to consistently host weekly AIYA Language Exchanges to help facilitate our members' interest to learn English.

One of the highlights of the year was our outing to Mount Fatuleu, located approximately one hour away from Kupang. In support of World Clean-Up Day 2018, we helped to clean up illegally dumped waste in the area. However, the activity was more than just a clean-up action as together with other local youth communities and organisations, it was a chance to make new friends and exchange ideas to create more positive initiatives throughout Eastern Indonesia.



LANGUAGE EXCHANGE X TRIVIA NIGHT

In November, we hosted a Work and Holiday Visa Information Session in partnership with Kupang's Smart Learning Centre. Our inspirational speaker shared her experiences and advice of living and working in the land down under. We were also fortunate to take part in JIKOM Undana's 10th Anniversary Fair, where we promoted AIYA's objectives and achievements to the undergraduate students of Nusa Cendana University.

None of our events would happen without the support of our members and dedicated committee. We particularly wish to thank our outgoing president, Claudya Dhaja, for her wonderful dedication and hard work with the establishment of AIYA Eastern Indonesia, NTT and welcome Richard Williams Djee Wau as the new president. We also welcome new committee members; Fety Nitbani as Vice President, Lilyen Sede as Treasurer, Steven Parera as Events Officer and Desy Lay as Communications Officer. In addition, we also want to thank our most consistent general members, Trijuliandi Malay and Peter Moensaku.



VISA SESSION WITH SMART LEARNING CENTRE

Everyone's contribution during the second semester of 2018 has been truly invaluable to the growth of AIYA in NTT. We definitely look forward to hosting more fun and educational activities next year!

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EASTERN INDONESIA SULAWESI SELATAN

Hello from South Sulawesi!

This is our second year as an AIYA Chapter. We've been gaining lots of momentum as a Chapter and have had a lot of fun doing it.

**AIYA SULAWESI SELATAN
GOES TO SCHOOL**



We kicked the year off with an English camp at a high school in Soppeng, a small mountainous village approximately three hours drive from the city. The camp gathered kids from several high schools in the area for the opportunity to practise English with a native speaker and for many it was their first time! Whilst the students were nervous, they discovered just how fun it can be to learn and apply their English skills, however, the highlight of camp was undoubtedly the lip-singing competition on the final night - the students were just so good!

Throughout the year we've held several Language Exchanges, either by sitting in the grounds of a local university or overflowing one of the many cafes amidst the bustling nightlife of Pasar Segar. We welcomed visitors from the University of Sydney, Curtis University, the Blue Mountains, even Germany, and discussed a wide-range of topics from culture shock and Aussie slang to natural disasters.

In September, we were delighted to partner with CAUSINDY, held right here in Makassar. We were able to assist in many ways, from pre-event logistics to MC-ing events. It was great to rub shoulders with such inspiring young people from Australia and Indonesia. In the same month, we also got together for a screening of Banda: The Dark Forgotten Trail. Both Indonesians and Australians alike learned a lot from this documentary. Most importantly, it led to many stimulating discussions and fostered a desire to educate the next generation of Indonesians about our archipelago's rich and fascinating history.



AIYA SULAWESI SELATAN WITH THE CAUSINDY COMMITTEE

We were proud to continue our partnership with the Australian Consulate General in Makassar. In November, we helped out on the registration table and photo booth at the 3rd Annual Eastern Indonesian Australian Alumni Gala Dinner. You can witness the fun and festivities of the night on Instagram!

Our AGM saw the introduction of several new team members and it's been exciting to see them step into the new roles with such enthusiasm and competence. Allow us to introduce Joshua, an IT intern with a passion in photography that we frequently make good use of; Vita, an education counsellor, whose networking skills have led to new partnerships and access to venues for some of our events; Kumara, an English teacher and translator who loves football; Wila, an accounting student who also runs her own clothing business (so the role of Treasurer fits like a glove); Noe, a law student who relished the opportunity to hone her photography skills at the CAUSINDY Conference; Akbar, who works for a local insurance company; and Darmianti, an ex-AIYA South Australia committee member who works for Universitas Hassanuddin's International Department.



AIYA SULAWESI SELATAN COMMITTEE

Former committee members Acil, Khaerul and Oli have now moved on to new cities, jobs and activities. We miss having them on the team, however it's great to see Muce, our former treasurer step up as Vice President (External) and play a significant role in the training of our new committee members. We look forward to implementing all our ideas and initiatives in 2019!

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JAKARTA

2018 was another successful year for AIYA Jakarta, marked by unprecedented growth and a diversification of events! Our popular Capek Macet Mending Kumpul or 'Cepat Kaya' events were held bi-monthly and the addition of a guest speaker meant we received several positive reviews from both attendees and presenters.



CEPAT KAYA NETWORKING

One of the most popular Cepet Kaya nights featured guest speaker David Visser, a young Australian who has spent the last four years in Indonesia and is currently working to counter human trafficking between Australia and Indonesia. It was great to hear about his journey and we appreciated the career advice he gave to all attendees.

We were also invited to present at the 2018 World Indonesia Scholarship Forum organised by the Ministry of Education and Culture (DIKBUD). The Jakarta committee held a workshop about studying and living in Australia – things to expect, cultural differences, international student support and the assistance AIYA can offer. We opened registrations on the day and met with an overwhelming amount of young people interested in the Australia-Indonesia relationship.

By mid-2018, we had our first film screening of Banda: The Dark Forgotten Trail, which was followed by great discussions as the story of the Banda Islands was largely unknown to our members. Not long after our film screening, we held a Work and Holiday Visa Information Session which was followed with an IELTS test simulation led by IELTS trainer, Alex Candro. Due to the event's success, we plan to hold another information session in the first half of 2019.



AIYA JAKARTA SCREENS BANDA



We were also proud to finally hold an event linked to important social initiatives, with our Fun Walk and Charity event raising money for earthquake victims in Palu, South Sulawesi. The event ended with a walk around the Jakarta Smart City headquarters and we welcomed former Indonesian Diplomat in Darwin, Andi Rahadian to join the wonderful tour of this technology hub.

AIYA AT THE JAKARTA SMART CITY HEADQUARTERS

In December, our newly-appointed Vice President, Wes Trianugeraha, alongside former AIYA Partnerships and Memberships Director and current employee at Indonesia's Ministry of Finance, Fitri Mayang Sari, conducted an inaugural CV-making workshop where AIYA members received personalised feedback on their CVs.

Our last Cepat Kaya was incredibly special. It was held over brunch and we also welcomed Ratu Vashti, Miss Earth Indonesia 2018 to the event. Ratu Vashti was incredibly inspiring and spoke of her experience studying in Brisbane and her plans to return in the near future. It was a fantastic way to wrap up an incredibly successful 2018!

With a brand new batch of motivated and hard-working committee members, we are confident 2019 will see even more growth. We especially hope to develop more sports-related events as well as increase the number of LX events held throughout the year. By focusing on these two areas, we believe we can grow our membership, generate sustained interest in future AIYA Jakarta initiatives and create a supportive, respected community of young people in Indonesia's capital.

There is lots of work to do however we are all looking forward to what's to come!

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JAWA BARAT

After lying dormant for much of 2017, AIYA Jawa Barat successfully launched again in 2018 with exuberant enthusiasm!



AIYA MEMBERS AT ULTIMATE FRISBEE

We established regular language exchanges which drew outstanding numbers, in partnership with students of the Bahasa Indonesia untuk Pengantar Orang Asing (BIPA) program from the University of Parahyangan. We covered topics such as food, transport, national holidays, dream careers, family, and even held a workshop on Aussie slang and Bahasa Gaul. In addition to this, we held frequent sporting activities and it was fantastic to see Australians and Indonesians connecting over sports such as Futsal and Ultimate Frisbee.

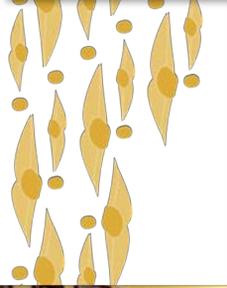
In September, our committee and chapter members participated in the annual World Clean-Up Day, Jawa Barat. In the spirit of gotong royong, the event brought together communities and volunteers with a collective mission toward a cleaner Jawa Barat. Later that month, several committee members also journeyed to SMP Islam Al Ghozali in Purawakarta for a football workshop in collaboration with Victoria's Krakatoas Football Club. Over the course of three days, the committee showcased Australian Rules football to the students and helped to improve their English language skills. The students were ecstatic to learn about a different culture such as Australia's and now have a new game to play during lunchtime!

In October, Jawa Barat hosted the Annual ReelOzInd! Pop-up Short-Film Festival at the Bamboo Shack Café in Bandung which was another raging success. The short films were terrific and sparked thought-provoking ideas and commentary in the discussions which followed the screening.



OUR FIRST LANGUAGE EXCHANGE FOR THE SEMESTER

Jawa Barat also hosted a member-only event at Pandora Experience, Bandung in November. Pandora Experience is the ultimate escape game adventure where our members embarked on a thrilling journey encountering surprises, secret passages, hidden chambers and mind-boggling puzzles. Working as a team to escape the tricky rooms, the challenge was a wonderful experience for all and several members promise they will return next year with the new Australian students.



NONTON BARENG (NOBAR) AFL FINALS

Without a doubt, Jawa Barat's ability to serve the community once again has been our biggest achievement in 2018. To our pleasure, the community response has been overwhelming and the energy from both the Indonesian and Australian youth at our events has far exceeded expectations.

A big thank you to our supporters this year, and we look forward to bringing you bigger and better things in 2019. Hatur nuhun!

CHAPTER COMMITTEE

2018 Semester 1: President – Philip Hibbard; Treasurer – Sri Murni Simanullang; Secretary – Wenny Zahwa; Communications Officer – Reizka Dwidiant; Events Officer – Maria Putri

2018 Semester 2: President – Shaun Lindfield; Vice President – Evelynd; Treasurer – Anja Ariella; Secretary – Lewis Wilson; Communications Officers – Hillary Mansour and Maysitha; Education Officer – Febryana Ester; Social Cultural Officer – Madeline Feledy; Sports Officer – Maria Putri; General Committee Members – Nathan Harper, Tamara Verus, Lucy Bongiovanni, Andrew Catton and Ery Primaskara

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NEW SOUTH WALES

2018 has been a year of dynamism, renewal and community outreach for the NSW Chapter. We've engaged extensively with students, young professionals and the wider NSW community through a broad range of events.

When Sydney played host to the inaugural ASEAN-Australia Special Summit in March, we hosted a public lecture which assessed the impact of the summit, the future of the ASEAN-Australia relationship and the progress of the Indonesia-Australia Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (IA-CEPA).



MAKAN KERUPUK AT MALAM TRIVIA

In April, we held our first professional event with a talk entitled "Starting Your Own Business". Our guest speakers, two Australian entrepreneurs who grew up in Indonesia, shared their ideas on how to start and run a business in Australia and shed light on Indonesia's business and investment climate. Continuing our speaker series, we also hosted Joko Riadi in June, a journalist with West Java's most popular newspaper, Pikiran Rakyat, who provided some insight on all facets of Indonesia's media landscape, past and present.

In May, AIYA NSW collaborated with Lifelike Pictures and Jalur Rempah Indonesia to host the Sydney screening of Indonesian documentary film, Banda: The Dark Forgotten Trail. Screening to a sold-out audience, the film depicted how the Banda island's unique wealth of spices became the epicenter of colonial conflict.

Providing a brief reprieve from city life, our Sociocultural Team also organised a hike in the Blue Mountains. With more than 20 people taking part, it was a great opportunity for Indonesian students new to NSW to see iconic Australian scenery and forge new friendships!

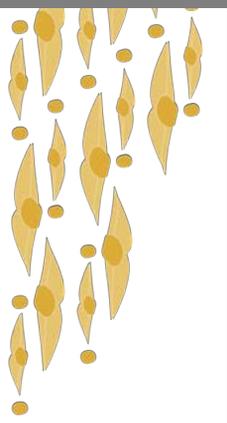


AIYA NSW VISIT THE BLUE MOUNTAINS



SCHOOL VISIT AT HAMPDEN PARK PUBLIC SCHOOL

Our first school visit for 2018 was at Hampden Park Public School. In addition to trivia questions about Indonesia, the students enjoyed Sociocultural Officer, Maxine Williams' presentation about her recent trip to Indonesia and the various scholarship opportunities available to study there. The positive levels of student engagement and feedback certainly encouraged us to conduct more school visits in future.



In collaboration with PPIA UNSW, our annual Malam Karier event was themed 'Starting a Career in Australia' and targeted Indonesian students interested in commencing a career in Australia after University. The panel shared their experience and advice of building careers in the Australian job market and navigating issues of migration. The Q&A and networking that followed demonstrated just how engaging and relevant the night was!

In light of recent humanitarian tragedies faced by Lombok and Palu, AIYA NSW and Agung Siaga Community came together to organise a fundraising event. Participants enjoyed a day of dance and musical performances by local Indonesian dance and gamelan groups. Most importantly, we raised an incredible \$3,066 to support Agung Siaga's work with displaced communities in these affected areas.



AIYA NSW & AGUNG SIAGA AT LOMBOK & PALU FUNDRAISING

To wrap up 2018, we held our Annual Malam Trivia event with the support of the Indonesia Diaspora Network and KJRI Sydney. With more than 40 people in attendance, topics ranged from politics and geography to pop culture and history, and pertained to both Indonesia and Australia. The inclusion of a Makan Kerupuk challenge and Guess Who game added an extra level of fun and humour to the night! SBS Indonesia even featured the event on their website!

We'd like to thank the 2017/18 executive team for their tremendous effort throughout 2018. The incoming committee is eager to continue their great legacy. Terima kasih semuanya!

CHAPTER COMMITTEE

2017/18: President – Owen James; Vice President (External) – Andre Hidayat; Vice President (Internal) – Andaleeb Akhand; Treasurer – Joshua Sutedjo; Secretary – Owen Carnahan; Communications Officer – Widhia Kurnia Sukmono; Communications Team Members – Ashri Nooraida Permana and Mellisa Souw; Social Cultural Officer – Febe Haryanto; Social Cultural Team Member – Maxine Williams; Professional Programs Officer – Will Renaldo Wongso; Professional Programs Team Member – Matthew Hasjim; Education Officer – Josie Lange; Education Team Member – Rahmi Bahar

2018/19: President – Febe Haryanto; Vice President (External) – Andaleeb Akhand; Vice President (Internal) – Joshua Sutedjo; Treasurer – Rafella Angeline; Secretary – Owen Carnahan; Communications Officer – Mellisa Souw; Social Cultural Officer – Maxine Williams; Social Cultural Team Members – Maddie Randell and Ria Adriyani; Professional Programs Officer – Will Renaldo Wongso; Professional Programs Team Members – Matthew Hasjim, Samantha Lim and Nathan Mardira; Education Officer – Emi Hall; Education Team Member – Ilona Raisa

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NORTHERN TERRITORY

In 2018, our chapter proudly campaigned for a strong Indonesia-Australia relationship and engaged with a range of groups and organisations throughout Darwin. There has been a strong number of attendees at our events who reflect the Northern Territory's diversity. In 2018 alone, our executive team has attended over 15 different formal events, of which the highlight was the opening night of NT National Youth Week.



IDEAFEST 2018

Our flagship event for 2018, Ideasfest-Indonesia, organised with support of Luke Gosling MP, was a great success and hopefully will lead to bigger and better projects to strengthen the Indonesia-Australia relationship. There were many speakers in attendance, of which include Colin McDonald QC, Superintendent James Stokes from the Australian Federal Police, Luke Bowen on behalf of the NT Government, Terry Mills MLA, Dr Stephen Miller from Charles Darwin University and Ibu Mila Tarigan, Second Secretary of Economic Affairs on behalf of the Indonesian Consulate in the NT.

Each of the speakers described their current involvement in programs relevant to the bilateral relationship and gave their thoughts on current issues facing Indonesia and Australia. Attendees were also able to share ideas on how they think these problems could best be resolved. We hope to facilitate more events like this to specifically further the Northern Territory's engagement with Indonesia.



IDEAFEST 2018



AIYA NT TEAM

Despite extensive involvement with AIYA NT, our executive team was relatively new to their roles. And yet our team has become stronger and more organised as the year progressed, enabling us to achieve bigger and better things. We are simply delighted by the participation of the Darwin community at our events and initiatives. Despite some challenges, the persistent interest the Northern Territory has with its close neighbour has made 2018 incredibly rewarding and makes 2019 an incredibly promising year!

We wish to thank Pak Dicky D. Soerjanatamihardja and his staff at the Indonesian Consulate in Darwin. Their advocacy of our organisation and events has been instrumental to our success this year. We must also extend a big thank you to Mr Luke Gosling MP and his staff for all their consistent support of AIYA NT throughout 2018.

We are excited by current discussions with other Darwin-based organisations which may lead to future partnerships dedicated to promoting the Indonesia-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 all we can achieve in 2019!

CHAPTER COMMITTEE

2017/18: President – Max Stretton; Treasurer – Chris Teng; Secretary – Bintang Daly; Education Officer – Danielle McManus

2018/19: President – Bintang Daly; Vice President – Max Stretton; Treasurer – Brendon Low; Secretary – Chris Teng; Events Officer – Dani-elle McManus; Education Officer – Lara Whitehouse

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QUEENSLAND

2018 was another great year for AIYA Queensland, featuring more social, cultural and professional events as we strengthened existing relationships and forged new connections and partnerships. We kicked off the year with a social games night in order to bring together new Australian and Indonesian university students in Queensland.



BANDA SCREENING AT SUNSHINE COAST

We hosted double screenings of 'Banda: The Dark Forgotten Trail' in Brisbane and the Sunshine Coast. The second screening of Banda was held at the University of the Sunshine Coast and organised with the support of the local Indonesian community, and the USC Bahasa Community Language Exchange Group. The screening was greatly appreciated and enjoyed by local Indonesian students and the broader Sunshine Coast community.

This year, we also forged a stronger relationship with the AIBC Queensland Chapter. The Chapter booked a table for members at the prestigious IndOz Business Networking Dinner hosted by AIBC Queensland. Members met and networked with business and political leaders from across Australia and Indonesia and it was a great night for everyone. Committee members were also invited to take part in the Indonesian cultural parade during the IndOz Festival, and our Events Officer, Abraham Pearson and President, Liam Mckinnie proudly joined in!



AIYA AT INDOZ BUSINESS NETWORKING DINNER



2nd ANNUAL INDONESIAN OPPORTUNITIES NETWORKING EVENT

For the second time, we also partnered with the AIBC Queensland Chapter in hosting our 2nd Annual Indonesian Opportunities Networking Event. Notable speakers included Brisbane City Councillor of Calamvale Ward, Angela Owen and David Foote from Meat and Livestock Australia's Indonesian marketing taskforce. Councillor Owen spoke of Brisbane's positive focus toward being an international city and the importance of innovation with a global outlook. Mr Foote spoke on the importance of Queensland's agricultural exports to Indonesia and the critical role business can play in building and improving the relationship between Australia and Indonesia.

Not long after our Networking Event, we partnered with the Indonesian Student Association of Queensland (ISAQ) to present our 'Singing to Extinction' seminar on the songbird crisis in Indonesia. The seminar featured the documentary, Tainted Love and was followed by a Q&A with bird conservation expert, Karlina Indraswari. Karlina spoke on the importance of bird conservation in Indonesia and how to balance this alongside important cultural practices. The event was a great success, not only because it shared an important message but because it brought together AIYA and ISAQ members.



AIYA QLD X ISAQ: SINGING TO EXTINCTION

Finally, we have rounded out the year with the AIBC National Conference held on the Gold Coast. AIYA Queensland worked closely with the AIBC National Committee to provide volunteers and assistance for the conference. With Vice President, Laura Wallace, and Secretary, Dylan Clendinning, leading the volunteer effort, the Chapter made a significant contribution to a phenomenal conference. The Chapter was honoured to represent AIYA at this esteemed event.

We would like to thank all our members and the 2018 Committee, and we look forward to what is to come in 2019.

CHAPTER COMMITTEE

2018: President – Liam Mckinnie; Vice President – Laura Wallace; Treasurer - Omar Chmaisse; Communications Officer – Sekar Rizki Wibowo; Events Officer – Abraham Pearson

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SOUTH AUSTRALIA

2018 has been a year of incredible growth for South Australia. We opened the year with a Nibbles and Nongkrong event, celebrating the arrival of our new Indonesian students and the return of some of our Australian friends from their ACICIS adventures.

Our popular Language Exchange (LX) became a more regular, bi-monthly event, with special themed LX's to commemorate important dates on the Indonesian calendar.



AIYA SA LANGUAGE EXCHANGE

One such LX was in celebration of Kartini day. A highlight of our Kartini LX was a special guest appearance from Ibu Tji Srikandi, a well known member of the SA Indonesian community and inaugural Colombo Plan scholar, who shared her views on the significance of strong characters like Kartini. Both Indonesians and Australians alike shared local card games and created new, hybrid versions of board games. 'Articulasi' a play on the classic board game 'Articulate' has become a staple at SA language exchanges and nongkrong events.

To celebrate during the holy month of Ramadan, our Treasurer, Darmianti, hosted a Bukber (Buka Bersama – breaking the fast) at her home. Members of the SA committee tried their hand at making Bakso from scratch. Recognising the success of any event involving food (#fooddiplomacy), in September, we were treated to a cooking demonstration of Mie Budie by Flinders University Lecturer, Pak Priyambudi Sulistiyanto at our first cooking class. The spicy Indonesian delight was followed by a mini Pavlova decorating competition, where the focus was definitely on quantity of toppings and not on quality of presentation.



BUKBER WITH AIYA SA



BUKBER WITH AIYA SA

In 2018 we sought to increase our cultural events. Musical experts Abby Witts and Brett Calliss taught AIYA members how to play the many number of instruments that comprise a gamelan ensemble at the first ever gamelan workshop. This was the first time most of our members had ever played gamelan; including those from Indonesia. We also hosted two well-attended movie screenings; *Banda* and *Istirahatlah Kata-Kata*. Third year Indonesian language students at Flinders University studied film this year and were able to provide interesting insights into the events depicted throughout the films.

Wanting to show off Adelaide's beautiful backyard, once the weather warmed back up we established a monthly hiking group, exploring different local treks each month. However, we quickly learned to double check the trails beforehand, after getting extremely lost on our first hike!



AIYA SA 2017/18 COMMITTEE

In addition to solidifying AIYA's presence in SA, we have also strengthened our relationships with the wider Indonesian community. In particular we have become close friends with the four PPIA branches, mutually attending each other's events as well as hosting joint events such as the Australia-Indonesia-Pacific Islander culture night, a night filled with dancing, poetry and song.

We thank everyone for a great 2018 and cannot wait to see where AIYA SA goes in 2019.

CHAPTER COMMITTEE

2017/18: President – Krystal Buckle; Vice-President – Hannah Brimstone; Treasurer – Darmianti Razak; Communications and Events Officer – Matthew Shaw

2018/19: President – Hannah Brimstone; Vice-President – Katie McNamara; Secretary – Michael McAneney; Communications Officer – Sabina Kellie; Events Officer – Georgia Broadbent

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TASMANIA

AIYA Tasmania returned from a long hiatus in mid-2018. Since then, the committee has been busy bringing a slice of Indonesia to Tasmania as well as connecting with Indonesians studying and living locally. We have held several events such as movie screenings and language exchanges, as well as attended events, including a meeting with Indonesia's Ambassador to Australia, Pak Y. Kristiarto S. Legowo.



AFTERNOON TEA WITH INDONESIA CONSUL GENERAL AND TEAM FROM THE INDONESIAN MINISTRY OF TOURISM

Our opening event was a screening of the documentary film Banda: The Dark Forgotten Trail. In all honesty, prior to the event the committee was unsure about the local interest in Indonesian films. We advertised across multiple mediums and hoped for the best, but prepared for the worst. However there was no need to worry, as we received a fantastic turnout! It was a great feeling to know there is interest in the kind of events AIYA Tasmania hopes to organise and gave us a great boost to develop future events.

In the second semester, we decided to host Language Exchanges, as opportunities to practise Indonesian outside the classroom can be limited in Tasmania. We hoped to bring together Australian students currently studying Indonesian, those who have previously studied Indonesian as well as native speakers. We also wanted to provide an avenue for Indonesian students in Hobart to practise their English. Throughout the semester we have been experimenting with different locations to find the right balance of atmosphere, comfort and suitability for language practise. Overall, these events have been incredibly successful and we believe we are close to a winning formula!



AIYA TAS LANGUAGE EXCHANGE



AIYA TAS AT ABC RADIO HOBART

We also held a screening as part of the ReelOzInd! Film Festival. Leading up to the event, myself (Brolin Barr – President) and AIYA Tasmania’s Vice President, Akala Whittleston were invited to speak on ABC Radio Hobart about the film festival, the activities of AIYA Tasmania, and our stories of how we became interested in Indonesia. It was a great opportunity to discuss the relationship between Australia and Indonesia and to promote what AIYA Tasmania does and hopes to do.

We also represented AIYA Tasmania at several events throughout the year. We attended a welcome event for Indonesia’s Ambassador to Australia, Pak Y. Kristiarto S. Legowo, held by the Australia-Indonesia Business Council (AIBC) Tasmania. This was a fantastic opportunity to meet people who are able to provide a Tasmanian perspective on Australia and Indonesia relations. Attending the Indonesian community’s Hari Merdeka event in Hobart was another chance to mingle with Hobart’s local Indonesian community.

Overall it has been a fantastic year for AIYA Tas. We hope to continually grow and expand our knowledge and abilities in 2019 and beyond.

CHAPTER COMMITTEE

2018/19: President – Brolin Barr; Vice President – Akala Whittleston; Treasurer – Elizabeth Reid; Events Officer – Tim Dossor

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VICTORIA

AIYA Victoria continued to celebrate the cultural diversity of its membership in 2018 by hosting a variety of events such as futsal, dinners, gamelan, language exchanges and panel discussions.



GAMELAN WORKSHOP WITH MUGI RAHAYU

Sport: Futsal and Nonton Bareng AFL Grand Final

It has been said soccer is a universal language. Perhaps that's true, because when AIYA Victoria entered a team into a local futsal competition, we received an overwhelming response from both Australian and Indonesian members! Seeing new friendships form both on and off the pitch was an important reminder of the role sport can play in fostering cultural exchange.

AIYA Victoria also gathered with Melbourne-based Indonesian football team, the Krakatoas, to watch the AFL Grand at the Indonesian Consulate General. During half time, we even practised our handballing skills. While the Grand Final can be a divisive moment for staunch footy fans, many new friendships were formed that day.

Social Cultural: Masak-Masak Day, Gamelan Road Trip and Basa-Basi

Building on the success of last year's Masak-Masak Night, AIYA Victoria organised a Masak-Masak Day, complete with dangdut karaoke! Two AIYA Victoria Officers, Zacky and Mitchell were appointed as chefs while the rest of us eagerly learnt how to make martabak telur, sate ayam bumbu kacang, and klepon.

A particularly exciting event for 2018 was our day trip to Bendigo to participate in a Gamelan workshop. At Mugi Rahayu's workshop, we learnt to play various gamelan instruments, and even acted out the Ramayana! We hope to base more events throughout regional and rural Victoria in future.

We also conducted two Basa-Basi panel events. In April, Lusia Elfriani "Batik Girl" shared her mission to give 10,000 Batik Girl Dolls to children with cancer and disabilities throughout the ASEAN region. Our other panellist, Hj. Noor Lizah Nurdin, the Wife of Riau's Governor, talked about Riau being the the next big tourist destination. At our Basa-Basi about foreign correspondence, we also heard from Jewel Topsfield and Jenni Henderson on their experiences as foreign journalists in Indonesia. We were proud to have our 2017 Media Officer, Evelynd, return to moderate the panel.



BERBAHASA WITH FRIENDS FROM PPIA MONASH

Education: Language Exchange (LX) and Berbahasa

With the growth of LX, we introduced two more Education facilitators, Dylan and Sarah, to assist in the running of our weekly language exchange. For one of our LX nights, AIYA held a Trivia Night in collaboration with the Australia Indonesia Youth Exchange Program (AIYEP)!

PPIA Monash's strong partnership with AIYA VIC has led Berbahasa to be bigger than ever! Now, no Berbahasa is complete without kerupuk, teh kotak and games. PPIA even helped us to secure a big hall to play traditional Indonesian games, such as gobak sodor, galasin and bentengan, which many Indonesian language students have never played before.

Supporting AIYA's Partner Organisations

AIYA Victoria also had a solid presence at our partner organisations' events in 2019. We participated in the ReelOzInd! Short Film Festival, AIBC young professional networking events and ACICIS' alumni events, just to name a few.



AIYA WITH AIYEP ALUMNI AT AIBC MEET AND GREET

These are just a snapshot of our activities this year. In 2019, we will continue to grow AIYA Victoria and organise events that reflect our diversity. Terima kasih banyak to all those who have supported us this year!

CHAPTER COMMITTEE

2017/18: President – Stephen Sebastian Tedja; Vice President (External) – Estelle Fraser; Vice President (Internal) – Emily Heng; Treasurer – Johanes Warsono Wang Yi Chen; Secretary – Isabelle Torriero; Communications Officer – Amelinda Devina Tjoadri; Social Cultural Officer – Mitchell Mollison; Sports Officer – Bayu Pratama; Education Officer – Yahya Zakaria; Education Facilitators – Dylan Vienet and Sarah Bouquet

2018/19: President – Emily Heng; Vice President (External) – Bayu Pratama; Vice President (Internal) – Isabelle Torriero

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WESTERN AUSTRALIA

It has been another great year for AIYA WA. It has been a pleasure to see the team organise events with aim to connect, inform and inspire each other in every aspect of the Australia-Indonesia relationship.

Before I write about our wonderful initiatives in 2018, I wish to reflect and offer condolences for the deeply sad moments which have come to pass this year. The passing of JALANAN star and friend to AIYA WA, Boni Putra in late September of 2018, was a difficult time for our Chapter. In 2016, AIYA WA hosted the JALANAN stars for a spectacular event and screening in Fremantle. We offer our condolences to all who knew Boni.



AIYA WA WITH BONI AT JALANAN SCREENING IN 2016

Following the catastrophic earthquakes and tsunami in Central Sulawesi, the team at AIYA WA also undertook fundraising initiatives to provide financial support to victims. Working with Murdoch University's Student Guild, we raised \$1,908.60 for the International Red Cross and \$360 AUD for Palang Merah Indonesia (Indonesian Red Cross). We hope these contributions can lessen the suffering of victims in some way. Next year, AIYA WA hopes to run more fundraising events to support relief efforts in Central Sulawesi.

AIYA WA continued its Basa Basi series in 2019 with award winning journalist, Jewel Topsfield as guest speaker. To hear firsthand experience from Fairfax's Indonesia correspondent was invaluable for aspiring foreign correspondents and extremely engaging for those seeking a media-based perspective on the bilateral relationship.



OUR CHAPTER PRESIDENT AT OUR FUNDRAISING INITIATIVE



CROWD AT BANDA FILM SCREENING

We also toured Murdoch University with UniBRIDGE representatives from Kupang and live streamed the “Indigenous Celebration”, a three-day event of ritual, dance, music and storytelling from indigenous groups across the Indo-Pacific during our Nontong Bareng “Nobar” or “watch together” event.

We held screenings of the award winning documentary – *As Worlds Collide* in support of indigenous Mentawi islanders, and continued our efforts to inform with a screening of *Banda: The Dark Forgotten Trail*, which explored the long history of Indonesia’s Banda Island. Most recently, AIYA WA supported Indonesian artist Okta Samid for his “SOLO” art exhibition.

This year, as Chapter President, I also spoke with His Excellency Pak Kristianto Legowo, Indonesia’s Ambassador to Australia about the work of AIYA WA. The meeting served to strengthen our relationship with the Consulate General of the Republic of Indonesia here in Perth and highlighted the importance of youth engagement in bilateral relationships.

Lastly, I wish to acknowledge and thank the numerous partners and supporters who help AIYA WA to be its best. To the Consulate General of the Republic of Indonesia, Perth, thank you for your ongoing support and guidance throughout 2018. To Balai Bahasa Indonesia Perth (BBIP), Australia Indonesia Business Council (AIBC), Indonesia Institute (II), Bamboo Microcredit, Indonesian Student Association (PIA WA), the Association of Indonesian Postgraduates Students and Scholars in Australia (AIPSSA) and the many other organisations – thank you. AIYA WA stands ready to assist and collaborate with you all in the year ahead.



AIYA WA END OF YEAR EVENT AT SUNDOWNER

It has been a privilege to serve as Chapter President for AIYA WA in 2018 and I am delighted to remain as President next year. With a keen committee comprised of Perth’s best and brightest, I have every faith our chapter will go from strength to strength in 2019. Salam semangat!

CHAPTER COMMITTEE

2017/18: President – David Scholefield; Vice President – Vanessa Juliana; Treasurer – Isabelle Lange; Secretary – Emily Wise; General Committee Members – Matt Satchwell, Fiona Bettesworth, Martha Weruing, Stewart Palmer, Boaz Shearer, Riley Brown, Cendranata Ongkowijoyo, Georgia Eagleton and Michael Peck

2018/19: President – David Scholefield; Vice President – Fiona Bettesworth; Treasurer – Isabelle Lange; Secretary – Stewart Palmer; General Committee Members – Kate Fletcher, Matthew Satchwell, Kevin Ng, Georgia Leyendekkers and Martha Weruing

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YOGYAKARTA

In 2018, AIYA Yogyakarta has been busy holding lots of events and engaging more young people in the bilateral relationship in new, fun ways. Here are some of our highlights!

TALK SHOW WITH AIYA YOGYA



AIYA Dialog and Talk Show

As a celebration of Kartini Day, we held a talk show and invited Ayu D. Rahmawati, Lecturer of Gender and Politics at UGM, and Dr. Sri Wiyanti E, Law Lecturer at UGM, moderated by Ajeng Chandra Purnamasari, a recent graduate of UGM. This event brought together students and young professionals from different backgrounds to learn more about gender and female empowerment.

Community Development

Earlier this year, we collaborated with Sekolah Merapi, conducting arts projects for primary school students and in October, we continued our partnership with Rumah Impian, a local NGO that supports disadvantaged children in Yogyakarta. We also collaborated with the sports officers and ran a fun community event which we played futsal, shared lunch, and provided an abundance of donations to the organisation.

Sports (Futsal, Badminton, and Basketball)

Our weekly futsal games continues to generate interest from both Australian and Indonesian students and even other international students keen to connect with the Australian and Indonesian students. Fortnightly badminton has also been a hit, especially in recent weeks. This semester, Sports Officers considered member interest in other sports and introduced monthly basketball games. It was a massive hit with double the attendance of weekly futsal. This November we held an annual inaugural futsal competition where participants played for medals!

WEEKLY FUTSAL





LANGUAGE EXCHANGE WITH AIYA YOGYAKARTA

Language Exchange

It has been a constant success with a steady stream of participants eager to not only practice their speaking skills but to exchange insight on various topics, build friendships and develop a better understanding of Indonesian and Australian culture. Indonesian and Australian slang words was the topic of our most recent and popular language exchange!

AIYA Yogyakarta endeavours to keep its members in the loop. This year, we've created several more video posts to educate current and future AIYA members what AIYA Yogyakarta is all about. Furthermore, by utilising polls and surveys via social media, we're giving our members a greater say in what activities we run and how we run them. In so doing, 2018 has been an incredibly successful, inclusive and fun year for AIYA Yogyakarta. We're excited to consolidate and build on these strengths in 2019.

CHAPTER COMMITTEE

2018 Semester 1: President – Wisnu Trianugeraha; Vice President – Nadia Romadhona; Secretary – Lauren Wilkins; Treasurer – Zoe Croucher; Communications Officers – Hillary Mansour, Fadilah Rahma and Jay Bellwood; Events Officers – Uma Ossatjyz, Zahrina Aditya, Lewis Wilson, Ahmad Rezha, Isobel Morton and Dyah Nova

2018 Semester 2: President – Nadia Romadhona; Vice President and Treasurer – Zoe Croucher; Secretary – Kate Thresher; Communications Officers – Caitlyn Quinn and Satrio Pradana; Events Officers – Isobel Morton, Edwin Salim, Rae Anderson, Indra Wibawa, Mia Dunphy and Puspita Wardhani

AIBC CONFERENCE 2018

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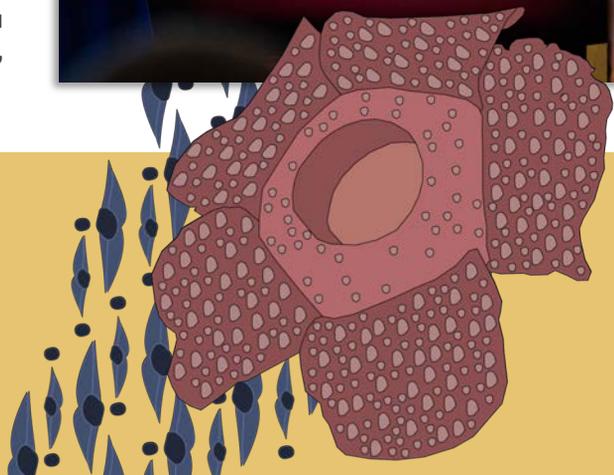
The Australia Indonesia Business Council (AIBC) conference 2018 was held between 11-13 November on the Gold Coast, Queensland. With its theme 'Partnering for Prosperity in a World of Change', the conference stressed the importance of strengthening the relationship between the two countries in order to overcome challenges and achieve mutual prosperity.



AIYA was a proud supporter of the conference, with a number of AIYA Queensland committee members volunteering to assist the AIBC with its organisation and facilitation. The AIBC also generously discounted conference tickets for AIYA members. AIYA President, Nicholas Mark; Treasurer, Sheila Hie; Blog Officer, Wella Andany; Memberships Officer, Dan Trevanion; and Queensland Vice President, Laura Wallace alongside numerous other members represented AIYA at the three-day conference.



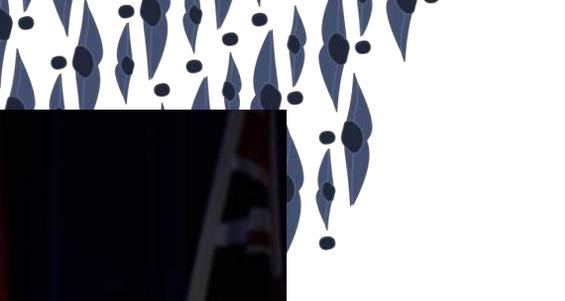
The conference consisted of 11 sessions discussing the numerous obstacles which have for so long hindered increased engagement between Australia and Indonesia. The conference brought together 300 attendees, of which included lawmakers, business leaders, finance experts and future leaders from both countries. Representing the city of Gold Coast, Mayor Tom Tate welcomed the delegates and guests to the Australian tourist city and accompanied the welcome with a story to highlight just how closely Australia has been positively shaped by Asia, and in particular, Indonesia.



Chairman of Indonesia's Investment Coordinating Board (BKPM), Thomas Lembong was one of the conference's keynote speakers and keenly spoke of the relevance of youth to the Australia-Indonesia relationship. In his keynote address, Thomas Lembong sparked laughter discussing millennial abbreviations such as YOLO (you only live once) and FOMO (fear of missing out). Tom encouraged everyone to draw from this youthful mentality of FOMO in considering a greater involvement in Indonesia's future. He stressed that Australia's economic growth will eventually reach a low point. It is therefore vital Australia look toward their closest, largest neighbour as an opportunity for economic growth, citing the Indonesia Australia – Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (IA-CEPA) as the vehicle for this growth.



Our Blog Editor, Wella Andany had the chance to interview Thomas Lembong for the weekly blog. The former Trade Minister and current BKPM Chairman shared his views regarding Indonesia's prosperity in the midst of economic changes and global trends, [which you can read here.](#)



For many of our AIYA members, the event was a fantastic opportunity to network and get to know the panellists across the three-day conference. AIYA was formally recognised by AIBC President, Phil Turtle for its great support of the conference. The conference was a demonstration of the strengthening partnership between the AIBC and AIYA and we look forward to further collaboration in 2019.



WRITING BY AIYA MEMBERS

BALAI BAHASA DAN BUDAYA INDONESIA QUEENSLAND (BBBIQ) *Reigniting the beauty of Indonesian language learning in Queensland*

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BBBIQ Committee with Mr Imran Hanafi (Attache for Language and Culture, Embassy of Indonesia in Canberra) and Indonesian language teachers in Southeast Queensland area.

Participation in Indonesian language learning among Queensland’s educational institutions is dwindling, raising concerns and questions about Australia’s relationship with its closest neighbour. Community support and involvement is just as important as the efforts from government and education institutions to conserve Indonesian language and cultural studies in Queensland. This is where Balai Bahasa dan Budaya Indonesia Queensland (BBBIQ) comes into play. BBBIQ was launched in 2017 and is partially funded by the Indonesian government. I interviewed Dr Halim Nataprawira (Pak Halim), current Vice President (Language) of BBBIQ to learn more about BBBIQ and their plans for the future.

Following Indonesian President Joko Widodo’s visit to Brisbane in 2016, the Embassy and the Consulate General of the Republic Indonesia acted on the President’s directive to establish Indonesian learning centres in all Australian states and invited Indonesian language teachers and community members from Southeast Queensland. Pak Halim was one of the first members to volunteer for BBBIQ. Since October 2018, BBBIQ has formed a new committee, with Associate Professor Zane Goebel (Pak Zane), Indonesian Program Coordinator at the University of Queensland (UQ) as their new President.

BBBIQ “wants to inspire Indonesian language learning in Queensland through activities students can enjoy. We are losing [interest from] students in Queensland, [and] providing experiences and new cultural awareness could be a way to attract more interest in Indonesian”.

A newly established organisation, Pak Halim recognises BBBIQ needs to expand its network by reaching out to the Indonesian community and language enthusiasts. They are currently focused on maintaining student enrolment at schools and universities. “Everyone we have worked with has been supportive. We are trying to involve more people with experiences and connections to help us reach out and fulfil our objective.”

Last year, BBBIQ was striving to officially register the organisation and establish a constitution. It has been a long and often challenging process for BBBIQ. However this year, they managed to run a successful *pencak silat* (Indonesian traditional martial arts) and Balinese dance workshop in one of Brisbane's primary schools which teach Indonesian.

While most schools and teachers want their students to be able to interact with young Indonesians to stay inspired, there are obstacles to do so. “[We have] trouble aligning with the performers’ schedules, for example due to university exams and assignments, and also everyone involved has to have a Working With Children Clearance, to participate.”

Schools can also have differing perceptions toward Indonesian cultural activities. For example, with the *pencak silat* showcase, Pak Halim said some schools were hesitant as they were “worried showing *pencak silat* to young students would be misinterpreted as promoting violence.”

Despite challenges, BBBIQ continues to move forward with its mission to support Indonesian language learning in Queensland. With a new committee, Pak Halim hopes to continue assisting schools and Indonesian language teachers to organise cultural performances and experiences.



Dance workshop with Suara Indonesia Dance Group from Sydney, November 1st, 2018

“We also want to do something for the general public—not just create a double-up of events already running in Queensland, but rather to work with them. We also want to help schools if they want to set up exchange programs with our contacts in Indonesia,” he added.

In 2019, Pak Halim says the priority is to launch more programs as previously more time has been spent establishing the structure and aims of the organisation. The current President, Pak Zane, wishes to start up an Indonesian culture and communication hub, as well as to establish a base camp for the organisation.

From this interview, I have learned that BBBIQ is a great initiative to reignite and reintroduce the beauty of Indonesian language learning Queensland's students. Community leadership is integral to its mission, which moreover, has the potential to strengthen the incredibly important bilateral relationship.



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MY AIYEP EXPERIENCE Erasing the Smug Bug

Dan Trevanion



AIYEP36 group at the Australian Embassy

When I was in primary school, I began learning Bahasa Indonesia. I grew up with an Indonesian mother. She didn't teach me the Indonesian language, but I was exposed to Indonesia's culture in various ways. Occasionally, my background has given me an advantage. My 3rd grade class studied Indonesian for a few weeks. One day we had a pop quiz, including a question for the translation of 'rice'. I didn't pay much attention in class, and I didn't genuinely know the answer, but I did know that I ate a meal called *nasi goreng* frequently and that contained a lot of rice. Brownie points to me.

When I think back, this may have been when I caught the smug bug. I grew up with an Indonesian parent, I studied Indonesian in high school and university and I travelled to Indonesia quite frequently. I knew Indonesia. When I applied for AIYEP 2017/18 I expected a few things, to meet new friends, improve my Indonesian and visit new areas of Indonesia.

I didn't expect to learn much new about Indonesian culture or Indonesian people. My AIYEP experience satisfied my expectations and rewarded me. I discovered new aspects of Indonesia.

Of course, there were moments throughout my AIYEP experience when I turned to a friend and we both rolled our eyes over something typically Indonesian—the hours stuck in traffic and official presentations, the endless photo requests, and late appointments (*jam karet*). Among these eye rolls, however, were surprising and unfamiliar moments—a group prayer before a basketball game, a village-wide funeral and preparing food for the Thursday morning market. These experiences are not profound, nor complex. These unfamiliar moments simply enriched my understanding of Indonesia.

Just as important are the familiar moments. I lived with a host family in Salatiga a few years ago. The meals I ate, the conversations I had and the expectations of me by my host family were familiar but different in Babakan Baru and Bengkulu. I was naïve to think living with a family is something replicable or something that I had 'done'.



Closing Ceremony of AIYEP36

I faced new dynamics, challenges and joyful occasions. I attended a university lecture with a different style of teaching and dress-code to my experience in Salatiga. I interacted, every day, with the Indonesian AIYEP participants who have 18 different homes, histories and customs. I knew some practices, such as arranged marriages, are common in Indonesia. I appreciated these practices in a new light after talking with participants who shouldered these expectations.

Indonesia is unfathomable. We, rightly, chastise singlet-wearing Bali tourists for encapsulating Indonesia in beaches, clubs and monkey temples. We catch the smug bug. More often, however, we should turn the lens upon ourselves—how much of Indonesia do I really know? The answer is the same for all of us: not enough!

A program such as AIYEP will broaden your horizons whether you have studied Indonesia for years, lived in Indonesia or simply wondered what happens in the little archipelago above Australia. You will experience wonderful and surprising moments. These moments will teach you, in a more authentic and complete way, about Indonesia.



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LANDING A FULL-TIME JOB Being A Fresh Graduate in Indonesia

Ilfi Reka Alfi Yarti Syabeh

I graduated from my university in Central Java, Indonesia in December, 2017. In 2017 alone, there were over one million^[1] university graduates, many of those competing to land full-time jobs. And as I write now, I'm still trying to navigate the realities of the Indonesian job market. Here is my story.

I chose to major in International Relations with the hope of becoming a diplomat. My love for the English language and interacting with new people made me think that a life in diplomacy was a perfect fit. However, turning one's dream into a reality is not always easy.

[1] Kementerian Riset, Teknologi, dan Pendidikan Tinggi Republik Indonesia, Statistik Pendidikan Tinggi Tahun 2017. (Jakarta: Pusdatin Iptek Dikti, 2017), p. 104.

After graduation, I wrote a CV and asked my trustworthy friends to review it. I started to search and apply for several online job vacancies. I made approximately eight accounts with online job-seeking platforms and did weekly searches for new vacancies. Meanwhile, I also taught myself another foreign language, reviewed my previous teachings from boarding school, and re-read my favorite books from University. I was also doing freelance work translating documents from English to Indonesian as well as following national essay-writing and short story competitions.

Finally, a senior at my university offered me the opportunity to interview for an International NGO. Despite my initial excitement, I didn't pass the interview stage. At the time, I processed the rejection well as I knew I was new to job market and had limited work experience. However, after another setback and months of job searching, I reviewed my expectations and went after my new goal of landing an internship opportunity.

I soon learnt that the path to finding an internship opportunity can be just as difficult. Admittedly, the rejections were upsetting and made me question my skills and talents. It also drained my energy!

I eventually reached out to an employed friend and shared my job-seeking anxiety. She reminded me of my capabilities and encouraged me to not give up. My friends also provided with suggestions of attending job fairs, workshops, seminars as well as to seek further training. Indeed, good friends are truly a gift.

What did my family think of my struggle? At the time, it seemed my mother was the only one who was concerned about my job-finding journey. And even she seemed more concerned about me finding a partner first!

Following my friend's advisement, I attended job fairs, workshops, and conferences. It was there I realised that the anxiety of being a jobseeker was entirely normal, especially amongst our generation. I also gained invaluable skills and lessons in branding, leadership and using my youth to position myself among Indonesia's complex issues. I was even able to network with the new people I met at the venue. In so doing, I found another side of the jobseeker's world, one of support and comradery.



In the end, especially for the AIYA members in the same position as myself, hang in there! And in the meantime, we can be grateful for what we have now. Life is not only about to work, it is also about how we can positively see things. Good luck to us all!



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BECOME AN AIYA MEMBER

Join a friendly environment for young Australians and Indonesians

An AIYA membership connects you with like-minded people in your area who are engaging in the Australia-Indonesia relationship. Becoming a member will give you opportunity to share your language and cultural experience through peer-to-peer language exchanges and frequent educational and social events. AIYA ran over 300 events across Australia and Indonesia last year! Most importantly you will make lifelong friendships and connections.

A stepping stone to shaping the Australia-Indonesia relationship

Joining AIYA opens the door to a range of opportunities. Through our education, socio-cultural and professional events, you'll have a chance to meet the many high-achieving young professionals that are AIYA members and sit on our executive committees. Members receive access to information about overseas study and career opportunities in government, academia and the private sector. AIYA expands your network and connects you 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 or National AGMs and have a role on a chapter or national committee executive. You can then take the lead in running events, develop and advocate for policy and liaise with our like-minded partner organisations. As a member, AIYA is your organisation to shape!

Discounts and member-only opportunities

Be the first to hear about member-only opportunities! As a member you will get exclusive access to AIYA member-only ticket prices at Chapter and partner events. This includes discounted tickets to PPIA events, Australia-Indonesia Business Council (AIBC) and other major organisations engaged in the Australia-Indonesia relationship. There is also free access to the UniBRIDGE online language exchange platform. Your local Chapter also has extra deals and local initiatives so check out their social media, go to events and stay updated.

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!



PARTNERSHIP UPDATE



AUSTRALIA INDONESIA INSTITUTE (AII)

The Australia-Indonesia Institute is proud to support the Australia-Indonesia Youth Association's National Australia Indonesia Language Awards and its cultural, professional and educational programs to bring young people in Australia and Indonesia together to create bonds of friendship, understanding and opportunity.



THE AUSTRALIA-INDONESIA CENTRE (AIC)

The Australia-Indonesia Centre is delighted to have worked together again this year with the Australia Indonesia Youth Association. In 2018, the Centre hosted AIYA's flagship panel discussion event Basa-Basi with the theme of "Foreign Correspondence in Indonesia", featuring Jewel Topsfield and Jenni Henderson. The Centre also continued to support the fabulous NAILA for the fourth consecutive year by sponsoring the Tertiary Award and by facilitating the venue for the NAILA Awards Night at Monash Conference Centre. As both nations are set to scale the trade

relationship, there has never been a more important time to strengthen the people-to-people ties that will underpin stronger economic links. The Centre is proud to work together with one of its long-standing partners in the shared mission to bring Indonesians and Australians together.



AUSTRALIA INDONESIA YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAM (AIYEP)

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

In 2018, AFS Intercultural Programs Australia continued program management of AIYEP. AFS Australia 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 2018, the Indonesian AIYEP cohort were hosted in Victoria (Melbourne and Bendigo), and AFS Australia partnered with the AIYA Victoria Chapter to host a social activity between AIYA members and AIYEP participants. AFS Australia looks forward to strengthening the relationship between AIYEP and AIYA in 2019!

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Australia-Indonesia Youth Association (AIYA) is the peak organisation representing the diversity of young people and incredible opportunities integral to the Australia-Indonesia relationship. The Annual aims to represent the variety of activities our active membership participate in to foster greater intercultural connection and understanding. This level of grassroots engagement makes AIYA a key collaborator among business, government and think-tank organisations.

Our website, blog, social media channels and weekly newsletter further enable us to share the growing number of events and opportunities available to young people. If you or your organisation share AIYA's mission to connect, inform and inspire young Australians and Indonesians, partner with us today by contacting our Director of Partnerships & Memberships, sam.shlansky@aiya.org.au.



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