

Neil Smith

BIO

Neil Smith has run his own construction company for over 30 years. His interest in Indonesia started back in 1983 travelling through Indonesia as a tourist, where he met his Indonesian wife in Yogyakarta.

He has been involved with the Australia Indonesia Association since joining in 1985. He became Vice President in 1986, then President the following year. He has served several terms as President and Vice President, and is the current President of AIA. Neil has been an adviser to several organisations including the Department Education's Asian Studies Advisory Panel, and the NSW Ethnic Affairs' Asian panel.

He is particularly interested in history, including the history of Australia Indonesia relations, and also the local history of the Parramatta and Blacktown areas. He has been active within the Parramatta Historical Society for many years, has been Vice President of the Blacktown and District Historical Society for 15 years, and President for the last 2 years.