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President's Message

Hi Everyone,

Well the winter solstice is now behind us, so we can look forward to the days becoming longer and eventually warmer.

Indonesian President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono will attend a two-day bilateral meeting in Australia this week. He is heading to Darwin for the 2nd Annual Indonesia-Australia Leaders' Meeting on July 2 – 4. He will meet with Prime Minister Julia Gillard and will be accompanied by a delegation of senior ministers.

The President's visit comes as Australia grapples with ways to deal with people smuggling, which has resulted in frequent boat arrivals this year, including one that capsized last week with the deaths of an estimated 90 people. There was an attempt to pass legislation this week to resurrect the "offshore solution". Although it got through Parliament, it was rejected by the Senate.

Europe continues to be a major concern for the world economy, although the US economy has signs of picking up. The situation in Syria dominates world news, with no solution in sight, and possible escalation with the shooting down of a Turkish jet. No major news from Indonesia over recent months, which is probably a good sign. The economy continues to grow at an impressive rate.

I was recently in Kupang, NTT, and apart from enjoying lots of fresh seafood, I noted the development taking place there. There is lots of

building going on, including new hotels and offices. The El Tari airport is a real hub of activity, with lots of flights and several airlines to choose from. Speaking of airports, the new airport in Bali is well under way. It's a huge construction project, resulting in lengthy walks to/from the terminals. Unfortunately the traffic is a mess, and it took about 40 minutes from getting into a taxi till we got out of the airport parking lot. There's also construction of a tunnel to ease traffic on the Bypass.

Unfortunately I was away while things were happening here in Sydney. On 15 June, the AIA participated in the Indonesia Day at Sydney University, promoting the study of Indonesian to over 200 high school students. Several people spoke of their experience with the Indonesian language, including our very own Kabar Editor, Melanie Morrison and AIA member Jeff Neilson.



Tante Lottie at the school Indonesia Day

The AIA also announced a scholarship to be provided to a Year 12 student pursuing Indonesian studies at university. We have named the scholarship the "Lottie Maramis Scholarship", in honour of our illustrious patron. Sisca Hunt spoke

on behalf of the AIA and announced the scholarship, followed by a few words from Lottie. This scholarship is in addition to the AIA prizes awarded for the Kompetisi Siswa each year.

We are also pleased to advise that the AIA is planning a series of visits to schools in NSW to talk about the Indonesian culture and language. Miriam and Sisca have been active in discussions with the NSW Education Department, the Modern Languages Teachers Association, and the Indonesian Consulate to come up with a coordinated program for the school visits. We have submitted applications for funding to the Australia Indonesia Institute, and also to the Council of the City of Sydney. We'll keep our fingers crossed!

Our winter dinner on 16 June at the Java Restaurant was well attended with 45 people including several new faces. I understand that the food was great and everyone had a good time. The next dinner will be in September so check out the website for details.

Dhanny Perkasa from the Consulate and Reza Pahlevi from the Indonesia Trade Promotion Centre have both returned to Indonesia. They have both been good supporters of the AIA and we wish them well in their new roles.

Some of our AIA members have over recent months visited several Indonesian seamen who are in prison, having been crewmembers on the boats transporting refugees to Australia. We understand that there are around 60 Indonesians currently in prison in NSW, and they don't get many visitors. If you are interested in visiting them, please let me know.

Hope to see you at some of the functions over the coming months. We can always use more help with our activities, so if you would like to participate, please contact me.

Could I also remind you that membership renewals can be made for the remaining months in 2012 at a discounted rate. Simply transfer the fee (Family \$20, Single \$15) to the AIA at BSB: 012-327 Account: 2418-30232 including your name and the text "renew".

Please check out our website www.australia-indonesia-association.com for details of activities and membership. We are also on Facebook.
Eric de Haas

Australia in an Asian Century

We've entered the Asian Century! Finally senior policy makers and even the general public are recognizing this. In an effort to consider ways to position Australia to better engage in Asia, the Australian government has commissioned a White Paper. The Task Force has received hundreds of submissions including on by AIA's Harry C Jagers.

Harry writes in his submission: "Given our geographic proximity to a rising Asia, we get the golden opportunity, as the saying goes, to have the game sewn up and to cash in to become once again "The Lucky Country"..... It should be apparent to our government in recent years that we do not need any special relationship with the USA on all fronts."

Following is a brief summary of the main points of the various submissions (<http://asiancentury.dpmc.gov.au/>)

- Strong support was expressed for the need for Australians to be more proficient in Asian languages. It was argued that proficiency enhances effective engagement with Asia, deepens interpersonal relationships, augments Australia's security strategy

and capitalises on the economic potential of the Asian Century.

- With decline in numbers studying an Asian language, proposals for expanding Asian language enrolments in schools and universities were suggested in a large number of submissions, with only a handful calling for compulsory language enrolment.

- Strategies to boost Asia-relevant capabilities (i.e. the Asian cultural literacy of Australians) were proposed for the education, government and business sectors.

- The inclusion of Asia as a cross-curriculum priority in Australia was referred to positively by many organisations.

- There was strong support for developing stronger ties with Asia through people-to-people links and better cultural understanding. Indeed, many took this direction as a given and focused on ways to achieve greater connectedness, with suggestions ranging from high-level directions to detailed proposals. International education emerged as a key policy area, both in terms of community interest and the volume of recommendations to government.

- More than 50 submissions recommended increasing scholarships/exchanges/internships with Asia and removing barriers to these activities, including by ensuring that the travel advisory system does not impede better regional engagement, especially with Indonesia.

- The broadly supported strategy for promoting growth in the international education sector was summed up by Universities Australia: "In order to build on the sector's consistent growth and embark on the third wave of internationalisation, it is imperative that universities provide students with a well-managed, high quality student experience and form deeper and more meaningful educational and research linkages with their international counterparts."

- There appears to be a consensus that Asia is "rising" and its burgeoning middle class will generate significant opportunities for Australia, particularly in our export markets in areas such as education, tourism, construction, and financial and legal services.

- The role of Australian foreign aid in our engagement with Asia was raised by more than 20 contributors. As both World Vision Australia and the Diversity Council of Australia noted, even taking account of continuing impressive economic growth in Asia, poverty will remain a major issue in a region that is currently home to two-thirds of the world's poor.

- Around 40 submissions observed that the global and regional order was undergoing a major transformation owing to the emergence of new powers – primarily China, but also India and Indonesia. This would have significant implications for Australia's diplomatic, national security and other strategies.

The IMF predicts that Indonesia's economy will be the world's fifth largest by 2030. Yet as Fergus Hanson, from the Lowy Institute, noted in the last edition of, *Kabar*: "Australia's relationship with Indonesia must rank as one of our greatest foreign policy failures. Our politicians treat a country with a population 10 times the size of Australia's as though it is a miscreant Pacific atoll."

Australia's focus on Indonesia and other country's in the region is well overdue. So let's hope the latest round of submissions and papers amounts to Australia's positive and active involvement with our regional neighbours.

More information on the 'Australia in an Asian Century initiative can also be accessed at "The Conversation", <http://theconversation.edu.au/pages/australia-in-the-asian-century> and the Lowy Institute's Interpreter, <http://www.lowyinterpreter.org/category/Australia-in-the-Asian-Century.aspx>.

Seymour Shaw Story

By Neil Smith

The second President of the Australia Indonesia Association was Edward Seymour Shaw. He was born in 1896, the son of Reverend AR Shaw. After moving from different country parishes, the family settled in the Sutherland area in 1911. When World War I started Seymour signed up. At the end of the war he returned to a clerks job and later become chairman of Hunt Brothers, a group of eight companies.

While he was a successful businessman, it was his service to the community that became his hallmark. Seymour served 29 years as an Alderman on Sutherland Shire Council including 9 years as Shire President. This was a period when the Sutherland district went from rural bushland in to suburbia. Ex-service men from WW II were moving in along with migrants from hostels.

To commemorate his service to the community, the Shire's premier sports ground was named the Seymour Shaw Park, which is the home ground to Sutherland Football Club. In 1954, when Queen Elizabeth visited Australia, Seymour was appointed Order of the British Empire. His private time was devoted to many committees. He was Chairman of the local hospital board, Chairman of Woronra Cemetery Trust, on the Sydney Water Board (M.W.S.D board), member of Town and Country Planning Committee, and member of several local government boards including the clerks, auditors, superannuation board as well as the national trust and three local R.S.L. club boards.

From 1958-1968 he was President of the AIA. At this time the AIA was revitalised with the introduction of the Colombo Plan, a bilateral aid program designed for Commonwealth countries although Australia argued should be admitted to the program.

According to the minutes of the AIA meetings held in the early 1960s, chaired by Seymour Shaw, the AIA began the first Indonesian language course at the Ultimo Technical College (Sydney TAFE). Later the college started to run its own course because of the success of the AIA model. Through 1960s the AIA ran annual bus tours to the snowy Mountains and held annual Indonesian Independence day functions at the Barland Community Hall in Newtown with 300 attending in 1963 and over 400 in 1966.

In 1968 the AIA supported General Nasution's initiative to arrange the delivery of a Komodo dragon to Taronga Park Zoo. Also in the 1960s the AIA ran what was called a weekend Summer School in a Sydney bush location. There were also group discussions with guest speakers, language, cooking, music schools and film shows. There were a number of different fund raising events for flood relief and other natural disasters such as the 1961 and 1965 volcanic eruption in Central Java. Most of the AIA social events were organised in conjunction the Indonesian Students Association. The membership stood around 130 to 150 in the mid to late 60s.

On the 15th April 1968 Seymour passed away after a short illness at his home in Yowie Bay, Sutherland. He was 72. AIA Vice President Professor Alyward assumed the presidency of the association after Seymour's death. On the 26th June 1968 the AIA committee set up the Seymour Shaw Memorial Trust with a donation of \$300 out of AIA funds.

A criterion was drawn up for the Trust, then fundraising commenced and still continues. Prizes are given to students of Indonesian studies in NSW. The first Presentation of the Memorial Fund was in February 1969 at Anzac House Sydney with Hon. C.B. Cutler the minister of education attending. Today the Seymour Memorial Trust Fund is still adheres to the original goals.

Inmate Outreach Project

By John Luxton

In December last year Michael, Neil and I heard, through concerned legal professionals, about the plight of Indonesian men who crew asylum seeker boats heading to Australia. Hundreds have been arrested on arrival in Australian waters and end up in jails and detention centres. The concerned persons know and love Indonesia and feel for these men and the predicament they are in.

When refugee boats arrive in Australian waters the Indonesian crew are imprisoned as people smugglers and there are over eighty presently in Australian jails. Approximately 50% are acquitted by the jury and then need to be issued with a passport by the Indonesian Government and repatriated home. Those who are convicted are sentenced to a five year mandatory sentence, 3 years non-parole and are imprisoned in jails as isolated as Broken Hill and Tasmania.

Our team are conducting the Outreach Project in two ways.

Court Trials

We attend trials on some days to get an idea of the circumstances of the voyages and the type of evidence being presented by the prosecution (Australian Government) and the defence representing the Indonesian seamen. In Sydney they are held in Remand Centres for up to eighteen months before being tried by jury in the Parramatta, Campbelltown and Downing Centre Sydney CBD courts. A barrister and a solicitor represent each Indonesian and a solicitor and the trials are costing the Australian Government over \$200,000 each.

Prison Visits

We have visited some of the prisoners on remand on a compassionate basis in the remand centres purely to show that

Trial of Crewmen Inhumane Letter By Michael Kramer

On any given day, at courtrooms in the City, Parramatta and Campbelltown, you can find the trial of an Indonesian seaman in progress. Across Australia there are hundreds of these seamen, either convicted or on remand awaiting trial.

Since the start of 2012, I have attended five of these "people smuggling" trials. Colleagues have attended more. Our observation is that the evidence presented in each trial is remarkably similar. In most cases the accused is a simple village fisherman. He is offered what is, for him, a small fortune to help crew a boat to take a group of foreigners, who do not speak his language, to an island (Christmas or Ashmore) of which he has never heard. In his ignorance, he does not know that these islands are Australian territories and not part of Indonesia, and that he faces a 5-year mandatory prison sentence when he is arrested on arrival in Australian waters. The more canny crew are returned to Indonesia by accompanying vessel

someone cares for them. On the visits we talk about how they are coping, the voyage to Northern Australia and their life in prison. Sometimes we ask about their family but this is the time they can get emotional and we pull back. We don't talk about their forthcoming trial and what the future might hold for them.

To date we have made twelve prison visits and feel our efforts are very much appreciated by the men. All except one have been of Muslim faith, a source of comfort for them. They all talk of working in prison on weekdays including laundry work, cleaning, assembling mobile phones and metalwork on trailers for the bushfire brigade.

Bahasa Books

We also heard there were no books or newspapers in Bahasa available so Michael and I brought fifteen kilos of books and newspaper back from Indonesia which we delivered to the remand centre librarian and have heard they are getting through. Four of us shared the cost including two Indonesian translators.

I don't like the tag 'People Smugglers' as I see many Indonesian crewmen as innocent persons, who were deceived into crewing for an unexplained purpose and offered an amount of money they found hard to refuse. As I understand it, the real people smugglers load the boat at an Indonesian port and see it set off. Their business would collapse if they stayed on the boat and would be certainly arrested by Australian authorities and end up being imprisoned for years.

The problem of refugee boats is only getting worse and sadly more crewmen will arrive to fill the jails and more costly trials to be paid for by the Australian Government.

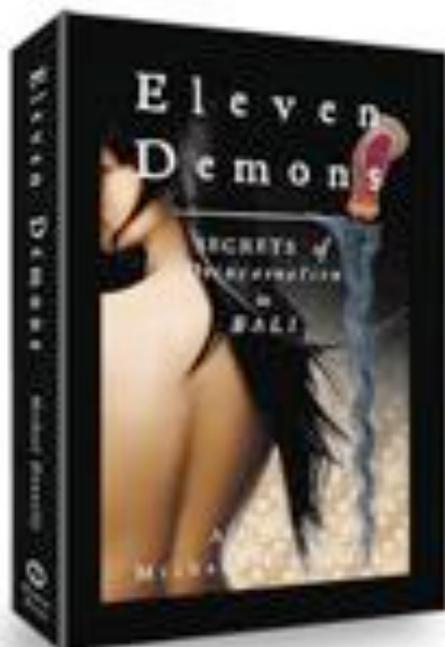
before the boat carrying the asylum seekers enters Australian waters, leaving the simple fisherman to bear the brunt of Australian "people smuggling" laws.

It is a sad sight to see a poor simple villager confused and intimidated by the bewigged might of the NSW legal system. The process and penalty are entirely disproportionate to the crime and culpability of the accused. The cost to the taxpayer is huge (around \$250,000 per trial) and the deterrent obviously ineffective, as the boats keep coming.

Despite the similarity of the evidence in each case, approximately 50% of trials result in acquittals and 50% in convictions, which indicates that justice is not being evenly applied.

I call on the Government of NSW to cease their cooperation with the Commonwealth in this inhumane travesty of justice, and the misuse of our legal system for political purposes.

Michael Kramer
20 Marillian Av, Waitara, NSW, 2077

FOCUS ON BOOKS: Eleven Demons

When a young American traveler falls in love with and marries a beautiful Balinese girl, all the promise of “The Morning of the World” seems to await. But twenty years later and far too late, he discovers the awful purpose behind the elaborate Hindu ceremonies arranged by his wife at the birth of their children. While he struggles to make sense of the destruction of his family, Balinese friends warn of long-term plans, of black magic, of fraudulent documents, false Hindu ceremonies, collusion

by members of the Bali community, the courts, the police, public prosecutors—even his own attorneys—in a combination known in Indonesia as a “Law Mafia.” A few close Balinese friends stand with him, helping guide him through the *sekala* and *niskala*—the Balinese visible and invisible worlds—but stakes and tensions continue to rise until he faces a possibly fatal decision: dare he fight for his and his children's identities, or must he accept his friends' increasingly urgent advice to flee with his children ahead of plans for murder? This memoir of a family racked by unthinkable betrayal lays bare an astonishing truth at the heart of an island the world cherishes as The Last Paradise. **Michael Donnelly** has lived and worked in Indonesia for over thirty years, speaks fluent Indonesian, and is intimately familiar with the varied cultures of this vast and fascinating island nation. He wrote *Eleven Demons* simultaneously in both English and Indonesian. The cases behind the book continue in Bali, Jakarta and California.

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Indonesia Day at Sydney University

On 15 June around 200 high school students currently studying Indonesian gathered at Sydney University. The day was designed to encourage students to continue their study of Indonesian at University. University students, lecturers and former students spoke to the students about what career opportunities there are for those who have an expertise in Indonesian cultural and language studies.

University students, Nick Mark, Katrina Steedman and Tim Everson, gave enthusiastic accounts of their studies and the huge attraction of spending time in Indonesia. We were even treated to a remarkable didgeridoo, clarinet, guitar performance by the Jogaroos.

Professor Adrian Vickers ran through extensive list of graduates and what they are up to now, Dr Jeff Neilson spoke about just how studying geography can take you to the remote corners of Indonesia and open doors into anything from agricultural production to climate change.

The students are eligible to apply for two scholarships including the AIA's inaugural ‘Lottie Maramis’ scholarship.

The event was organised by the NSW Department of Education, Sydney University and the Association of Independent Schools. Bapak Nicholas Manoppo from the Consulate, Ibu Resi Yusuf and Bapak Dhanny Perkasa were there representing the Indonesian Consulate.

The Moluccan Spice Discovery Sailing Adventure

Have you visited Herbie's Spices? Seen 'The Spice Trail' or 'Island Feast' on SBS? Read the 'Spice Islands' book? Then you are ready to cruise the Spice Islands on your own private yacht!



Ian Hemphill (owner of Herbie's Spices) and Ian Burnet (author of 'Spice Islands') will be voyaging around the Spice Islands with Sea Trek Sailing Adventures, from 21 November to 2 December, 2012.

We meet in Bali and then fly together to join the *Ombak Putih* in Ambon, from where we sail for the nutmeg islands of Banda and the clove islands of Tidore and Ternate. Please go to www.seatrekbali.com to see the trip details and contact booking@seatrekbali.com to make your booking.

The *Ombak Putih* has twelve 2 berth cabins, and we have blocked ten cabins for those who are interested in joining us on this sailing adventure. The cost is €2840 (euros) per person sharing a double or twin cabin, and a deposit of 25% will need to be paid to Seatrek as soon as possible (there are only four cabins left). This price includes: accommodation in air-conditioned cabins en-suite, full board, soft drinks, (limited) beer or wine at dinner, use of snorkelling gear, sea kayaks (2), fishing gear, tours as per program, and services of an English speaking tour leader. Not included in the cruise fare: international travel to Bali, domestic flights (approx € 500 p.p.), personal insurance, and gratuities.

Please advise herbie@herbies.com.au or ianburnet@spiceislandsbook.com when you have made your booking.

Herbies Spices Recipes - Nutmeg Cake (Sampled at Ian Burnet's book launch. It's really good.)

Description Nutmeg cake has been around for many years, sometimes called Armenian or Indonesian nutmeg cake. The nutmeg may be from Indonesia, but the cake is of European origin. The crunchy base makes it different from most cakes.

Ingredients

2 cups plain flour 2 cups brown sugar 1 tablespoon **Herbie's Spices Mixed Spice** 2 teaspoons baking powder 130g butter 1 teaspoon bicarbonate of soda 1 egg 2 teaspoons **Herbie's Spices Nutmeg Ground** 1 cup milk 2 teaspoons white sugar

Methods/steps

Preheat oven to 180°C and grease a 20cm spring-form cake tin. In a large bowl, mix together the flour, brown sugar, mixed spice and baking powder, then rub the butter into the flour mixture until it resembles coarse breadcrumbs. Spoon almost half this mixture over the base of the prepared tin. Whisk the bicarbonate of soda, egg and nutmeg into the milk, then add the milk mixture to the remaining flour mixture. Stir well.

Pour the batter over the crumbs in the tin, then sprinkle the white sugar over the top. Bake for 1 hour and 10 minutes, or until golden brown and springy to the touch. Cool in the tin for a few minutes, then turn out and cool thoroughly on a wire rack. Dust with icing sugar and serve with a dollop of good thick cream.

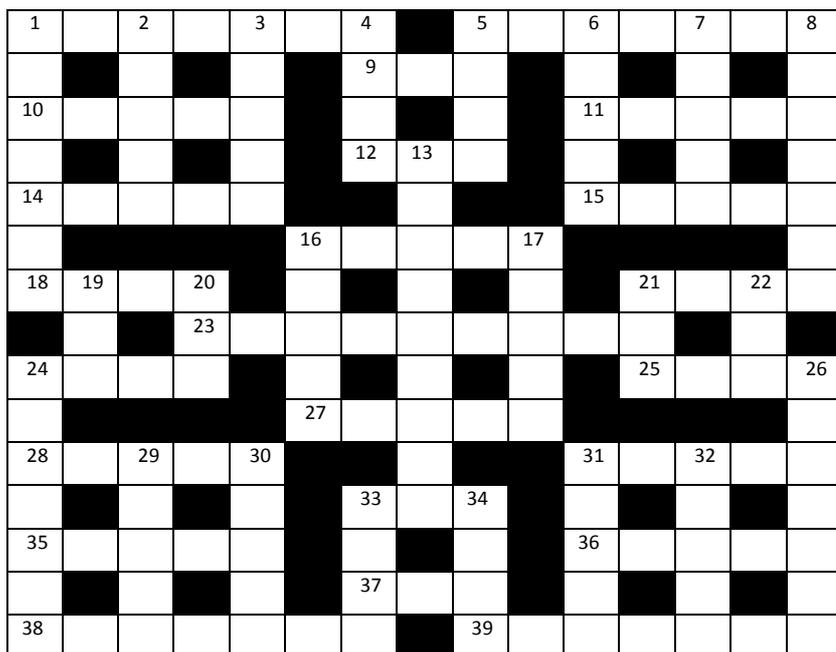
Mid winter dinner and Sydney University's Indonesia Day



Crossword

Created by Helen Anderson, AIA Victoria

Answers on the following page (no peeking)

**Across**

1. Palace
5. Advantages and disadvantages (----- *dan mudarat*)
9. There is, there are
10. Season
11. Reason
12. National budget (*Abbr.*)
14. Test, trial
15. Month
16. Tax
18. Payroll (*daftar ----*)
21. Society at large (*masyarakat ----*)
23. Bureaucracy
24. New Order (*Orde ----*)
25. Ambassador
27. Labour
28. Value
31. In disarray
33. And
35. Ethnic
36. Fast and accurate (*cepat-----*)
37. Republic of Indonesia (*Abbr.*)
38. Initially
39. Chaotic

Down

1. Village
2. Official
3. Colleague (----- *sekerja*)
4. Name
5. Engage in some activity
6. Fate
7. Take over (-----*ahli*)
8. Savings for national development
13. Prudent
16. Necessary
17. Authority granted by President to act on his behalf (-----*Presiden*)
19. What
20. First Lady (---*negara*)
21. Member of a committee, party etc. (*Lit.*)
22. Indonesian News Agency (*Abbr.*)
24. Indonesian flag (-----*merah putih*)
26. August
29. Suffer constantly
30. Human being
31. Chairman
32. Fast and accurate (-----*tepat*)
33. Fund
34. Installed as a ruler (----*nobat*)

Answers to crossword

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Contributions to Kabar

We welcome all contributions to *Kabar* from both members and non-members. If you have recently been to Indonesia, eaten at an Indonesian restaurant, read a book or attended an Indonesia-related event, please feel free to write an article including photos. Send all material to Melanie at melaniemorrison@bigpond.com.

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