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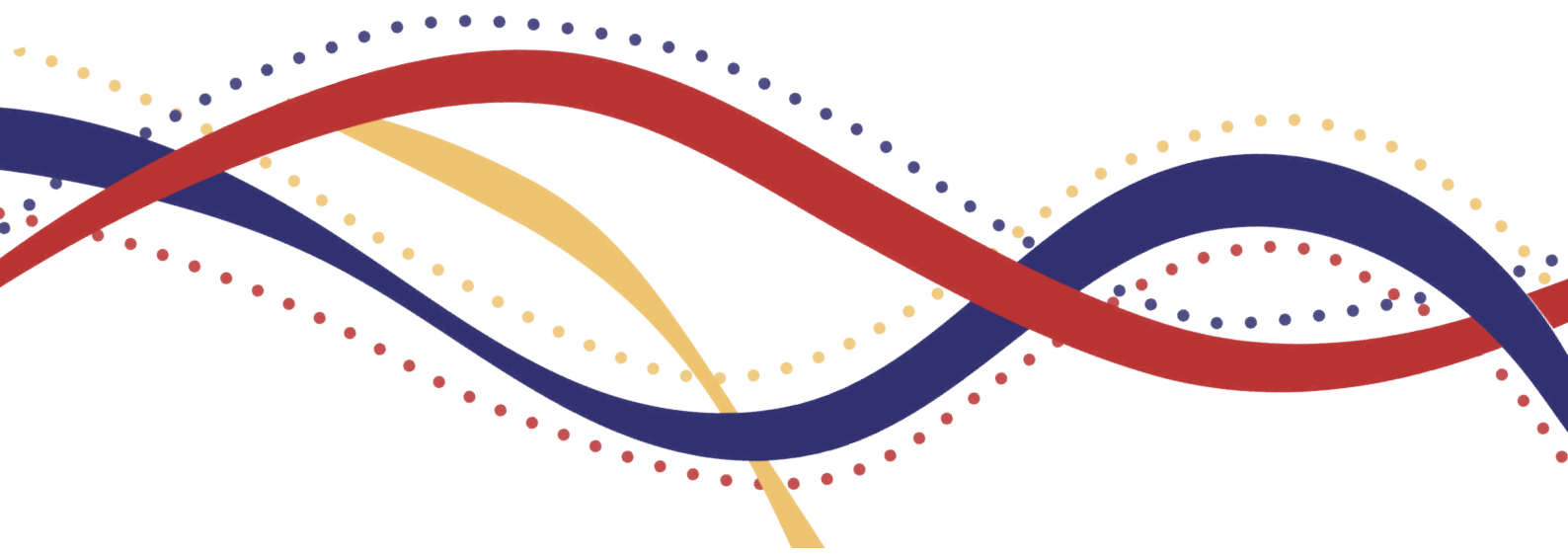
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Editorial

Forward: Pandemic Situation

2020, undoubtedly, is a one-of-a-kind year that has redefined a lot of things for us all. There were moments filled with uncertainties, worries, and sorrow. However, we can't undermine moments that were filled with relief, hope, and gratitude. The emergence of the COVID-19 pandemic forced us to halt all of our plans and required us to adapt to the circumstances in no time.

We begin assembling the Annual in August, with the help of the AIYA National team. We want to express our sincere gratitude, especially to Clarice and Anita, for always guiding us throughout the journey to create this Annual for the AIYA community. The Annual would also not be complete without the touch of the graphic design team! They have successfully delivered the core theme of the Annual through their design, which we hope you can enjoy as well.

With all of the team scattered between Australia and Indonesia, we conducted all of our discussions online. Regardless, we were able to contribute to the Annual and overcome the obstacles that were present. Through the whole process, the purpose of AIYA—to strengthen the relation of both of our countries through youth engagement—is realised. Therefore, it is safe to say that the 2020 AIYA Annual is the creation of Australian and Indonesian youths, which reflect our passion and love for both nations.

Despite all of the extraordinary challenges we are up against this year, AIYA's presence and the organisation's essence to its members do not

wither away. Reading through what the chapters have been up to in the past year was truly inspiring and hopeful. Before the pandemic, the chapters kicked off the year with various events, including *AIYA Kongres*, *AIYA Goes to School* and *Language Exchange*. When the pandemic started to take a turn for the worse, events and agendas were moved online. All of the chapters have shown a really impressive response to the shift by keeping engaging with members. It is also great to see how a lot of chapters are collaborating with each other in the past year!

On top of all that, we had the honour to read our members' wonderful submissions, which you can see in the Annual! We received numerous writings and art creations, and we were amazed by the creativity and effort that were put into each piece.

The 2020 AIYA Annual is created to celebrate the wonderful things that happened throughout the year. It has been a rather difficult year for all of us, so we hope this Annual will give you a sense of comfort and consolation by looking back at all the things we did in these extraordinary times. To all our readers, don't forget to pat yourself in the back once in a while for pulling through and remind yourself of all the wins you have achieved, no matter how small they are. Let's enter 2021 with a new spirit and hope! Until then, please stay safe and healthy.

Chief Editors: Kevin Ng and Raissa Raniah

PRESIDENT'S WELCOME

To our ever-growing AIYA family,

It goes without saying 2020 has tested the AIYA community in ways we had not quite experienced before. While we are a community separated across two large countries, being separated in our own cities has been a unique experience. Despite this we have rallied together to maintain a sense of connection to one another and we are forever grateful to those members and supporters who have stuck with us during this time as well as to those joining us for the first time.

Team AIYA hopes this year's Annual provides some insight for readers into life with AIYA. AIYA has been able to adapt to changing ways of work to deliver exciting online events and initiatives, as well as host some really engaging face-to-face events in COVID-19 safe cities. Through our mission of keeping Aus-Indo youth connected, at a National and Chapter level we've grown to be over 160 people strong and established new teams such as the digital events team. The Chapters across our two countries have not been dissuaded from coming up with new ideas to constantly energise and push us all to inspire and inform members, each in their own unique ways.

Through engaging events on notable topics in the bilateral relationship we have been able to learn with and teach each other new skills, work in more diverse and collaborative ways and at the same time grow our membership base which has officially tipped over the 600 mark for the first time! This milestone is a testament to how much AIYA means to many people and for myself in particular, reassurance that AIYA is growing to be bigger and better, and is a major player in the Aus-Indo space.



Clarice Campbell, Cameron Allan, Kilau Setanggi Timur and Melanie Kilby with President Joko Widodo, Canberra

Rallying the team behind the scenes have been seven other dedicated AIYA Directors – Owen, Sophie, Dan, Josh, Anita, Mel and Sheila – I want to thank each one of them for their tireless efforts and especially mbak Anita as this is her first year involved with AIYA, heading the Communications team as of April and it has been no small feat. A shoutout should also go to our dedicated and always available Team Coordinators – Emily, Wes, Darcy and Joe – who are always able pull strings to make even the most unlikely event happen at the click of a finger (or several hundred WhatsApp messages) and the absolutely amazing outgoing and incoming Chapter Presidents – Citra, Bintang, Anggi, Fiona, Kevin, Nick, Christina, Bayu, Jade, Evelyn, Dyo, Dhona, Tata, Fety, Ato, Levina, Courtney, Maxine, Sam, Muche and Vita – who have worked so hard to maintain consistency in the events on offer so thank you very much.



Kongres AIYA Alumni Dinner, Jakarta

Some notable initiatives and events at AIYA this year include:

- Our inaugural Kongres AIYA was held in both Sydney and Jakarta bringing together over 40 committee members to network and plan the year way back in January and February
- Being invited as a special guest at President Joko Widodo's official visit to Canberra, AIYA was involved with several events including a private luncheon with H.E. Governor General, the Hon. David Hurley, AC, DSC, FTSC in February
- Working with the University Bridge Project (UniBRIDGE) throughout the year to adapt Language Exchange to become virtual Flexible Language Exchange (FLEX) from April
- Establishing the Pathways Mentoring Program with our great friends at the Conference of Australian and Indonesian Youth (CAUSINDY) in June
- Collaborating with other amazing youth organisations – Australia-Japan Youth Dialogue, ASEAN-Australia Strategic Youth Partnership and Australia-China Youth Association – to co-convene the Indo-Pacific Student Mobility Youth Dialogue (IPSMYD) in August
- Establishing an inaugural NAIDOC Week 2020 Advisory Committee to put together a schedule of exciting events to recognise and elevate indigenous issues in both countries in October
- Launching the 2020 AIYA Survey to showcase what every-day Australians and Indonesians think about core topics in the space in November
- And of course conducting the 6th National Australia Indonesia Language Awards (NAILA) which saw 151 applications, the highest of any year in December

Our partners this year have been absolutely phenomenal as well, we would not have been able to achieve nearly as much as we did collaboratively. Our biggest thanks goes out to the enormous support we receive from the Australia-Indonesia Institute (AII), we would like to thank them in particular for providing us with continued funding for the 2019/20 and 2020/21 financial years.

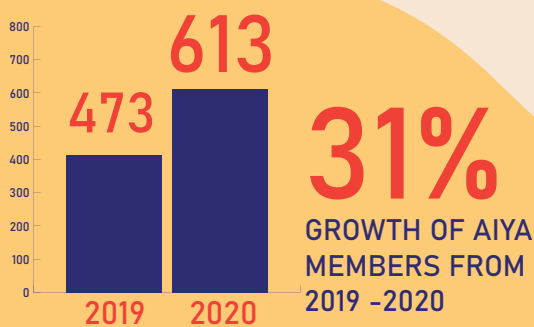
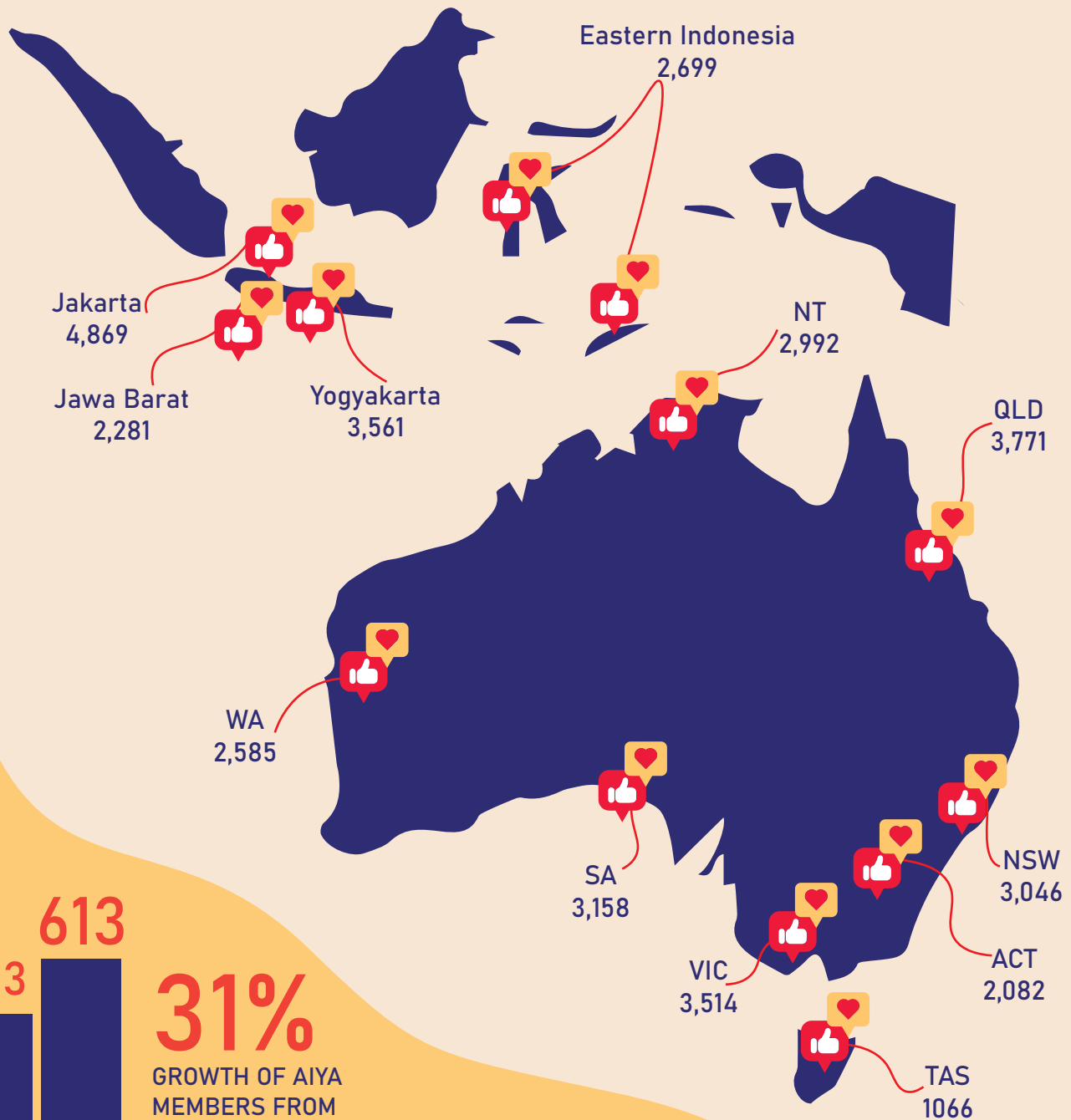
We hope to see you at an AIYA event next year and if you would like to get involved please connect with us!

Salam,

Clarice Campbell
AIYA National President

AIYA AT A GLANCE

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58,404
AIYA SOCIAL MEDIA FOLLOWERS



8,500+
VISITS TO AIYA WEBSITE PER MONTH



4,548
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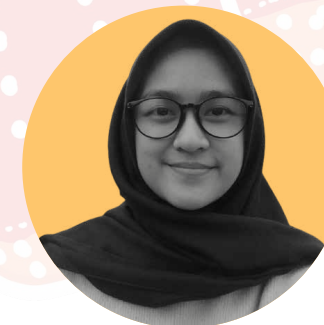
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MESSAGE FROM THE AMBASSADORS

Indonesian Ambassador to Australia and Vanuatu

The year 2020 is definitely not an easy year. The unprecedented Australian bushfire, floods in several parts of Indonesia, and the global pandemic, have disrupted any plan or development activities in many countries all over the world. However, the bilateral relationships between Indonesia and Australia have become even stronger than ever despite all those challenges.

President Joko Widodo's visit to Australia at the beginning of this year and the opportunity for him to deliver the presidential remarks before the Australian Parliament during his visit have shown that the relations between our two countries has reached an even higher degree of friendships.



H.E. Mr Y. Kristiarto S. Legowo
Ambassador of the Republic of Indonesia to the
Commonwealth of Australia and
Republic of Vanuatu

This intimacy is not only shown at the leaders' level, but even more obvious at the youth level. In this regard, I would like to acknowledge the AIYA's outstanding contributions and dedications that has been going on for years to the better understanding and closer friendship between young Indonesians and Australians.

Since its inception, I noted that AIYA has contributed tremendously to bolster the robust relations between the young people of Indonesia and Australia in many sectors, ranging from business to cultures and languages.

During 2020, AIYA has successfully held the very first AIYA congress in Sydney and Jakarta, organizing an online language exchange program called FLEX (Flexible Language Exchange), and establishing the Pathways Mentoring Program as a career advice course for both Indonesian and Australian students.

The works that AIYA had done, reflect the true spirit of cooperation and goodwill amongst our young people. It is not surprising if AIYA's tremendous initiatives have given me confidence that the increasingly intertwined future of the Indonesia Australia relationship is in good hands, the young generation that will become our future leaders.

Thank you for being part of the better relations between Indonesia and Australia. Terima kasih.

Australian Ambassador to Indonesia

2020 has been a very difficult year. The COVID-19 pandemic has been the most disruptive event globally since World War Two and has seriously affected the lives of both Australians and Indonesians, and the rest of the world, for most of this year. International travel has all but stopped and opportunities to engage and connect with other people and cultures have been difficult to find.

Young people have been hit particularly hard by COVID-19. Education has been interrupted and personal and community interaction with friends, so important to young people everywhere as they develop as individuals, has been severely dislocated. This has made the work of AIYA so much more vital. By continuing to bring young people together during the pandemic, AIYA, and organisations like it, have given young Australians and Indonesians opportunities that they would have otherwise sorely missed in 2020.

Australia and Indonesia have faced unique health, economic and social problems. Our circumstances are different but we have worked together as neighbours and trusted partners to respond to these challenges together.

In February 2020, before COVID-19 struck, Indonesian President Joko Widodo visited Australia, becoming only the second Indonesian leader to address a joint sitting of Parliament. In his speech, he said that Australia was "Indonesia's closest friend". This sentiment underscores the strength of our longstanding partnership and gives us all hope for the future.

In July, the Indonesia Australia Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement, or IA-CEPA, came into force. This agreement gives business communities in both countries new opportunities to expand their markets and increase investment.

I am pleased to see that despite the travel obstacles, young Indonesians and Australians continue to enthusiastically pursue opportunities to connect with each other, as evidenced by the success of AIYA's programs, including Flexible Language Exchange, which has engaged more than 700 participants, and the National Australia Indonesia Language Awards, which received 151 submissions this year.

AIYA and other youth organisations are vital to the future of the Australia-Indonesia relationship. It is the youth of both countries that will take our partnership forward into the future and maintaining ties through mutual understanding and ongoing two-way engagement through these avenues is so important.

I congratulate AIYA's leadership and members on your achievements in what has been an extraordinarily difficult year. I look forward to following your activities closely in 2021.



*H.E. Mr Gary Quinlan, AO
Ambassador of the Commonwealth of
Australia to the Republic of Indonesia*

CHAPTER UPDATES

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY



AIYA ACT Welcome BBQ

Since the formation of the AIYA Australian Capital Territory (ACT) committee at the beginning of 2020, we were all prepped to have a year full of academic, cultural and entertaining events.

It was important for the ACT Chapter to reconnect with the Indonesian Embassy, the Indonesia-Australia communities based in Canberra (such as the Australia Indonesia Association and the Balai Bahasa Indonesia), and the ASEAN focused clubs at the Australian National University (ANU).

ACT President, Anggi and ACT Events Officer, Cameron accompanied our National President, Clarice and NAILA Director Mel at President Jokowi's address during his visit to Australia. They were all very excited to get a selfie with the President himself after the luncheon at Parliament House!

This network helped give us a strong start to 2020 with our AIYA Welcome BBQ. This well-attended event was a great way to meet new and returning AIYA members, as well as meet

the committee members from the ANU ASEAN Society, the Indonesia Student Association, and the ANU College of Asia and the Pacific Students' Society (CAPSS). We were all eager to build from the momentum of the BBQ.

The following event was set up to be an educational panel revolving around majoritarianism and religious freedom in Indonesia, which would have featured Alissa Wahid, National Director of Gusdurian Network Indonesia (GNI), named after her late father, President Abdurrahman Wahid who is also known as Gus Dur.

Unfortunately, due to the COVID-19 pandemic Alissa chose not to travel to Australia as Canberra had begun going into lockdown. The pandemic pushed us to focus on online events with the other AIYA Chapters and the AIYA National committee. AIYA ACT hosted and attended many Flexible Language Exchange (FLEX) sessions on UniBRIDGE. We covered a variety of topics including our favourite food, childhood nostalgia, slang, music and AFL. I would especially like to recognise Charlie, Chapter Secretary and Lucas, ACT general representative who stepped in to prepare

lessons and host many of AIYA's FLEX sessions. It was a great way for our Chapter to stay connected with the wider Australia-Indonesia community.

We also had fun launching our Indomie Challenge on Instagram, which brought about so many delicious creations! AIYA ACT thought it would be a simple and fun way for the whole AIYA community to connect, since Indomie is a staple in our homes and we could really get creative while we were all stuck at home. Not long after, MasterChef broadcasted the same theme for one of their challenges (we can neither confirm nor deny that they copied our genius idea).

AIYA ACT still managed to end 2020 with a bang! Anggi and Cameron were invited to a morning tea with the Governor General at Government House for the Australia-Indonesia Youth Exchange Program (AIYEP) 2020. As both of them are also AIYEP alumni, it was great to promote the success of the exchange program, represent the youth in Canberra, meet prominent people within the bilateral community and meet the new AIYEP cohort.

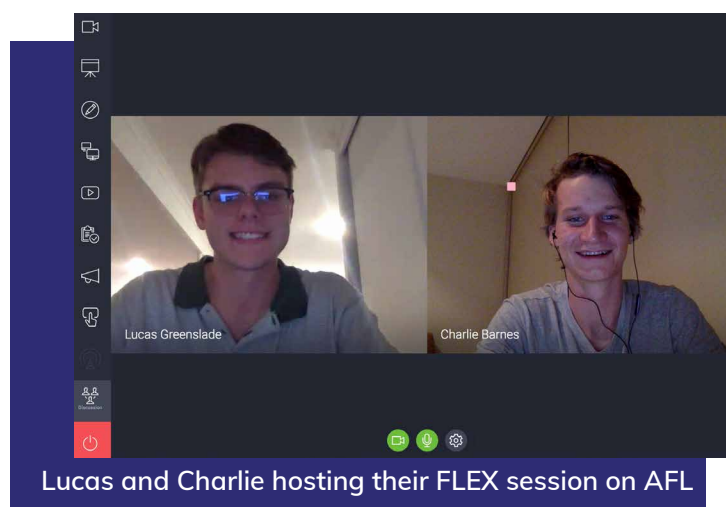
It was great to see that AIYEP went ahead as a virtual exchange program due to the travel restrictions between both countries. Anggi and Cameron have been keeping in close contact with the Australian delegates this year and have been heavily involved in hosting online workshops to mentor and guide them through the program by sharing skills and knowledge with the enthusiastic bunch of young future leaders.

AIYA ACT hopes that our ideas for sporting events, dance lessons and cooking workshops can come into fruition next year. We look forward to what the AIYA ACT 2021 committee has to offer.

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Anggi and Cameron meeting the AIYEP2020 cohort and the Governor General



Lucas and Charlie hosting their FLEX session on AFL

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JAKARTA



AIYA Jakarta 2019/2020 Committee

2020 has been remarkable for AIYA Jakarta, bringing a lot of achievements over the course of the year!

Earlier this year, we hosted lunch and dinner events which were really popular among members. During these events over 60 participants attended and we made many new friends along the way by participating in speed networking games. It was so much fun! In February, the team assisted AIYA National in the preparation and implementation of Kongres AIYA. Our team was especially hands-on with the Alumni Dinner, where current and former members of all AIYA chapters from around Indonesia gathered. While the COVID-19 pandemic has been a challenging time for all of us, the AIYA Jakarta committee successfully adapted to the circumstances and continued to run exciting events over the course of the year! Our membership has also skyrocketed!

During the pandemic this year, we not only increased the frequency of our events but also surpassed the quality of events in previous years. We hosted two events each month, ranging from professional networking events, touch rugby meetups, IELTS learning seminars, AIYEP Q&A sessions, and Australia Awards Scholarship information sessions. These information sessions drew great interest from members and non-members alike, and all of them received positive feedback. It was also great to collaborate with the AIYA Eastern Indonesia Chapter, NTT Committee for one session. In addition our team actively facilitated FLEX.

The Nongkrong Bareng & Networking Night marked the final event for the 2019/20 committee, which was held virtually and attended by over 20 members! During this event, participants wore beautiful traditional attire from Indonesia, such as kebaya, batik, and surjan. We also watched a summary video of AIYA Jakarta's activities over the past 12 months.

That's not all! In September, we held our AGM which was attended by more than 30 members. During the AGM, Citra Gantiaji was re-elected as the Chapter President for 2020/21. Following the AGM, we recruited new members to the AIYA Jakarta committee. Our newly-appointed committee members are all full of exciting new ideas! We can't wait to see how AIYA Jakarta can grow even bigger and better with this year's fantastic team.

To kick off the 2020/21 tenure of the new committee, we held a Virtual Opening Day where the 50 attendees participated in a series of virtual games, watched a musical performance, and strengthened professional networks. In addition, AIYA Jakarta collaborated with AIYA Eastern Indonesia (NTT) to present an LPDP (Australia) Scholarship Information Session. To commemorate National Heroes Day, AIYA Jakarta held a writing competition with the theme "Who Is Your Indonesian/ Australian Hero?". Over 120 people applied writing about figures that young people look up to as role models and heroes. There were three winners: Afraa A. Amadera, Viona Alifhah and Galih W. Brata. Everyone can read their beautiful work on the AIYA Blog.

As the end of the year approached, we hosted an Indo-Oz bonding day for AIYEP and AIYA Jakarta members, and collaborated with ACICIS in facilitating the Networking and Ice Breaking session for the Virtual Public Health Study Tour participants.

Looking back on the previous year, we're thrilled to see how much the committee and members of AIYA Jakarta have grown together – starting as complete strangers to becoming close friends through a shared interest in Australia-Indonesia relations. We would like to extend our gratitude to the hard work of those who served on the committee in 2019/20. The 2020/21 committee hopes to build on this foundation with more exciting events and social media content that will keep our members connected, informed and inspired.



AAS Information Session at Australia Awards in Indonesia Office



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Partners:



JAWA BARAT



AIYA Jawa Barat at Festival Sinema Australia Indonesia at Bandung

Despite the pandemic, 2020 has kept us busy! Having to adjust most of our plans to the COVID-19 regulations was certainly challenging but we managed to meet our members on various occasions. Take a look at what we have been up to:

We kicked off the year by attending Festival Sinema Australia Indonesia (FSAI), an annual event organised by the Australian Embassy in Indonesia at the end of February 2020. We came to the opening ceremony of FSAI at the Paris van Java CGV cinema and watched a range of Australian and Indonesian movies. ACICIS Exchange students from Universitas Parahyangan also joined us, making the experience even more enjoyable. The event was a great way to enjoy Bandung!

During the first lockdown, our team held a series of Instagram live sessions on various topics. We started our first virtual live session, hosted by Vice President Anggi Auliya and Professional Program Officer Bayan Yazdani,

discussing mental health during the quarantine. Recognising the difficulty of lockdown for our members and young people worldwide, we discussed psychological principles and provided recommendations to promote mental well-being. We were joined by over 80 participants, which had positive feedback about the event.

Our next Instagram live session was about the general knowledge and local insights between Australia and Indonesia. It was organised by Dyo Pamungkas and Catherine Pagliaro from the Socio-Cultural Team. Topics covered include food, trivia, and ways of greeting people in Australia and various Indonesian regional languages. For our third session, we discussed differences in accents in the world, with special emphasis on Australian and British accents as this was something our members were particularly interested in, we also went over a few Australian and British slang words. Over 100 audience members joined the session with great enthusiasm!

Our sports team adapted their normally very physical events to hold an session about sports culture in both countries. It was hosted by Sports Lead Imam Ruslan and Socio-Cultural Officer Isabel Dunn. The sports team also arranged a competition on Instagram called #WeekendBaikBike.

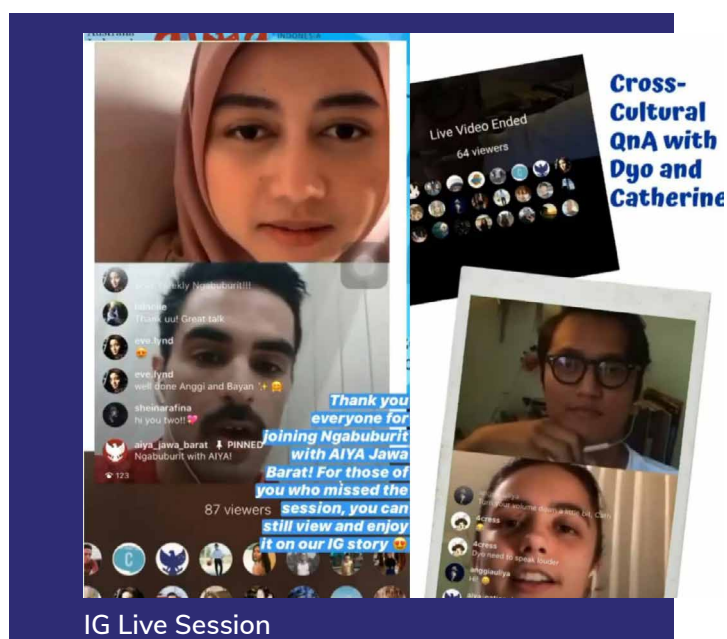
AIYA Jawa Barat held its first webinar on the topic of “Future Collaboration in the Australia-Indonesia Relationship, What Can Millennials Do to Foster It?”, which discussed how youth can foster the relationship between both countries. The keynote speakers were Hikmawan Saefullah, IR lecturer of UNPAD, and Clarice Campbell, AIYA National President. Hikmawan shared his take on equal participation on the international stage and discussed the history of Australia-Indonesia relations. Meanwhile, Clarice emphasised how non-formal organisations play a significant role in building communication between the two countries, especially for young people, like AIYA.

Under normal circumstances our Chapter usually runs according to the academic calendar year as most of our members are students. This means we recruit twice a year, at the start of each semester, however, in 2020 the committee remained the same for the full year.

Partners:



AIYA Jawa Barat Webinar: Future Collaboration on Australia -Indonesia Relationship



IG Live Session

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NEW SOUTH WALES



AIYA NSW 2019/20 Committee

2020 has no doubt been a rollercoaster of a year. We had some big plans for events this year and while expectations didn't quite match reality, we are so proud of everything our committee has been able to achieve. This year AIYA NSW hosted a total of 38 events, including facilitating online FLEX sessions and in-person Language Exchange sessions.

Socio-Cultural

For our first event for the 2019/20 term, we teamed up with UniBRIDGE for a night of discussion with their co-director, Chris Hall, who shared his insightful experiences living and studying in Indonesia.

Then we fast track to May, where we hosted our first online Netflix Party. In the midst of a lockdown, this was the perfect antidote for reconnecting with our members and committee. We watched the historical romance film *Bumi Manusia* (This Earth of Mankind) and stayed up late into the night discussing what we thought about it. This was truly such a wholesome and fun event for us

to organise, that we decided to host another Netflix Party to celebrate Reconciliation Week in June. We watched Aussie award-winning film 'The Sapphires' which later prompted an important discussion about Australia's forceful treatment of Aboriginal people since colonisation.

In November, we were proud to host an Aboriginal Walking Tour to celebrate NAIDOC Week. Our guide, Auntie Donna, a Wiradjuri woman who identifies Redfern as her cultural home, showed us some of the important cultural sites in Redfern and how it has changed overtime. We were grateful to learn about Aboriginal culture and history more deeply, a story that is important to understanding Australia as we know it today.

In December, we hosted an online dance workshop in collaboration with Universitas Bunda Mulia titled 'Hit the Stage' for the 2020 AIYEP Delegates. This was a fun, hands-on event where we learnt traditional Indonesian dances from East Kalimantan to Bali, all from the comfort of our bedrooms!

Professional Programs

Our first professional event for the year was a joint event with AIBC NSW and Bukalapak titled "Inside the Data Room of Indonesia's Tech Unicorn". This was an intimate roundtable discussion with their Senior Data Manager, Jonathan Kurniawan, who spoke about how data is used at Bukalapak.

A webinar on 'Pathways to study and work in Australia' saw two migration experts speak on the barriers to migration in light of COVID-19 this year, and the ways to overcome them for people wanting to settle in Australia.

Our annual Malam Karier event was scheduled for mid-March, this time in collaboration with PPIA USyd, PPIA UNSW and PPIA UTS. It was set to be our biggest careers night ever with an incredible line-up of speakers to discuss the theme "Human Skills We Need in an Unpredictable World". Indeed it was unpredictable that only days before the event, the NSW government had restricted large gatherings due to COVID-19 and thus we decided it best to postpone the event. It was quite devastating given the amount of promotion and organising that had already been done nonetheless we are excited to bring you a massive Malam Karier in 2021!

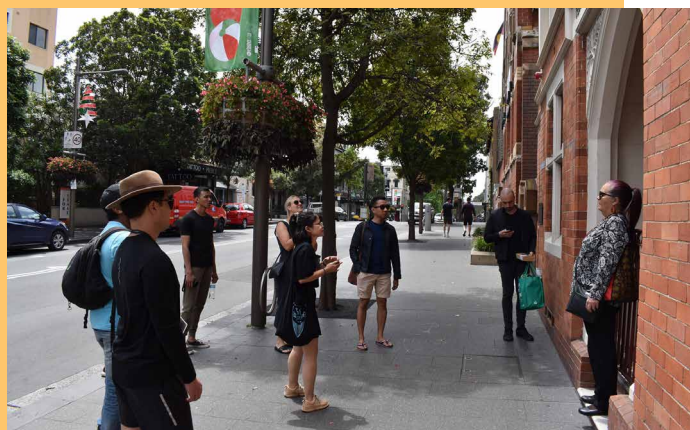
Education

With the start of a new semester in March, language exchange kicked off again and AIYA NSW held a welcome back sate sizzle at Victoria Park. It was a lovely start to the year with faces old and new coming together over good food and conversation.

As language exchange transitioned online with FLEX starting in April, a number of our committee members had the opportunity to facilitate language sessions. The highlight was getting the chance to meet all the faces within the AIYA community, from the Northern Territory all the way to Nusa Tenggara Timur, which gave us a deep appreciation for how wonderful and diverse our community is.



AIYA NSW End of Year Picnic



Redfern Walking Tour with Auntie Donna

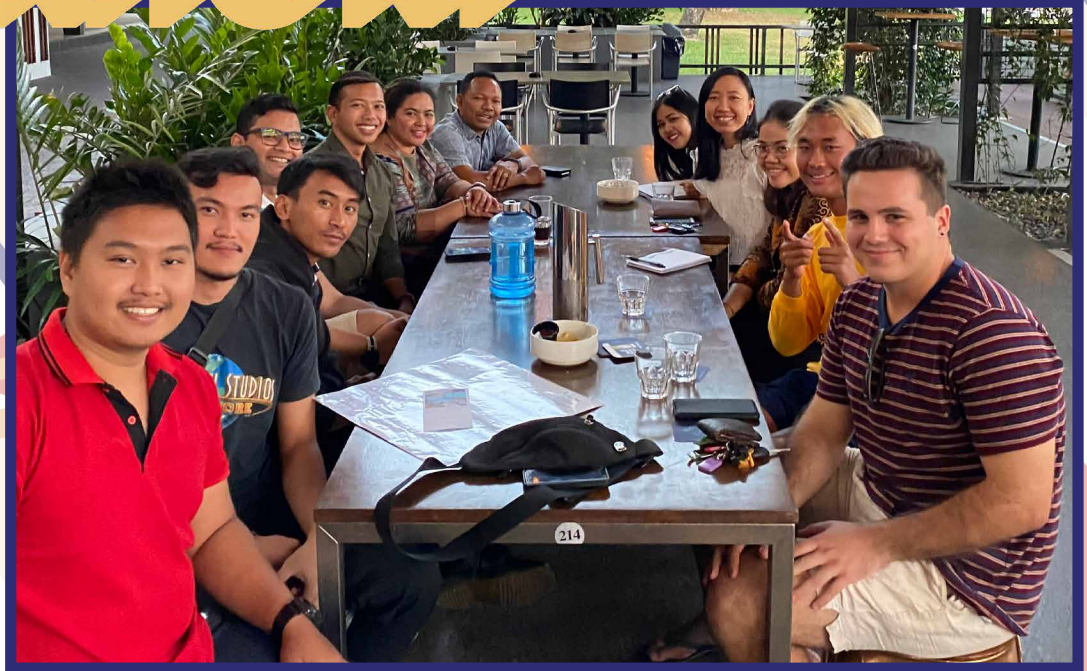
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Partners:



NORTHERN TERRITORY



AIYA NT catching up with other Indonesian societies in the territory

Although it was a challenging year, 2020 has flown by so quickly. Due to COVID-19, our chapter has increased its online presence by being more active in FLEX language exchange as well as on social media. Community engagement activities continue to be a highlight.

Our committee members remain dedicated to AIYA. They engage with the general public and members, promoting the organisation and Australia-Indonesia bilateral relations. Being visible is important for us, therefore we tried to make an appearance at events organised by AIYA's friends such as the Australia Indonesia Business Council (AIBC), Perhimpunan Pelajar Indonesia Australia (PPIA NT), Indonesian Diaspora Network and the Consulate of the Republic of Indonesia.

We held AIYA's first online quiz night in collaboration with the Yogyakarta Chapter. The fun event was run on Zoom which allowed young people from both Australia and Indonesia to participate. We might not be able to meet each other in person or through travel, but it is great we can still connect with each other online. The questions were challenging and fun, and included all things Indonesia-Australia. The event was a great success with more than 50 participants. We received positive feedback as well as suggestions for improvement - start getting prepped early for a bigger and better quiz night in 2021!

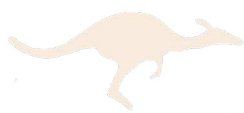
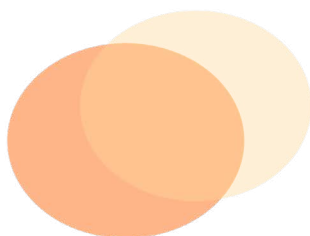
Online Flexible Language Exchanges is still ongoing and it is believed to be one of AIYA's most popular events. Giving people free opportunities to practise their language skills is valuable. Our chapter has hosted several of them this year, and every participant walked away with a smile and some new knowledge.

Currently, our committee is creating increased social media content to reflect the uniqueness of the Northern Territory. There are many misconceptions about the Territory. People think that it is all one big desert, however, Darwin is located on the coast and has some breath-taking beaches such as Nightcliff. This content will hopefully be able to show the beauty of this place and bring in more people.

The next chapter of AIYA Northern Territory is exciting. This cannot be done without the continuous support from Mr. Gulfan Afero, the new Consul of the Republic of Indonesia to the Northern Territory, Mr. Luke Gosling MP, Hon Lauren Moss MLA, and other partners. Our short-term goal is to find more committee members so that we can improve workload allocation.

2020 was undeniably a tough year for everyone personally, but together we will rebuild. AIYA has proved to be essential for us in these tough situations because we are a community that helps create a better future for everybody around us. We look forward to hosting more activities - ayo teman-teman kita senyum dan bersemangat!

Partners:



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NUSA TENGGA TIMUR



AIYA East-Indo Comittee

AIYA Eastern Indonesia – Nusa Tenggara Timur has had a consistent year focusing on providing opportunities for young people in eastern Indonesia, improving English and building a closer and stronger connection between AIYA members. We have to admit that 2020 has been a challenging year, as the Coronavirus Pandemic has forced us to change the way we conduct our events. From a casual meet up for Language Exchange at Aussie Banget Corner into remote seminars and online Chit Chat from home. Here is the summary of our events in 2020!

We started our first event in February. We held Language Exchange almost every week during this month with various topics, including New Year, global issues and environment. Language Exchange has always been our most regular and favourite event, usually attracting around 20 participants each session. The majority of the participants are university students, followed by professionals who are looking for a place to brush up on their English and to build networks.

In the middle of February, we hosted an Australia-Indonesia Youth Exchange Program (AIYEP) Sharing Session, featuring Yohanes Viane Belo Boli, a delegate of AIYEP 2019/20 as a speaker. The event went well and we received great feedback from the more than 30 young people who participated.

In the following month, we were thrilled to be invited as one of the participants at the International Education Fair, held by the University of Nusa Cendana. It was a great opportunity to share about AIYA and get some new members signing up to join us on the spot.

Our chapter has also been very active in contributing to facilitate FLEX - AIYA and UniBRIDGE's online Language Exchange program run by the national team since April. FLEX has benefited our members to make new friends outside of NTT and learn about new perspectives and cultures.

We really started to conduct our online events in May following the guidance of the World Health Organization for social distancing. From May to September we managed to hold four online Chit Chat events with exciting topics, including superstitions, minimalism, social media, and jobs and careers. It was great to see that participants joining the events did not only come from Kupang, but also the other regions and other AIYA chapters!

In addition to the online events we held this year, in August, our chapter was delighted to collaborate with AIYA Jakarta to host Australia Awards Scholarship Info Session. The event presented two key speakers namely, Amalia Anindia from Jakarta and Hermina Manlea from Nusa Tenggara Timur. The feedback we got from this event was incredibly positive. We are looking forward to hosting more collaborative events in the future!

Overall, 2020 has been an amazing yet challenging year for AIYA East Indo - NTT! We would like to thank everyone who has been supporting us this year. Stay healthy, and semangat!



Online Chit Chat



AIYEP Sharing Session

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QUEENSLAND



AIYA QLD Committee Bowling Night

While 2020 will go down in history for a virus that knew no geographic boundaries, it could also be remembered as the year when AIYA QLD successfully reframed the challenges to cope with uncertainties and, more than ever, strengthened its partnerships with the like-minded organisations in the state.

We kicked off the new decade by participating in the 2020 Welcoming Party held by the Indonesian Students Association in Australia (PPIA) QLD. PPIA QLD invited all Indonesian societies to connect with the new Indonesian students in Brisbane. We got a chance to promote our upcoming events whilst answering all the curious questions around who we are and what we do.

The 2019/20 Australian bushfire season was a period of intense bushfires in Australia, including Queensland with more than 7 million hectares burnt across the state. As a solidarity response, the Indonesian Diaspora Network in Queensland (IDNQ) hosted a fundraising night where we had the opportunity to volunteer and

show our support for those who needed it.

Early this year, in collaboration with Indonesian Student Association (ISAQ) at the Queensland University of Technology (QUT), we held a screening of the award winning documentary Aceh: Beyond the Tsunami. Filmed in Indonesia by a team of Australian filmmakers, this movie explores the stories of survivors of the 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami in Aceh, Indonesia. The director, Tim Baretto, and one of the producers, Ben Mortley, joined us online for a Q & A session and to share their experience witnessing powerful stories of survival.

As we adapt to COVID-19 restrictions, webinars have become the most effective method to reach out to a bigger audience. We hosted our first Malam Karier event virtually titled "Get Hired: How to Kickstart your Professional Career (Australia-Indonesia Cross Perspective)". Sheila Hie, AIYA QLD's founder, and Owen James, AIYA National's Operations Director, shared their employment journeys and how they boosted their resume through internships and volunteering with AIYA. With Owen as an Australian working in Indonesia and Sheila as an Indonesian working in

Australia, our audiences were able to gain two different perspectives.

Food and fashion has gained traction among youth in Australia and Indonesia, as a result, we used this topic for our mid-year event. We invited two speakers: Carla Van Lunn, fashion lecturer at QUT and batik designer, and Alicia Martino, chef/owner of Sendok Garpu Indonesian Restaurant, to chat about the unique history of Indonesian traditional garments and popular food. We also gained valuable insights into entrepreneurship opportunities that promote people to people relations.

2020 has also been another year of meaningful relationship with the Australia-Indonesia Business Council (AIBC) QLD. Having an AIYA representative at AIBC's monthly Committee Meetings has boosted our confidence to continuously collaborate with businesses from the AIBC QLD network. Our members are given opportunities to expand their networks by attending such as the Indonesia-Australia Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (IA-CEPA) joint session with Chamber of Commerce & Industry QLD, "Market Opportunities in Indonesia for 2020 and Beyond" and Indonesian Independence Day Networking.

Commemorating the 75th anniversary of Indonesian Independence, we had a chance to


take part in a collaboration with IndOz Festival Brisbane, Indonesian Diaspora Network in Queensland, PPIA QLD, ISAQ, supported by KJRI Sydney, Brisbane City Council and QUT. Together, we successfully broadcasted the flag ceremony event and for the first time ever, lit up the three of Brisbane's iconic landmarks in red and white, the colours of the Indonesian flag.

In October, as COVID-19 restrictions eased across the state, AIYA QLD organised "Games in the Park" at one of Brisbane's oldest and largest parks, New Farm. We had a picnic by the river with members and participants whilst enjoying the fun games, including lomba makan kerupuk and memasukkan pensil ke botol (yep, 17 Agustus-an vibe right there!).

In the spirit of collaboration, AIYA QLD partnered with Anak Brisbane, a social media influencer in Brisbane, and Kelas Bersama, an online learning platform by Perpustakaan Kemendikbud based in Jakarta to hold a webinar session titled "Entrepreneurship: Adapting the Unexpected". We invited Rizka Puspita, to talk about her family business of producing, selling and marketing tempeh in Melbourne, and Amelia Lemondhi, to talk about her translating and interpreting agency in Jakarta. Both panelists shared their journey on how to start their businesses, what challenges they have overcome and most importantly what it takes from Australia and Indonesia businesses to pivot and make fast decisions during the pandemic. Go to Kelas Bersama Kita's youtube channel to watch the session.

The disruption of the COVID-19 pandemic taught us to be adaptive and innovative. See you all in 2021 with more fresh and exciting events!

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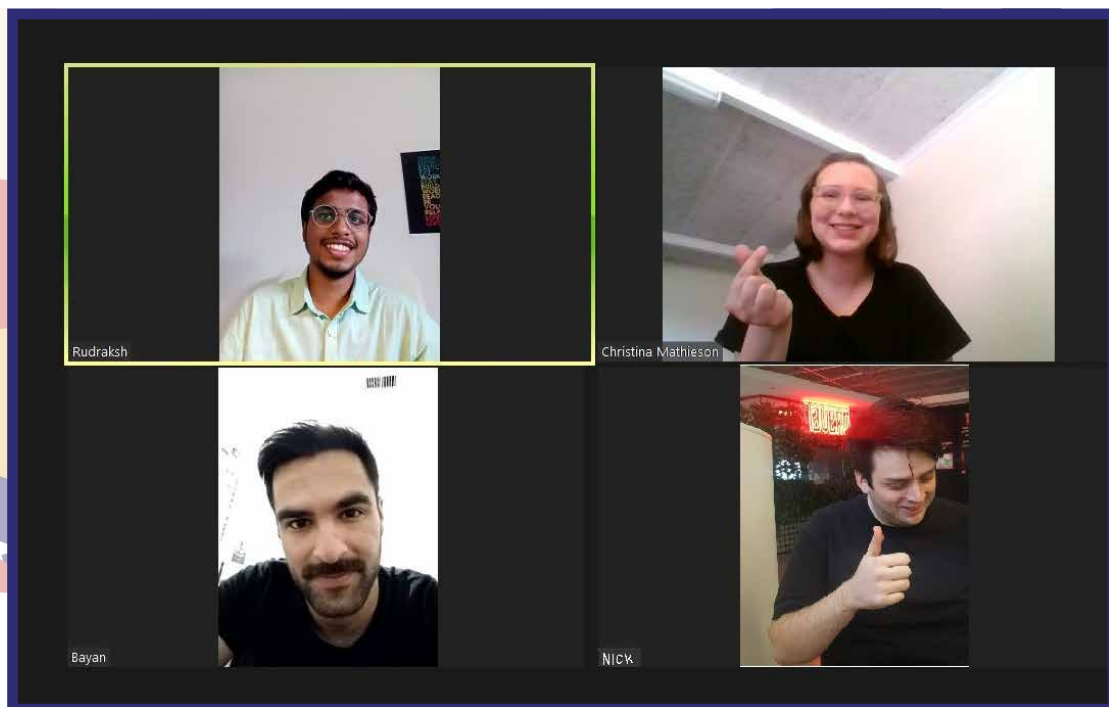
Malam Karier Webinar: Learning How to Get Job Ready!

Partners:



2020/21 - President: **Courtney Leigh**; Treasurer: **Xavier Leigh**; Communications Officers: **Nafesha Adelina** and **Audrey Maurilla**

SOUTH AUSTRALIA



The AIYA SA team meeting online on Discord!

AIYA SA has had a quiet year, although we have big things to come in 2021!

We held a successful AGM in which we recruited and elected three new committee members. Christina was elected as Vice President, Rudra was elected as communications officer and Bayan was elected as events officer. We have been busy working behind the scenes to plan events for next year, holding a new committee luncheon as a way for everyone to get to know each other. Next year we hope to make 2021 AIYA SA's most successful year. We will also be hosting an open recruitment soon to bring on more members. Watch this space!

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SULAWESI SELATAN



AIYA SulSel team with Australian Consul General to Makassar, Pak Richard Matthews

It has been a great year for AIYA Eastern Indonesia - Sulawesi Selatan as we were able to arrange several events over the year.

Looking back, we continued to organise our sports activities at the beginning of the year, including Lari Pagi Bareng AIYA at Losari Beach. This casual activity became one of our favourite activities as it not only supports healthy living but also builds relationships between our members.

At the beginning of the year, we managed an event that involved high school students which we called AIYA Goes to School. We collaborated with SMA 17 Makassar to give an introduction to their students about AIYA and more information about Indonesia-

Australia relations. The activity was successful as the students showed excitement during the event and keenly asked questions. We were glad to see their enthusiasm and surely look forward to holding another schools event in the future.

In February, Vita Kanisha travelled to Jakarta to represent the committee at Kongres AIYA (KAIYA). This event saw us receive a lot of exciting updates such as from the Australian Embassy Public Diplomacy team. The updates were expected to lead to potential events that can be supported by AIYA across all Chapters. The KAIYA attendees also got a chance to meet Janelle May, ACICIS Deputy Resident Director and Kevin Evans, Director of the Australia-Indonesia Centre (AIC). Also, as part of this series of events, the KAIYA attendees supported a Bilateral Mobility Night that involved Australia

Awards Alumni and New Colombo Plan Scholars.

Another big event was Festival Sinema Australia-Indonesia 2020 (FSAI), this event was the fifth year and held in six cities: Jakarta, Surabaya, Makassar, Mataram, Bandung and Yogyakarta. The Chapter took part in supporting the event that was arranged by the Australia Consulate General in Makassar.

Sadly this was our last in-person event for the year and by May we successfully held our first virtual event which was an info session about studying in Australia. The event contained a lot of details about Australian universities in all states and territories, learning style in Australia and how to find student support on campus, opportunities during study and much more.

In September, we conducted our AGM which saw a new committee formed for the 2020/21 period, with the new team AIYA SulSel has managed several events such as our evening talk series. This event was proposed to hear about opportunities like the LPDP Scholarship, we've had guest speakers such as Ryan Eka Prasetya who will start his master degree program at Australia National University in January 2021.

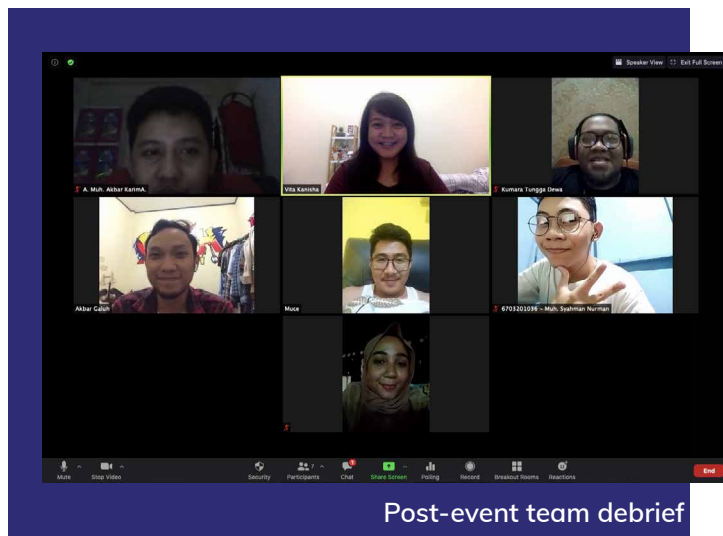
We have followed this event by more evening talk conversations on the topic of "Akrab Bareng AIYA Sulawesi Selatan". This event was attended by our former committee members who shared their experiences in the previous committee period.

AIYA SulSel also took part in AIYA National's language exchange program which has now been moved to Discord. Together with the AIYA NSW team, we have managed our sessions very well and talk about a number of topics such as festive food in both countries.

Overall, it's been really a wonderful year for AIYA Sulawesi Selatan. Thank you everyone who already took a journey with us and see you at the upcoming great events!



AIYA SulSel Goes to School



Post-event team debrief

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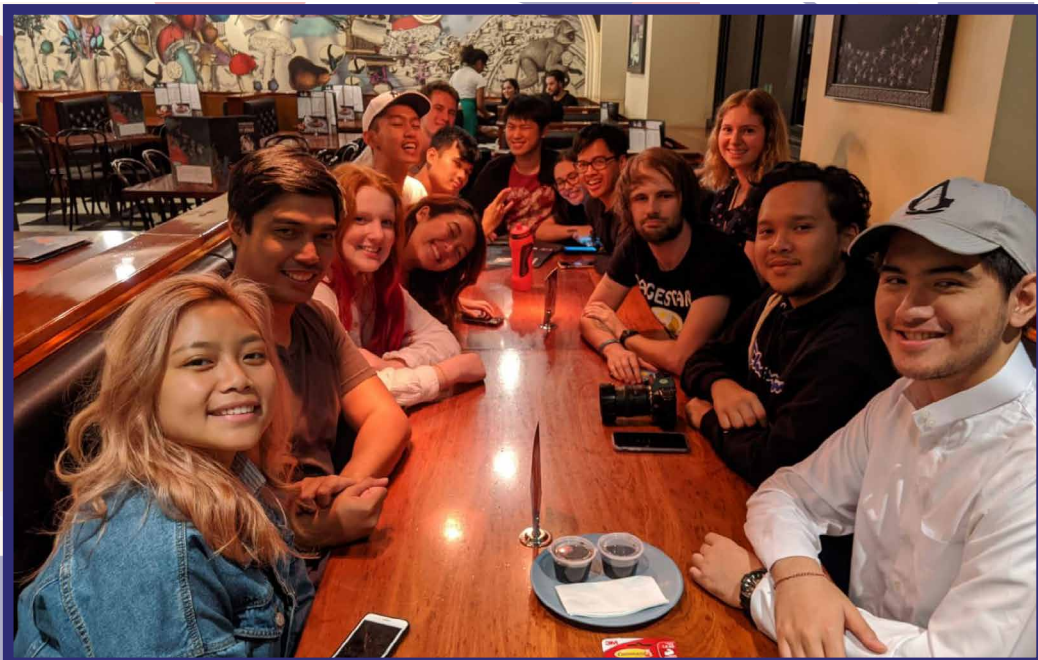
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Partners:



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VICTORIA



After Language Exchange at Pancake Parlour

2020 has provided the Victoria chapter with unique challenges but all committee members managed to get through the barriers and came up with unique solutions as a team. We adapted most of our usually physical events into engaging online events and content.

Samira and Eva from the professional program team developed a career webinar series called *Karir Online* which was all about inspiring our members about how to blend their studies and career aspirations with their knowledge of and interest in Australia-Indonesia affairs. Our first webinar was about legal careers and the bilateral relationship between Australia and Indonesia. With the expertise of Professor Tim Lindsey AO, Dr Nadirsyah Hosen, and NCP Scholar Beth Hosking, all speakers explore different dimensions and their experiences in their career.

Our second *Karir Online* webinar focused on 'Futures in Humanities'. This was joined by an all female panel with Dr Dina Afrianty, Research Fellow, La Trobe University, Elena Williams, Director, Australia-Indonesia Consulting and Natassia Bell, Professional Learning Officer, International Education Association of Australia. Participants enjoyed a very informative and engaging career webinar, especially during our Q&A section.

Sury and Nathasya from our socio-cultural team brought together an exciting *Cooking Livestream Event* with Indomie as our partner

to cook Indomie sosis telur gulung. Both hosts explored ways to recreate the recipe and reminisced over childhood food memories from Indonesia. In doing so, both hosts also created a highlight video where they asked members if they know anything about the dish, whether they have made it or have heard about it.

With ever increasing engagement online during the pandemic, Reza and Bintang worked hard to shape our Chapter's media engagement. They created a video series called Martabak Vegemite, which aims to introduce both nations' culture, food and arts to the world. The video series has proven to be a hit with our members, the vibrant atmosphere provided by the hosts and funny and colourful content has boosted our online engagement. One of our highlights was episode two, where we reached 4,300 views in the space of two days. This episode is also part of the collaboration of Indomie and AIYA Victoria.

Ending 2020 on a high note, October was a month jam packed full of events for us. We had a total of six events, kick started with Malam Bareng - playing the game Among Us as well as chatting on Discord using both Indonesian and English. Then, a collaborative event with AIYA Jawa Barat, hosting a webinar on Language Barriers. This had a fantastic attendance rate with over 50 participants from all over Australia and Indonesia. This webinar was followed by the second Karir Online event - Futures in Humanities - as mentioned above. Another collaboration we had was with AIYA Yogyakarta, hosting a social event - Games Night Extravaganza! Coles Vouchers and GoPay Credit were given away as prizes and it was an engaging night of fun. Along with AIYA Jawa Barat, we organised a Ngopi Bareng, where we discussed current Aus-Indo affairs and culture. And finally, our last official event - AFL Grand Final Day with Krakatoas FC, where we all watched the AFL Grand Final together via zoom.

Partners:



AIYA VIC Committee Zoom Meeting



AIYA VIC Martabak Vegemite

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WESTERN AUSTRALIA



AIYA WA ReelOzInd! Movie Screening 2020

The AIYA Western Australia committee has succeeded in holding a number of events, despite the COVID-19 pandemic.

Ending 2019 by holding Perth's only pop-up screening of the ReelOzInd! short film festival, we were all inspired by the theme of 'change/berubah'. This event was held at the University of Western Australia (UWA) in collaboration with the Australia Indonesia Centre (AIC) – it was great to work with them and we hope to collaborate on more events in the future. The film screening was followed by a casual end of year event where our members connected over food and drinks to celebrate another successful year.

Throughout the year AIYA WA has held a series of Language Exchange (LX) events; cementing the success of LX which began in early 2019 for our Chapter. These casual events usually attract around 20 attendees (AIYA members and friends) per session, and are held at Old Shanghai in Northbridge, usually every two weeks.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic our in-person LX series was sadly suspended. Instead members participated in the online Flexible Language Exchange (FLEX), organised by AIYA and UniBRIDGE. In June 2020 AIYA WA held two online Ngobrol Santai or 'Relaxed Chat' events, giving our members a chance to connect with each other and with AIYA WA in a casual way, during the pandemic.

In August 2020 we held a special online Ngobrol Santai event, with Clarice and Kevin discussing daily life during the pandemic in Australia and Indonesia. Clarice Campbell is the AIYA National President and is an Australian living in Jakarta during the pandemic, while Kevin Ng was the AIYA WA Vice President, an Indonesian student living in Perth. A lively discussion was held with many questions from the audience and attendees tuning in from across Australia and Indonesia!

Once restrictions started to ease we re-started our in-person LX series every fortnight! It was great to meet with our members again and welcome some new faces!

In October we held Nonton Bareng: ReelOzInd Festival Premier 2020 screening, at the City of Perth Library. 30 members and friends attended and watched the live stream of the online film festival. It was great to be able to hold a large public event and reconnect with some of our members, friends and stakeholders.

Partners:



AIYA WA AGM 2020



AIYA WA Language Exchange

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YOGYAKARTA



AIYA Yoga Language Exchange

There is an English proverb that says, “every cloud has a silver lining”, which means that no matter how bad a situation might seem, there is always something good that comes from it; nothing could describe 2020 better than that.

This year has been the most uncertain for all of us, especially for the AIYA Yogyakarta team. We are considered lucky because we had the chance to greet the amazing faces of young Indonesians and Australians in our Chapter at our Opening Night event. We were able to share the enthusiasm that we have in promoting the bilateral partnership between both countries. Although, after that, COVID-19 has taken over our ‘normal’ life and forced us to adapt by shifting our events to be delivered fully online.

The Education Team hosted the first Language Exchange (LX) for 2020 in March, with the theme of travel but LX was soon adapted to Flexible LX (FLEX).

We also ran an Instagram Live series known as “Satdate” in which we discussed life-changing stories, teaching Indonesian language in Australia, and strategies to practice self-care during the pandemic.

Our Sports Team had a fantastic time organising and running sporting events throughout February and March. We ran weekly sepak bola and bola basket games, with 30+ attendees every week. Students looked forward to these games every week and it was awesome to see people from all different cultures and backgrounds playing, laughing and having fun together. We were super excited for the sports team this year, as we had many diverse and exciting events planned, including a weekend surf trip to Pacitan. However sadly due to COVID-19 our sports program had to be cut short. Although the coronavirus did it's best to cancel our programs, we still managed to encourage our members to join online events such as FLEX and trivia. It's our hope to kick off the sports program again soon, so we can keep crossing the bridge of cultural difference and unite through sport.

The Socio-Cultural Team for AIYA Yogya started with strong optimism as we had several events planned for the year. One of those events included a series called Basa-Basi Budaya or cultural chit chat! We planned to conduct several of these casual discussions on topics such as “life as an expat” and “dating” within Australia and Indonesia. Hopefully, next year we will be able to organise these events online.

Nevertheless, our collaborative online quiz event with AIYA NT was a huge success! With more than 60 registrations, the event was enjoyed by many. The online quiz consisted of a range of questions about general knowledge, Chris Hemsworth’s hilarious Indonesian ability as well as guessing famous Australian and Indonesian logos.

All of the amazing events could not have been done without the huge support of the communications team to promote the events, gain members, and create insta stories and posters. They are ready to answer your questions about AIYA 24/7.

Going forward we hope to be more adaptive to the situation and create more events that can capture the enthusiasm of members and those seeking to join AIYA and foster further understanding about Australian and Indonesian culture. Our deepest gratitude goes to all of the former and current committee members of AIYA Yogyakarta and all of the participants who showed a semangat attitude, you are a crucial part of the Australia-Indonesia relationship. Finally, we hope everyone stays safe and healthy, both physically and mentally during the turbulent situation.



Game Session at AIYA Yogya Opening Night



First Language Exchange before COVID19

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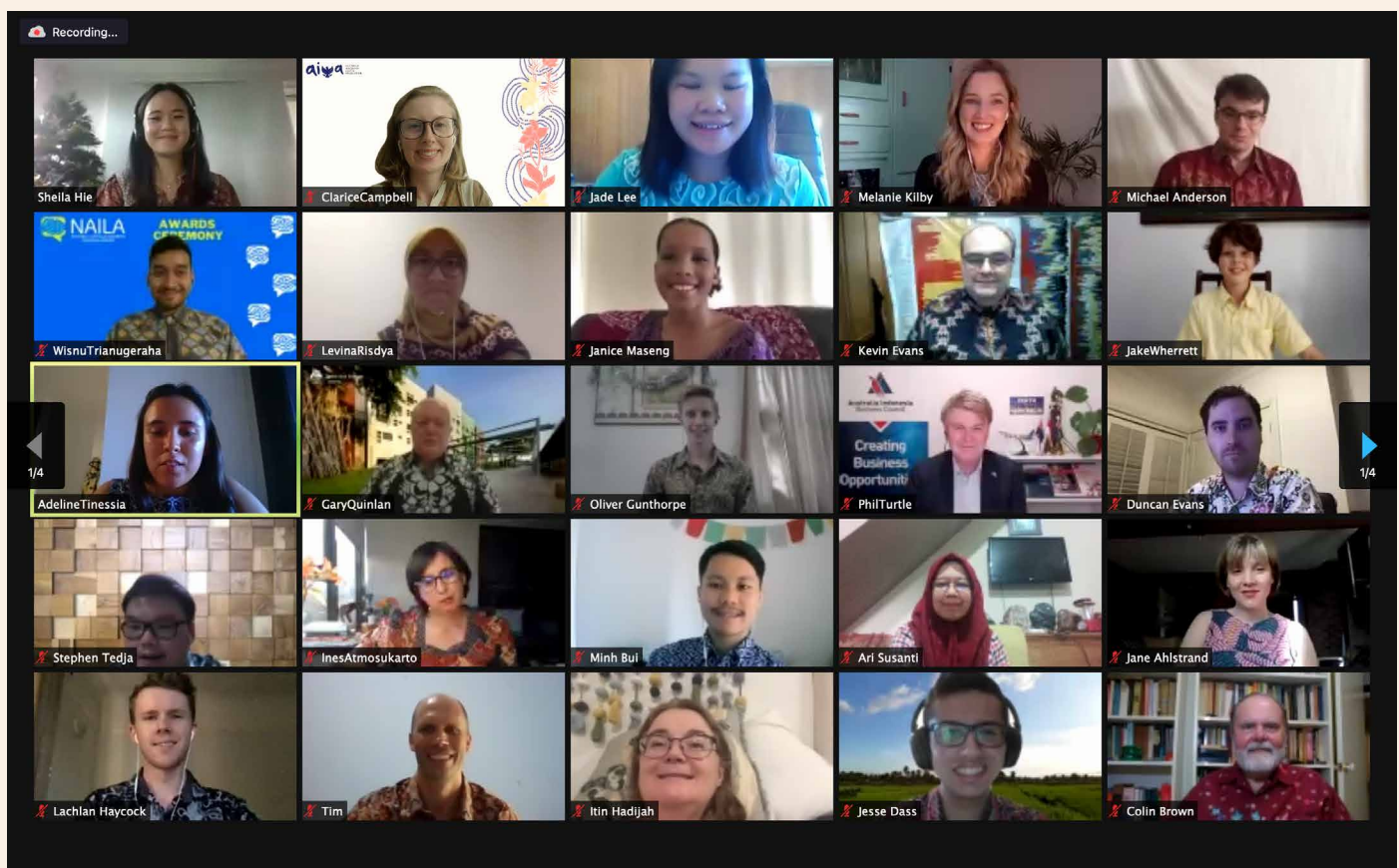


NAILA UPDATES



The National Australia Indonesia Language Awards (NAILA) aims to foster the development of Indonesian language learning in Australia by recognising the achievements of talented young speakers of Indonesian at multiple levels, from primary school through to tertiary and beyond. During a time where the study of Indonesian language is in jeopardy in many parts of Australia, NAILA aims to provide an incentive for students to continue their learning.

Whilst the events of 2020 have been challenging for NAILA, it has also been an extremely exciting year. NAILA had to adapt its programme in the advent of COVID-19, including conducting its awards night virtually instead of in person. Yet, NAILA has thrived in its sixth year. While we have cut our categories to five, this year, NAILA attracted its largest number of applications: with over 150 quality applicants from across Australia and even some who are still residing overseas. With the theme of 'health,' applicants discussed topics from healthy living to favourite fruits to sports and campaigns to stop smoking.





Ambassador Gary Quinlan addressing the audience



NAILA Primary Awardee, Jake Wherrtt and a special guest

This year's awards ceremony was held online to ensure that everyone from across Australia could attend. Awardees delivered their winning speeches in front of family members and friends, as well as distinguished guests from Indonesia and Australia. Visit our [website](#) for a summary of our Virtual Awards Ceremony and watch our [2020 Highlights video!](#)

And on that note, we are happy to announce our 2020 winners:

| Category | First Winner | Second Place | Third Place |
|-----------|---|-------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Primary | Jake Wherrett | Gracie Maseng | Hossein Kwan Omair and Tess Bates |
| Middle | Cameron Leggatt | Simeon Gunthorpe | Michael Evans |
| Senior | Oliver Gunthorpe | Daniel Petersen | Samara Tucker |
| Tertiary | Charlie Barnes | Abbey Beare | Jesse Dass |
| Wild Card | Eve Woodley, Tabitha Haines, She-Ro Ngu, Xian Ngu | Nicholas Woodhams | Nicholas Taylor |

NAILA is incredibly grateful to various partners and sponsors who have provided in-kind and financial support for the Awards. We would like to thank the Australia-Indonesia Institute, the Consulate General of the Republic of Indonesia in Melbourne, Monash Herb Feith Indonesian Engagement Centre, University of Melbourne, Deakin University, Australia Indonesia Business Council and our virtual venue sponsor, Australia-Indonesia Centre. We would also like to thank our media partners who made NAILA 2020 possible: SBS Radio Indonesia, Asia Options, Buset Magazine, and Inside Indonesia.

The event would not have happened without our VIP Judges: Ms Elena Williams, Mr Billy Mambrasar, Dr Alistair Welsh, and Dr Ines Atmosukarto who have given-up their time in supporting us and championing studying Indonesian language in Australia.

Partners:



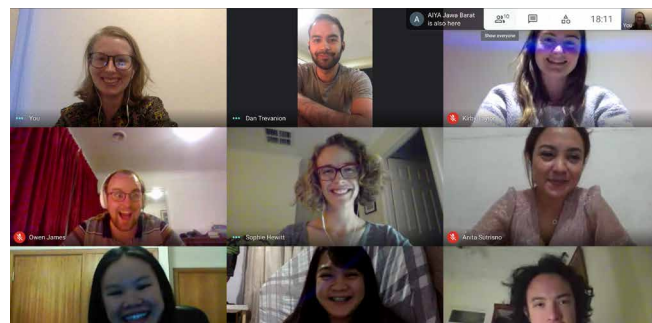
Australia Indonesia
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A note on the declining study of Indonesian in Australia

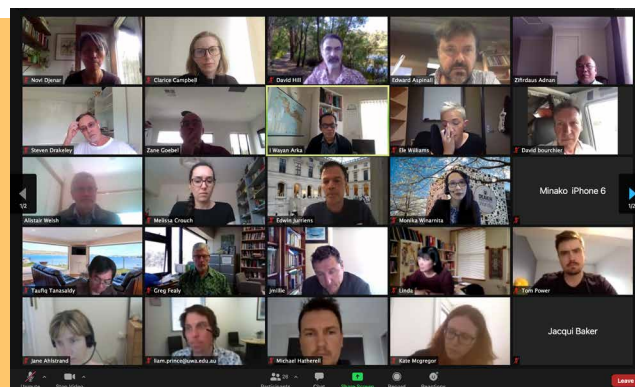
AIYA takes very seriously the declining numbers of Indonesian Studies students in Australia at all levels of education. In 2020, it was announced that a number Australian universities are in the process of [considering discontinuing Indonesian Studies](#) due to low enrolment numbers and it is expected in 2021 that other universities will follow suit. AIYA understands that universities have been [severely impacted by COVID-19](#) and must of course consider the financial viability of units and subject areas, and adapt their course offerings to remain competitive. Sadly, with tertiary Indonesian Studies enrolments declining from a high point of [2000 students in 1992 to 800 students in 2019](#) (perhaps even fewer), there is a regrettably steady decline happening in front of our eyes. If decisive action is not taken, future generations of Australian students are unlikely to have the same opportunities many within the AIYA community have enjoyed to learn about Indonesia.

Those reading the AIYA Annual are likely to be well-versed in some of the key reasons why the continued offering of Indonesian Studies is of national importance to Australia. However, with Indonesia on a trajectory to become one of the top five economies by 2050, further limiting opportunities to build understanding between both countries would be doing ourselves a disservice. For the language departments within schools and universities in Australia to thrive, proper funding for language learning and in-country opportunities needs continued support. With this support, grassroots engagement at the people-to-people level will flourish, which will have a flow-on effect in terms of effective business-to-business and government-to-government engagement. While AIYA is just one small piece of the very large Australia-Indonesia puzzle, our organisation will endeavour to continue to promote Indonesian cultural and language studies across Australia and look to expand our educational offerings to highlight the value of Indonesia capabilities in Australia.

AIYA is intrinsically connected to this ongoing issue of declining Indonesian Studies enrolments as fewer students interested in Indonesia means



Indonesian Language Studies AIYA Brainstorming Session



Clarice Campbell attended a meeting with Indonesian Studies lecturers across Australia

fewer people will join our community - we rely on young Australians to show an interest in Indonesia and without that, AIYA's future is uncertain. Yet, we are hopeful and passionate, therefore we wish to tackle this issue head on. In 2021, AIYA will:

- work with faculty members from all universities offering Indonesian Studies as well as the Australian Consortium for In-Country Indonesian Studies (ACICIS) to leverage the positive news that language units under the Commonwealth Government's new funding scheme are [cheaper than previous years](#);
- continue offering drop in sessions with schools both in-person (in COVID-19 safe cities) and online;
- develop further learning materials for students preparing for Indonesian as a Second Language exams and assessments; and
- of course continue to host NAILA.

If you or your organisation has ideas about increasing the number of Indonesian Studies students in Australia and ensuring its long-term sustainability, please contact president@aiya.org.au.

We look forward to creating exciting initiatives in this space, as well as working with this wonderful community to do so!

EVENT SPOTLIGHT

KONGRES AIYA 2020



Kongres Sydney attendees at the alumni dinner at Wisma Indonesia

AIYA was very lucky to have held Kongres AIYA 2020 in February just before the pandemic hit, due to regulatory constraints, the February 2020 Kongres was held across two separate weekends, in Sydney and Jakarta. Both conferences were filled with valuable discussions and workshops and to shake things up a bit there were also some exciting social events on the side. Here are some highlights of the jam-packed two weekends:

SYDNEY (31 Jan-2 Feb)

Scavenger Hunt at the University of Sydney

As a team-building exercise, the conference participants were put through a gruelling scavenger hunt on the first day. It included learning an impromptu saman performance on the lawn, testing their spice tolerance with some extra pedas mie goreng, and participants' knowledge on previous Indonesian leaders. Team Bam Bam narrowly beat teams Boom Boom and Shih Tzu in second and third place.

Kongres is AIYA's annual organisational planning conference. The three-day conference brings together AIYA members from across Australia and Indonesia to determine AIYA's strategic plan and priorities for the coming year. Kongres is an important mechanism that enables the democratic governance of the organisation by its members. The conference has several other functions such as a forum for connecting with AIYA's key sponsors, team-building, knowledge transfer and the sharing of best practice examples between National and the Chapters.

Suara Indonesia Dance Workshop

After the fast paced scav hunt, we were lucky enough to have a session with Suara Indonesia, in which the participants learnt the Randai and Talempong dances and discussed Indonesian traditional dance groups in Australia. The workshop saw everyone express themselves in different ways using musical instruments, singing and body percussion.

AIYA Alumni Dinner at Wisma Indonesia

Later that evening we held an Alumni Dinner, kindly hosted by our friends at the Indonesian Consulate General - Sydney at the beautiful Wisma Indonesia in Rose Bay. The event was a great opportunity to hear some reflections from prominent AIYA alumni about their experiences in the Aus-Indo relationship and connect with members and supporters.

On the Saturday night, after a day of serious event planning, AIYA hosted a panel discussion with four young Indonesia focused academics, to celebrate the contributions of young people to the thriving academic study of Indonesia within Australia and hear about their latest research. Tom Power, Jarrah Sastrawan, Intan Paramadita and Ben Bland presented on a range of research topics and networked with attendees post-session over dinner.

JAKARTA (7-9 Feb)

Briefing with Public Diplomacy Team, Australian Embassy Jakarta

Quickly moving over to Indonesia a week later, as a start to the second weekend attendees were invited to the Embassy where they were lucky enough to get an audience with the diplomatic staff at the Australian Embassy Jakarta to discuss all things public diplomacy. A fantastic opportunity! Lydia Trotter and Natasha Kaufman were both excited to hear what Chapters had been planning for the year and tell us what their initiatives were for 2020.

Coffee Class with St Ali Jakarta

Following on from this, Kongres Jakarta attendees were lucky to experience a coffee class at Jakarta's most famous Australian cafe - St Ali. Attendees not only learnt about making the best manual brew with barista, Daniel Maddox, but also the history and sourcing of coffee beans and the cafe's connection to Aus.

Mixing work with leisure, the participants also got a chance to sit down with representatives from the Kevin Evans, Australia Indonesia Centre (AIC) and the Janelle May, Australian Consortium for In-Country Indonesian Studies (ACICIS) for a quick update on what has been happening in the Aus-Indo space for both organisations.

Bilateral Mobility Night: AIYA Storytelling and Networking with AAS and NCP

In the evening, given the centrality of the Australia Awards (AAS) and the New Colombo Plan (NCP) to AIYA's members, AIYA was excited to host a storytelling night. Members relaxed and listened to interesting stories about what bilateral mobility has meant to members from different perspectives of those who undertook different programs. Hannah Brimstone, NCP, Febe Haryanto, AAS and Connor O'Brien, NCP

AIYA Alumni Dinner

Finally, after the first full day of planning in Indonesia which came after our social day on the Friday, one of our most popular highlights was the Jakarta alumni dinner. 50 eager alumni and members squeezed into Rumah Makan Soerja, Kuningan due huge demand for a bit of prasmanan and nongkrong with the AIYA community. It was a great way to meet local members, old and new, and truly highlighted what Kongres is all about! Connecting,



Group Selfie, USyd



NCP AAS Sharing Session



Planning Sessions, Jakarta



Kongres Jakarta attendees with Public Diplomacy Team, Jakarta

What did AIYA learn?

For all attendees, Kongres demonstrated the importance of grassroots participation in top level organisational decision-making and underscored AIYA's strength and diversity as a community. For many attendees it was the first time they were able to meet, in person, people they had been engaging with for many months and in some instances years within AIYA and the Australia-Indonesia space. For those of us who attended it was the last time before our worlds changed that we were able to physically attend an AIYA event and it was certainly a weekend (or two) to remember.

Kongres 2020 wouldn't have been possible without the dedication of Kongres Convenors Arifiana Wardhani and Hannah Brimstone, AIYA is pleased Kongres will return in 2021 under a new Convenor in Andaleeb Akhand. We're excited to be able to bring together key committee members from across Australia to physically gather in Sydney and in true 'adapting to the new normal' spirit the weekend wouldn't be complete without being totally digitised as well so we are excited to be joined at the same time by our Indonesia-based committee members from the comfort of their own homes, facilitated by the always friendly Zoom. So stayed tuned for more exciting events to come in 2021!

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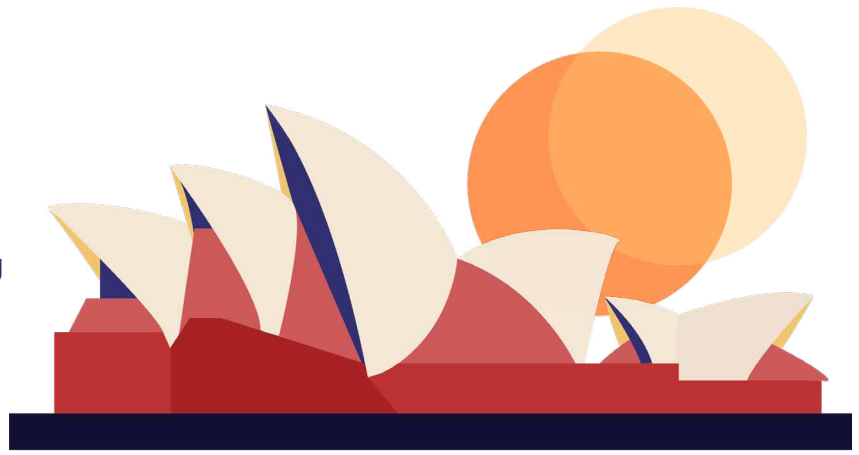
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Australia Awards



PATHWAYS MENTORING PROGRAM



Forming mentoring relationships to help build emerging careers in the space



Back in April 2019, CAUSINDY held a special alumni conference in Darwin, Australia bringing together 20 alumni from previous conferences. One of the key questions from the group was: How can the alumni give back? From this CAUSINDY saw an opportunity for their alumni to become mentors and for who you ask? AIYA members! And so PATHWAYS was born to match AIYA members with experienced professionals in their field of interest drawn from the CAUSINDY alumni community.

The aim of the program is to carve a pathway for the next generation to develop the skills they need to build their desired careers in the Australia-Indonesia bilateral relationship. Mentors and mentees are matched based on shared interests and expertise. Pairs meet monthly and are provided a resource pack each month to help them get the most from the mentoring relationship. The program has been pivotal in nurturing the next generation of Australian and Indonesian leaders and through the program participants have been immersed within a community that is passionate about strengthening the bilateral relationship between our two countries.

We've asked several pairs what their thoughts are of the program so far, and this is what mentor Tisha Rumbewas, Director of Sago Foundation and mentee Nadia Romadhona (Dhona), an Indonesian teacher at Wisma Bahasa had to say:

Tisha: I joined PATHWAYS as I wanted to share my experience and I've found that Dhona is someone who is really keen to learn, through the program I want to support others by spreading information and opportunities as when I was starting out in my career, I had mentors around me who willingly shared useful information such as scholarships and from these links I really benefited. I know there are a lot of young Indonesians looking for experience and advice in the space and so I see this as an opportunity to give back. One thing from this program is I have actually learnt a lot from Dhona even though she is my mentee, we both have a passion for education and I've found this very rewarding. I enjoy talking and sharing with Dhona because it's not a one-way conversation, it's good to know what my experiences in building up my career are beneficial to other people.



Pathways Malam Trivia

Dhona: I participated in the program because I want to know more about the Australia-Indonesia space and being my current age I feel like I need some direction. I have gained a lot of insights from Tisha, she has taught me that what I thought were my weaknesses are in fact my strengths and since that moment I have been looking at myself from a different perspective - it's empowering and has opened my eyes. I would recommend this program to others, especially to those mentees who are looking to find themselves a bit, the experts involved in this program are able to give us guidance and advice you wouldn't have thought of.

We had them both state three words about the other:

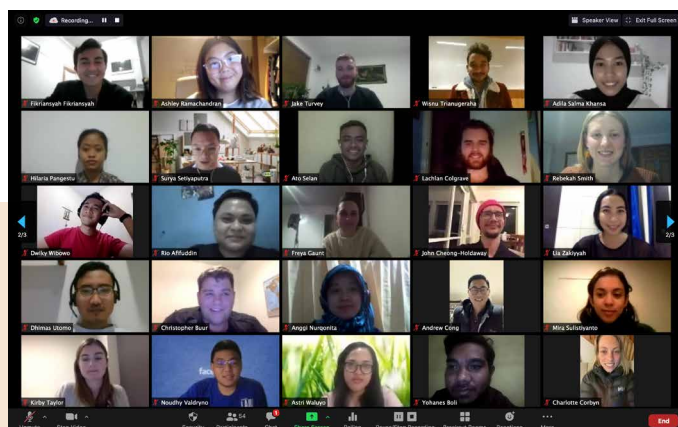
Dhona said Tisha was: empowering, gadis desa and creative and Tisha said Dhona was: intelligent, passionate and creative.

CAUSINDY and AIYA were blown away with the amount of interest we received and in its inaugural year we have been able to form 27 pairs! To open the program we were lucky enough to hear from Australia Indonesia Institute Board members Lydia Santoso and Ele Williams, who both remarked that this was not something available to them when they were starting in this space. Since then the group has participated in a couple of events including a trivia night and webinar on how to sell their Indonesia and Australia experiences and skills to find employment. The PATHWAYS team is excited to see this initiative develop and we hope to run it again in 2021.

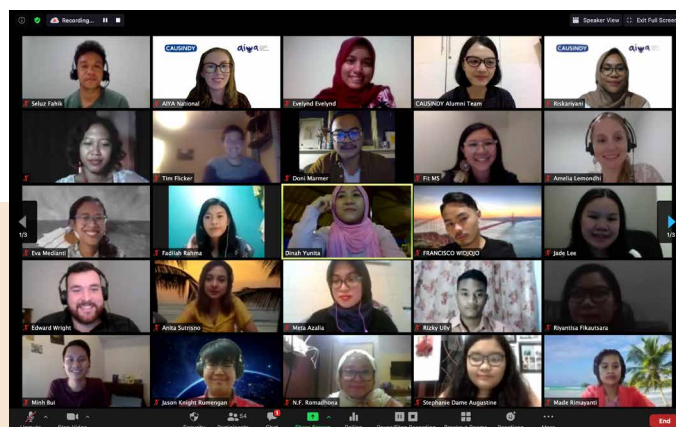
For more information about the program please visit [the Pathways website](#).

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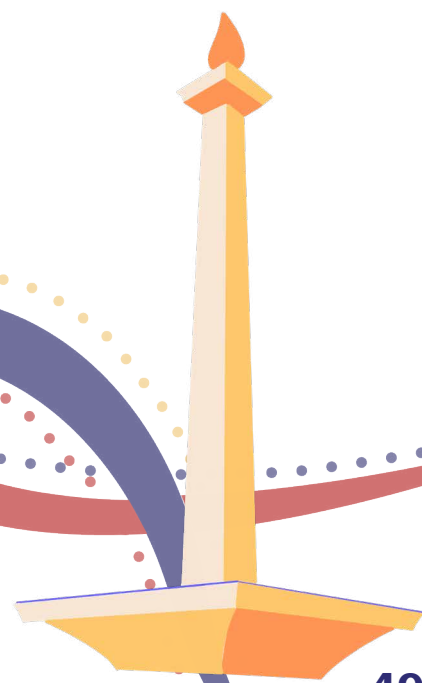
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Pathways Opening Night



Pathways Opening Night



NAIDOC WEEK

In November 2020, a group of keen young Indonesian and Australians put together the inaugural AIYA NAIDOC Week 2020 Advisory Committee. While there were some initial doubts about the level of interest from our audience, the Committee was pleasantly surprised by the passion and interest of the dozens of young Indonesians and Australians who attended our events.

Given this success, AIYA has concluded there exists a small, yet growing group of Australian-Indonesian youth who want to learn about the indigenous histories of both countries and increase indigenous engagement in AIYA.

What is NAIDOC Week?

[NAIDOC Week](#) celebrates the history, culture, and achievements of Australia's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. Generally held in July, it was moved to primarily online events in November in 2020. While NAIDOC week has an Australian focus, we thought it would be a good opportunity to explore indigenous history and culture in Australia and Indonesia generally.

What kind of events were run?

To start off NAIDOC Week, the Committee ran a Trivia Night with three rounds of questions about indigenous Australian, Indonesian and joint Australia-Indonesia history and culture. Josh Preece, a Wiradjuri and Torres Strait Islander man, explained the significance of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture to the participants in the Australian indigenous round. Novie Manurung showcased the traditional cultures of areas she has lived throughout the archipelago in the Indonesian round.

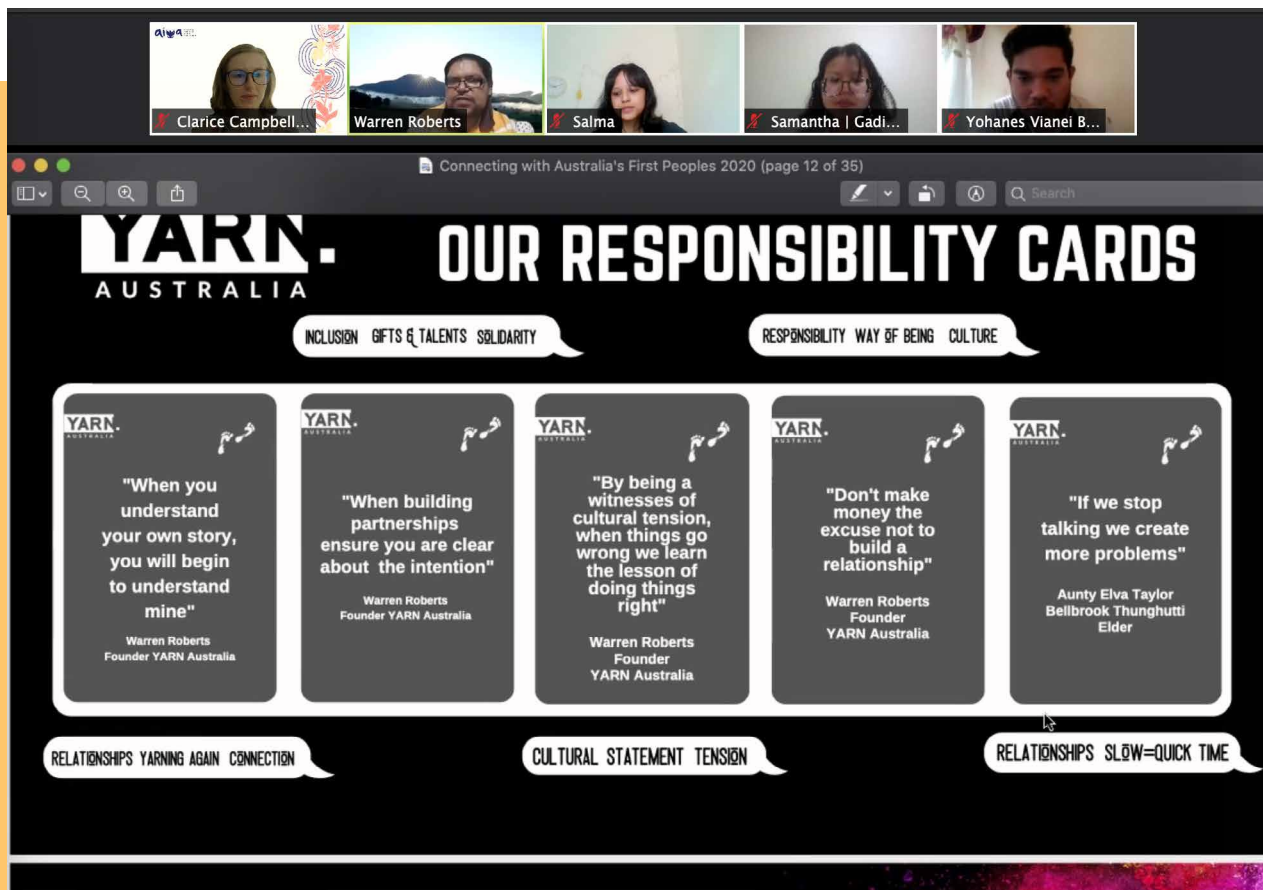
The next event was a collaborative event with [YARN Australia](#), the event was an in-depth cultural sharing session run by Warren Roberts, a proud Thunghutti and Bundjalung man. YARN Australia is a Social Enterprise focused on creating relationships between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People and non-Indigenous Australians. 18 AIYA members including 10 Australians, 7 Indonesians and 1 Dutch national participated in a storytelling session, and learnt practical tips on how to be more inclusive and engage in Australian Indigenous culture in the future. The partnership between people was touched on many times and Warren highlighted that the best pathway to that was education. This workshop aligned perfectly with the vision and goals of AIYA to contribute to a stronger Australia-Indonesia relationship by advancing education and culture through increased youth engagement. The event was covered by BUSET magazine and their article can be viewed [here](#).



Martabak Vegemite



Auntie Donna taking AIYA NSW on an Indigenous walking tour, Redfern



Warren Roberts from YARN Australia teaching about responsibility

Next up was an in-person event where AIYA NSW and the Committee hosted a Cultural Walking Tour around Redfern in Sydney. Our tour guide, Aunty Donna Ingram, a Wiradjuri woman who identifies Redfern as her cultural home, shared about the significance of Redfern to the Aboriginal community. She also explained Redfern's past and present and showed us many places of importance for the Aboriginal community in Redfern. We started our tour at the National Centre of Indigenous Excellence where Aunty Donna explained the many misconceptions that people have about Aboriginal people and how her people have survived and continue to thrive in the face of racism and limited access to services. We were very grateful for her openness in sharing her stories and inspiring AIYA to continue to engage with First Nations people, their history and culture.

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To celebrate the end of NAIDOC Week, Reza Sulaeman, the star of the amazing Martabak Vegemite videos, interviewed Aunty Dale Chapman, an Indigenous chef born in Dirranbandi, southwest Queensland, on Yuwaalaraay and Kooma tribal lands, and the founder of MyDillyBag. Aunty Dale was very generous (and patient), and taught Reza and Sury how to make nachos with kangaroo meat and flavoured with her native spice mix. To view the full video and try out the recipe yourself, check it out [here](#).

What's next for the Committee?

After the success of this year's events and the clear interest of AIYA members in indigenous engagement in both Australia and Indonesia, AIYA is exploring how both Australian and Indonesian Chapters can involve indigenous engagement into their events all year round. We hope that discussions and celebrations of the bilateral indigenous culture will not only be confined to particular events like NAIDOC week, but will be a permanent aspect of AIYA's platform within the Aus-Indo relationship.

AIYA Blog : in review

A year in review - to say that 2020 was unique would be underwhelming. In fact, there are not enough words in the English and Indonesian languages to describe what a rollercoaster of a year it has been.

Writing Competition

We're kicking things off with the writing competition, which saw a treasure chest of over 100 wonderful submissions. We would like to congratulate the winner Afraa Amadera as well as Viona Alifhah and Galih Brata in second and third place. We would also like to say thank you to all the participants, and remember - next year might be the year for you!

Incredible Individuals - The People of AIYA

We were happy to have posted the interesting tales, stories and opinions of people who have travelled across countries to detail their experiences. [Michiko Mokodompit](#) and [Dr. Novie Manurung's](#) experiences have become beautiful essays, describing their lives away from home.

These cherished moments of culture shock are an important part of one's path to personal growth and development.

Australia - Indonesia Cooperation

This year's blog team has focused on the key milestones in the friendship between Australia and Indonesia. To live on Earth is to face challenges, disasters, plagues and pandemics, which is why companionship and cooperation has mattered so much more in recent months.



Michiko Mokodompit: Reflecting my AIYEP Experience

Patrick Moran, of AIYA's blog team, has reported a [historic milestone](#) where Australia has decided to stop exporting its waste to Asian countries, one of which is Indonesia. It is an important step as it is also a step in the right direction for both countries to instigate a solution to the global problem of waste.

Fahry Slatter, of the blog team, has detailed the devastating Australian Bushfires of 2020 and [Indonesia's efforts to support the Australian Army](#) by sending 40+ troops to assist. We'd also like to give our appreciation to the Defence Force School of Languages (DFSL) whose annual programs have helped strengthen the two country's bond.

But we shall persevere. Inside Indonesia, tough times have created a tough business environment, which is why Dinda Ichsani of the AIYA blog team, has pointed out how [Australian microfinance companies](#) have transformed the landscape in Indonesia and potentially change what is the norm. Microfinance has the potential to close gaps in poverty and financial hardship in rural areas - sky's the limit!

Coronavirus

But what if the problem was operating under a different sort of premise? Say in the form of something that cannot be touched or seen, yet has catastrophic effects. AIYA's blog team has documented the time the [Australian Army delivered a gift to Indonesia](#), which included masks, hand sanitizers and essential supplies. It was a gift from Australia to Indonesia to show each other's willingness to support each other when the going gets tough.

AIYA plays an active role in promoting awareness, best health practices and a show of spirit to get through tough times together, communicating but this time in a slightly different way.

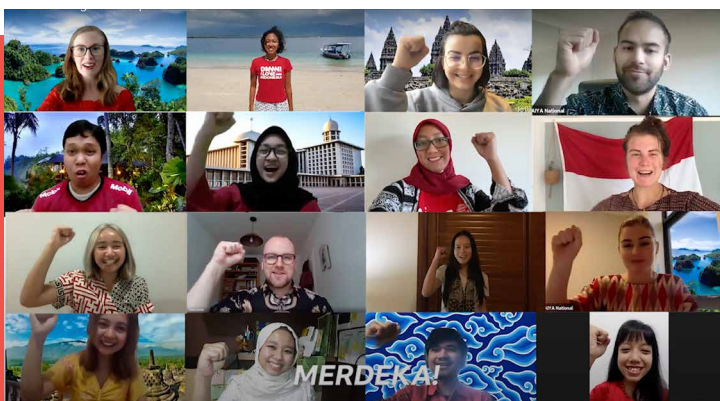


AIYA Victoria Committee members with DFSL students for our Malam Trivia in 2019.

Generation Zoom – Removing Borders

Perhaps the most significant change that all of AIYA had to face is migrating to videoconferencing. Because of the virus, we have had to innovate and think of new ways we can maintain and communicate with one another.

Through Zoom, Google Meet, Discord and the University Bridge Project (UniBRIDGE), AIYA was able to conduct a whole host of gatherings, with the theme of “show and tell”. AIYA has utilised Zoom and other video conferencing tools to acquaint with one another, share stories and interests and promote a sense of teamwork. We even celebrated the 75th Indonesian Independence all dressed up on Zoom!

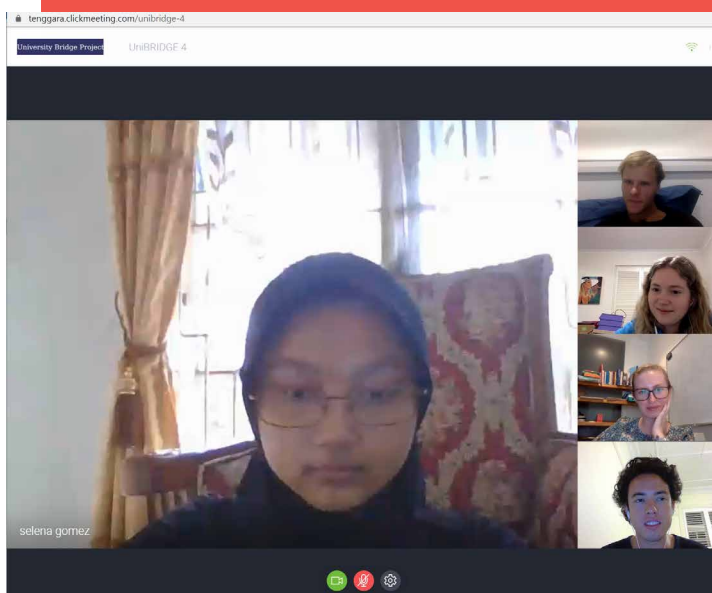


Celebration of the 75th Indonesian Independence on Zoom

Home is Where the Heart is

But friendships and cross cultural communication also exist within borders. The AIYA blog has also detailed the outlandish topics which may be alien to some, such as Meylisa Sahan's [commentary on the film TILIK](#), and explainers such as why don't more [Indonesians drink](#). It is a small world, but it is also filled with the unexpected.

As a parting note, we'd like to thank our wonderful readers and contributors - it is because of you that we have been able to produce memorable posts from the blog. It's always better when we're together and we are always open to new topics and ideas. As AIYA's blog team, it has been an absolute honour and pleasure to be able to document, write and record the milestones that have been accomplished by the AIYA community.



FLEX Session on Discord

AIYA MEMBER SUBMISSIONS

THE BEAUTY OF DIVERSITY AND DIFFERENCES EXPERIENCED THROUGH SPORTS

Lottee Troost

"Despite the geographical closeness, some may say the cultures of Australia and Indonesia are far apart" captures one of AIYA's Instagram [posts](#) at the end of 2020. The post depicts an infographic of the Hofstede country comparison. This theory, developed by Dutch social psychologist Geert Hofstede, serves as a framework for cross-cultural communication and indicates the effects of a society's culture on the values of its people and how these values influence their behaviour.

Although Hofstede's theory of cultural comparison might not consider the many different cultures within Indonesia and Australia, his theory could be very useful when thinking about collaboration and exchange between countries. For example, when moving from one country to another and starting to build up a new life in a different culture and/or system of values. And one of the means by which to recognize, experience, and celebrate cultural differences is perhaps through sports.

For me, sports have long been synonymous with competition and performance. As a six-year-old girl, I started to play field hockey in the Netherlands. This sport has always fascinated me; it's a combination of speed, technique, tactics, strength, endurance and teamwork. Playing hockey got more serious around my twelfth year, with several selections for club- and district teams and, later on, for the national youth team. My love for the game has always been an important motivation, but becoming a better, more agile and powerful player, and victory for success became extremely (and increasingly) important as well. Sports other than hockey soon had to serve the same ambitions.



AIYA Jabar's Nobar AFL Grand final event



Sunday morning ride in Bandung with the Yumaju cycling friends

It was not until moving to Indonesia for a student exchange program that competition and performance gradually no longer overshadowed the fun and many other aspects of what sports means to me. Joining several sports clubs in my new hometown Bandung, such as the Yumaju cycling club, the Muay Thai team and the Institut Teknologi Bandung (ITB) hockey team, opened many doors in terms of cultural immersion and building up a social network. In addition, by joining AIYA JaBar's sports events, such as the 'BBQ & Nonton bareng (watching together) Nobar AFL Grand Final event', the line between sports as a competition and sports as a recreation and social activity became more blurry.



Hockey training with the
ITB university team

The ITB hockey training usually started half an hour late. We did not have enough sticks for everyone to play at the same time and the team was still looking for a trainer, although we were halfway through the season. Also, we didn't have a referee whenever we played a match. At first, these were somewhat uncomfortable experiences for me, when compared to what I was used to on the hockey field back home. But soon I started to enjoy the ambience on the field. It was still performance-driven, but this immersion in a different culture taught me to lessen the value of the score beyond the moment of the game. After our training we mostly rolled into another activity that was at least as valuable and rewarding as the training itself, such as eating or hanging out at the campus.

Running at Gasibu, one of Bandung's most famous running tracks, was a real eye-opener. In the basic sense the track serves to run, of course. But the place has in itself become a social venue where people meet, talk, run/walk together, and probably finish their workout at one of the many eating stalls around the track. Some runners wear sports clothes, others appear in jeans. Some runners bring their children, others make a video call while walking on the track. It doesn't matter; participation is what's most important. Some runners would always arrive at the same time as I did, so we started to talk and some gradually became my friends. Distance and speed mattered less than our shared passion for the sports and the fact that we'd come all the way to Gasibu to exercise.

In an attempt to understand the differences in sporting culture between countries, the Hofstede cultural comparison posted by AIYA had attracted my attention. This comparison indicates that Australia – and in some way the Netherlands, at least when it comes to sports – has a high score (61) on masculinity. Hofstede describes masculine societies as adventure-based and driven by competition, achievement and success, with success defined as being the winner. Cultural value dimensions deriving from a country's culture often begin to form during school years and continue throughout one's life, such as in work and leisure (e.g. sports). In line with this cultural masculinity, Australia's most popular sports, Australian football (AFL) and rugby, include physical confrontation and an emphasis on victory for success. This, therefore, reflects Australian sport values about competition and adventures.



Kids running at Gasibu wearing
their school uniform

The same theory considers Indonesia as low masculine (score [46](#)), whereby standing out from the crowd is less admirable, and quality of life and caring for others are definers of success. Sports in feminine societies are mostly aimed at keeping health in body and mind rather than conquering the opponent, with examples such as Muay Thai. Indonesia's national sport, badminton, is without any physical contact; the players compete by the net with their skills. But Indonesia's success with badminton is perhaps one of the most obvious examples of its performance in international sports competitions, bringing forth many legendary badminton players such as Susi Susanti and Taufik Hidayat.

Such a theory for intercultural understanding makes even more sense when you're able to have real life experiences that demonstrate its validity. Moving to Indonesia and building up a new network through sports clubs taught me that sport is so much more than winning alone; it's an opportunity to create better mutual understanding, to enhance respect of one another's culture, to meet new friends, to apply the language that you're learning into practice, to realize that sports just for recreation are just as valuable, fun and healthy as competitive sports can be. But most of all: it has shown the beauty of diversity and differences.



The always crowded Gasibu running track

Indonesia feels as a second home for author Lotte Troost, where she lived in various cities for studies and research. She is passionate about intercultural learning and language exchange. Lotte currently resides in the Netherlands but is still involved with AIYA as a member of the West Java Chapter and as content translator in the National Team

SYD-CGK: This place could be our home

Natasya Zahra

Natasya Zahra is a final year and final semester Bachelor of Arts student from the University of Sydney, she is also an Education Committee Member for PPIA USYD.

This is her short photo essay regarding her interpretation of the Australia-Indonesia experience. Growing up as a third culture kid and moving around every few years across the world, she always felt like a citizen of everywhere and nowhere. This experience is particularly jarring in her experience living in Australia - a country geographically so close to Indonesia and yet, so different in so many wonderful ways.

Natasya states: *"[M]y submission is meant to capture that restless experience of not quite finding where you belong but you continuously try to build a home wherever you are. The submission is a photo essay titled: (SYD-CGK: This place could be our home). These are all photos of myself with the Balinese traditional costume coming from my elementary years in Jakarta and a more recent photo of me and the Sydney Skyline."*



To view more of Natasya's work,
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The PEATLI Project: An interdisciplinary collaboration

Yohanes Viane Belo Boli - AIYEP 2019/2020

During my time as a participant of the Australia-Indonesia Youth Exchange Program (AIYEP) I interned at the University of Queensland (UQ) and was lucky enough to be involved in the PEATLI project. My background as a public health student provided for a unique and eye-opening experience as I hadn't been exposed to the Australian health practices. At the PEATLI project, I had the opportunity to learn about peatland and the effects peatland destruction has on health and livelihoods. This area of research was as foreign to me in much the same as all the new foods I experienced in Australia. Growing up in West Timor, I had never seen peatland areas before and was only used to rocky landscapes – the PEATLI project opened my eyes to whole new types of ecosystems. My time at UQ provided me with an opportunity to expand my knowledge outside of my academic discipline and learn about the importance of the world's peatland areas.

I interned at the PEATLI project with two fellow AIYEP delegates from Indonesia. The project allowed all three of us to utilise our different academic backgrounds, which was great as we brought different experiences to the team. One of the things we learnt was that drained peatland is highly flammable meaning it is vulnerable to peat fires. Underground peat fires can burn for months and produce extreme haze. I used my educational background in public health to link the effects of the haze produced by peatland fires to its impact on local communities' health. I designed health promotion flyers containing accessible information informing communities of the importance of wearing masks when there are nearby fires. Wearing masks helps prevent respiratory illnesses and other negative health impacts of peat fires. In addition to creating the flyer, my fellow Indonesian delegates and I helped write an educational story for children. The story was aimed at persuading children to wear masks when they go outside near peat fire areas.



We also assisted UQ students in their preparation for their trip to Indonesia by facilitating pre-departure workshops. We also assisted UQ students in their preparation for their trip to Indonesia by facilitating pre-departure workshops.

Interning at UQ was an incredibly enriching experience for me in so many ways. It was an honour to have been involved in the PEATLI project. I learnt about Australian work culture and built meaningful connections with my peers and supervisors. The generosity, hospitality, and warmth of our supervisors made for such a unique, rewarding, and memorable life experience. My time at UQ has inspired me to plan for my Masters in Australia and dream of many holidays in beautiful Queensland.

AIYA was proud to partner with AIYEP in 2020 to create exciting social events for this year's cohort. Many committee members of AIYA are proud AIYEP alumni and we are excited to continue engaging with the program heading into its 40th year in 2021.

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Australia-Indonesia Youth Exchange Program

AIYEP, which was established in 1982, links youth in Australia and Indonesia, aged 21 to 25, through social, professional, and cultural exchange. It is a chance for participants to grow their intercultural skills, professional experiences and international networks. This year, in response to the restrictions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, AIYEP2020 will be offered as a special edition virtual program. Value Learning is proud to be managing this new and exciting program offering the opportunity for eighteen Indonesians and eighteen Australians to share seven weeks interacting and engaging with each other, with alumni and others who hold influence and experience in the Australia-Indonesia diplomatic, academic and business world.

This year AIYEP and AIYA will be collaborating very closely in a range of initiatives.

AIYA chapters in Indonesia and Australia will be hosting social and cultural activities every Wednesday for the AIYEP cohort, all 36 AIYEP participants will be joining as members of AIYA, AIYEP participants will be joining the FLEX program on Sundays, AIYA members will be playing different roles in the program through mentoring, hosting and speaking at the webinars series. We believe in the importance of youth building long lasting relations across cultures and we commend AIYA for the impressive work they do in bringing Australian and Indonesian young people closer together. Value Learning looks forward to strengthening the relationship between AIYEP and AIYA in 2021!

Australia-Indonesia Business Council (AIBC)

In what has been a challenging year, the AIBC is delighted to have continued its long-standing association with AIYA. As always, we value greatly the role that AIYA serves as a forum for younger Australians and Indonesians with a passion for each other's countries. In this year of IA-CEPA, AIYA plays an important role too in cultivating mutual understanding and relationships, fundamental to building strong and durable ties between our countries. In each of our eight Chapters, AIBC and AIYA have worked together on a range of events and other initiatives, and this will continue as we adjust to the evolving challenges and opportunities presented by COVID-19. From time-to-time we also enjoy hosting interns from AIYA, and playing our part to expose them to exciting new career opportunities and experiences. We once again look forward to our future interactions with AIYA, and wish AIYA President Clarice Campbell, and her dedicated team, another successful year ahead.



Australia-Indonesia Centre (AIC)

The Australia-Indonesia Centre has always valued AIYA's important work in strengthening people-to-people linkages. In 2020, we have provided a platform to support AIYA's work in co-hosting the Indo-Pacific Student Mobility Youth Dialogue virtual discussion, and we have promoted AIYA's activities through the Centre's digital platforms throughout the year. We thank AIYA for your continued support of our ReelOzInd! short film festival, In Conversation webinars, and the AIC Media Update. We commend AIYA's team and members for continuing to deliver impact virtually in this challenging year, and we look forward to continuing working together towards our shared vision.



Conference of Australian and Indonesian Youth (CAUSINDY)

2020 marked one of the most significant years in CAUSINDY and AIYA's relationship to date, with the launch of the PATHWAYS Mentoring Program. PATHWAYS matches current university students or recent graduates (members of AIYA) with experienced professionals in their fields of interest, drawn from the CAUSINDY community. The aim is to carve a pathway for the next generation of leaders to develop the skills they need to build their desired careers in the Australia-Indonesia bilateral relationship. The program is testament to how youth-led organisations can work together, even in difficult times, to create impact well beyond what they could create individually. We are committed to ensure that PATHWAYS can continue for years to come, equipping young leaders in the bilateral relationship with the confidence, networks and skill sets to succeed in their chosen careers and ultimately strengthen Indonesia-Australia ties. This program is a direct investment into the future of the Indonesia-Australia bilateral relationship. The CAUSINDY and AIYA relationship is as important as ever to CAUSINDY, and we look forward to building upon our great work together.



Monash University

AIYA has been a key part of the Monash Arts Global Immersion Guarantee (GIG) program since it launched in 2018. The GIG program provides Arts undergraduate students with the opportunity to travel to one of five countries, including Indonesia, where they learn first-hand from local leaders addressing the human impact on the environment. In addition to learning about solutions to some of the world's biggest challenges, students get the opportunity to develop their professional networks and build friendships that will help them carry regional leadership into the future. Young people will need to be Indonesia-literate to effectively work across our region in the future, and AIYA plays a key role in helping them build these important bilateral peer-to-peer relationships that will make this possible. We look forward to continuing to work with them as part of the program.



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AIYA is the peak youth organisation in the Australia-Indonesia relationship. AIYA has a long history of partnering with like-minded organisations and collaborating on projects in the bilateral space. The AIYA Annual represents the variety of activities undertaken by our community to connect, inform and inspire the next generation of leaders in the Australian-Indonesian relationship. If your organisation is interested in working with AIYA at a National or Chapter level please get in touch with us at partnerships@aiya.org.au.



Kongres AIYA Alumni Dinner with Bapak Heru Subolo, Indonesian Consul-General to NSW, SA and QLD



Suara Indonesia Dance Session

GET INVOLVED WITH AIYA

Join a community of young Australians and Indonesians

AIYA membership connects you with like-minded people in your area who are engaging in the Australia-Indonesia relationship. AIYA members share their language and cultural experience through peer-to-peer language exchanges and frequent educational and social events. AIYA runs a range of exciting events each year but most importantly through joining AIYA 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, sociocultural 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 lead 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

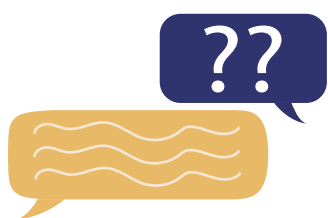
While most of our events are organised by Chapters, your membership is valid across the whole of AIYA. This means you can attend AIYA events and receive member benefits all around Australia and Indonesia!

So what are you waiting for? Become a member today at aiya.org.au/membership/





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