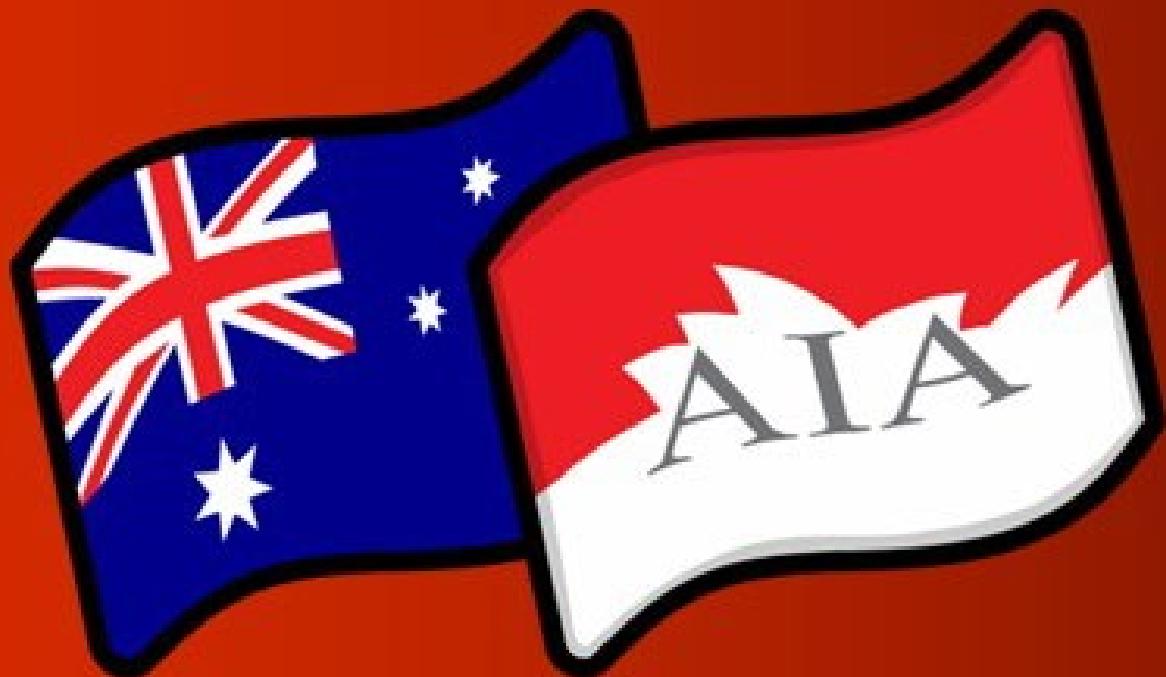


# AUSTRALIA INDONESIA ASSOCIATION of NSW

## Annual Report 2024



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## AIA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – 2024

I am delighted to invite you to enjoy this Annual Report which summarises the activities of the Australia Indonesia Association NSW throughout 2024. Once again I would like to express my appreciation for the hard work and strong support of the committee to ensure our members enjoyed successful events that promoted the ongoing cultural exchange between the people of Australia and Indonesia.

As always, I am extremely grateful for the support AIA receives from the Indonesian Consulate in Sydney's team (headed up by Consul General Bapak Vedi Buana), and the Indonesian Embassy team headed up by His Excellency Ambassador Dr. Siswo Pramono.

I look forward to enjoying another year as your President as we begin preparations to celebrate AIA's 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2025.



President Patrick Hanna addressing the AIA 2024 AGM

# AIA COMMITTEE MEMBERS 2024

## President

Pat Hanna



Pat is a geological consultant and has worked for over 40 years in Australia, the USA, Canada, Alaska, South Africa, Mozambique, Tanzania, India, Bangladesh, Ukraine, Indonesia, Papua New Guinea, China, Mongolia, Thailand, Japan, Philippines and New Zealand. Pat's first trip to Indonesia was in 1989, and he has worked extensively in the jungles of Kalimantan and Sumatra. In addition, he has travelled through Java and Timur for social activities, including weddings.

Pat is a Fellow of the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy (AusIMM) and serves on the Sydney Branch Committee of The AusIMM. He is proudly a registered Competent Person Indonesia (Geology) and is a Member of the Minerals Industry Consultants Association (MMICA).

From 2019 to 2020, Pat served as Vice Chair of the NSW Branch of the Australia Indonesia Business Council (AIBC) and is about to enjoy his fourth year as President of AIA.

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## Vice-President & Communication and Social Media Coordinator

Romie Sofiati (Sofie)



Sofie is a senior safety advisor with twenty years of experience in the oil & gas industry.

She holds a Bachelor of Electrical Engineering, a Master of Occupational Health and Safety (MOHS) from Indonesia University, and a Master of Business Administration (MBA) from the University of Technology Sydney (UTS), Australia.

She guides enterprises on their safety management journey. Sofie consults Australian small-medium enterprises to set up professional safety processes. She also helps Indonesian companies wishing to extend in Australia with the local Australian safety-related regulations. In addition, she is very active in the Indonesian-Australian business and cultural communities. A particular focus goes on Indonesian women's empowerment and multicultural integration.

Sofie joined the AIA NSW committee in May 2021, has served on the Communication and Marketing Subcommittee and was elected as Vice-President in Feb 2022.

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## Vice-President & Jakarta-based AIA Representative

Isla Winarto



Isla Winarto is a Eurasian with an Australian mother and Indonesian father who was one of the founding members of the AIA in Sydney in 1945. Born and raised in Sydney, for the past 39 years. Isla has lived and worked in Jakarta, Indonesia.

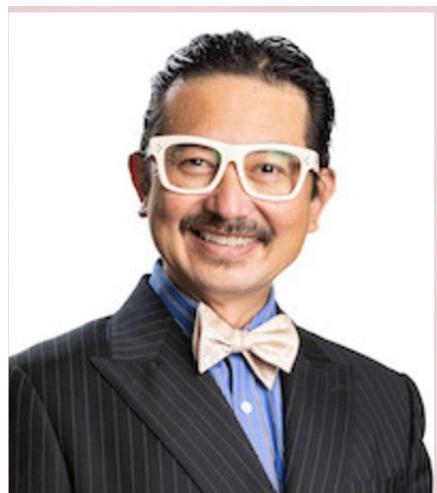
A graduate of the University of Sydney, Isla worked as a Senior Teaching Fellow in Indonesian language and Literature at Sydney University and Griffith University, Australia. In Jakarta, Isla worked for USAID American Embassy in Indonesian language training, education and project management. Until her retirement, she was the Country Director of an Australian company in Indonesia, managing ten offices and focusing on international education and aid projects.

In her spare time, Isla is an Advisor to the Board of the Indonesian Heritage Society in Jakarta and the Jakarta representative of the Australia Indonesia Association of NSW. Currently, she is also the UN Liaison Officer for the Jakarta chapter of Soroptimist International, a global organisation advancing the status of women. Through Soroptimist International, Isla has managed major donor-funded projects in Indonesia, mainly Aceh, Palu and Lombok.

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## Treasurer

Steve Khouw



Steve was born in Jakarta, Indonesia, of Chinese ancestry, and is a grateful Aussie migrant. His entire life revolves around the practicality of engineering in the discipline of mining, building and sustainability. Steve has a background in entrepreneurship and established many business ventures in Australia and pan-Asia centred in Singapore, Hong Kong and Shanghai. His current passion is in politics, driven by the many contemporary social justice issues such as environmental stewardship, men's health and well-being, focusing on preventing male suicide, combating racism and multicultural advocacy to name a few.

Steve is a Committee and Board member for a diversity of NGOs, such as the Chinese Australian Forum, Delivery Riders Association and more. He loves adventure activities, from remote bushwalking to canyoning, kayaking, rock climbing and caving, and has competed twice on Australian Survivor.

Steve was elected as Treasurer of AIA at the 2023 AGM.

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## Committee Member & Events Coordinator

Eric de Haas



Eric is a former Chartered Accountant and a Certified Internal Auditor. After working in the accounting profession in Australia and the Netherlands, he moved to Indonesia in 1980 before diversifying to mining consultancy in Indonesia for almost ten years. He worked with Price Waterhouse Consultants in Indonesia for two years. He then spent four years as Corporate Internal Auditor for PT Bakrie and Brothers, a prominent Indonesian public company with diverse interests.

Since his return to Australia in 1998, Eric has continued to work in the Internal Audit and Risk Management area and has maintained his interest in Indonesia, completing three terms as National President of the Australia Indonesia Business Council (AIBC). Eric was then President of the Australia Indonesia Association for ten years.

Whilst living in Indonesia, Eric was active in the Jakarta Youth Soccer organization, firstly as a Coach, then as a Commissioner and finally as Chief Commissioner. In addition, he was on the Board of Governors of the Institute of Internal Auditors. Here in Sydney, Eric was a director of the Institute of Internal Auditors and is the Director and Company Secretary of the Juliana Village, a retirement and aged care facility in Miranda.

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## Committee Member & History Coordinator

Neil Smith



Neil Smith has run his own construction company for over 30 years. His interest in Indonesia started 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 and then President the following year. Since then, he has served several terms as President and Vice-President of AIA. In addition, Neil has advised several organisations, including the Department of Education's Asian Studies Advisory Panel and the NSW Ethnic Affairs- Asian Panel.

He is particularly interested in history, including the history of Australian-Indonesian relations and the local history of the Parramatta and Blacktown areas. He has been active within the Parramatta Historical Society for many years, Vice-President of the Blacktown and District Historical Society for over 15 years, and President for the last three years.

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## Committee Member

Geoffrey Gold



Geoffrey Gold is a communications adviser and market analyst and facilitator covering Southeast East Asia and Australia. He currently chairs Gold Communications.

His media background includes book authoring (such as 'Eureka: Rebellion beneath the Southern Cross' and 'Asian Media Survey: English-language daily newspapers'), radio programming on commercial stations and Radio Australia, publishing a wide range of books in Australia and Indonesia - the latter featuring the 'Directory of Australian Businesses in Indonesia' between 1997-2002 and the Masindo series of bilingual civil society directories and industry guides – and publishing and editing Australian newspapers (Nation Review) and a variety of business magazines.

In the minerals sector he established the Australian Journal of Mining, now AsiaPacific Journal of Mining, in 1986, and the Austrade-partnered Indonesian Minerals Exploration and Mining Directory in 1999. During his residency in Indonesia his sector connections extended to advising the Association of Indonesian Provincial Departments of Energy & Minerals Resources and cofounding Ausmincham and EMD Indonesia in Jakarta. He is currently Chair for minerals, energy and industry at the Australia Indonesia Business Council.

He has a long connection with bilateral sports with a focus on sub-national and community activities and chaired the Australian Sports Group in Jakarta to promote volunteerism and people-to-people connectivity. He has facilitated two-way sports programs and tournaments for Soccer, Basketball, Aussie Rules and Bridge and chaired the International Forum on Sports Innovation in Jakarta alongside the Asian Football Confederations' Asian Cup finals. He is currently Ambassador to Australia for AFL Indonesia.

Resident in Shepparton, Victoria, he assisted the formation of the first Indonesian community group.

Geoffrey joined the committee last year.

# President's Report 2024

As we begin AIA's 80<sup>th</sup> year of working to maintain and enhance the relationship between Australia and Indonesia on various cultural and historical levels, I reflect on the 79<sup>th</sup> year and the noble effort of our small committee of seven (7) members who generously give of their time for the benefit of AIA.

In summary, 2024 AIA activities included:

- The Lottie Maramis Awards and Prize were awarded to four (4) HSC students who achieved 1<sup>st</sup> place in the four Indonesian courses.
- Membership dropped off a from 159 to 122.
- Book sales continued from a number of bookshops on consignment throughout 2025, in particular the Australian National Library shop.
- AIA made a nominal donation to the Blue Scope Youth Orchestra which performed in Bali to a number of audiences.
- AIA also sponsored (in kind) and was promoted at the Geotourism Conference Workshop held at the University of Sydney.
- AIA presented the story behind "Indonesia Calling" and the Black Armada at the Manly Manado Society's Independence celebrations
- We were well represented at the Indonesian Independence Day ceremony at Kensington Oval
- Teamed up with VP Isla Winarto in Jakarta to visit and distribute food packs to disadvantaged old people in Meteng as well as primary school children in a scavenger community in East Jakarta.
- AIA Winter Warung lunch at Sedap Rasa Restaurant in Kingsford in August.
- Memorial wreath-laying ceremony celebrating Hero's Day at Cowra's POW Cemetery.
- AIA provide the two becaks at the "Indonesia by the Beach" festival held in the Bondi Pavillion
- Funded 10 Primary school scholarships in the ANZA program for disadvantaged Jakarta-based Indonesian children
- Arrange the traditional Farewell Harbour Cruise lunch for Konjen Pak Vedi and his wife Ibu Fannie.

Once again, I am extremely grateful for the support AIA receives from the Indonesian Consulate consuls and staff (headed up by Consul General Bapak Vedi Buana), and the Indonesian Embassy consuls headed up by His Excellency Dr. Siswo Pramono.

## Membership

By March of 2024, AIA membership had reached 159 including 22 in Indonesia. During 2025, 36 members did not renew their membership and the last count takes the number to 123, which includes the 26 members now signed up in Indonesia.

The AIA committee would welcome suggestions and recommendations from its membership on what they expect from the organisation so that we can increase their interest and involvement in AIA activities.

## Book Sales

Book sales continued from a number of bookshops on consignment throughout 2025,

in particular the Australian National Library shop. However, sales in the second half of 2024 slowed and a number of book shops have indicated they do not wish to re-stock "Anton & Me" or "Refugees & Rebels".

Currently, we have in stock 117 copies of Anton & Me and 4 copies of Refugees & Rebels.

### **Blue Scope Youth Orchestra**

In July, AIA made a nominal donation to the Blue Scope Youth Orchestra which performed in Bali to a number of audiences. The funds were used to help with transporting the young musicians around Bali.

The Orchestra originated from Wollongong and sponsored by Blue Scope Steel. One concert was held in Ubud which was attended by our Vice-President, Isla Winarto. The orchestra was accompanied by an Indonesian Youth Choir.



Blue Scope Youth Orchestra & Indonesian Youth Choir Performing in Ubud, Bali.



Vice-President Isla Winarto Representing AIA at the Youth Concert in Ubud, Bali.

## Geofest

In July, AIA was involved in organising the 2024 GEOFEST workshop held at Sydney University. This international geotourism workshop was an Australian-Indonesian collaboration project as a post conference event of the 5th Geotourism Festival and International Conference hosted by the Indonesian Geoparks Network held earlier in Lombok in June.

The theme of the workshop is 'Volcano as a World Class Sustainable Geotourism Destination' This international event attracted over 100 delegates including geoscientists, environmental professionals, educators, students, professionals, tourism planners, managers, operators, and anyone involved in nature tourism. The workshop featured international speakers from Australia, Indonesia, and New Zealand. AIA assisted in organising the travel and accommodation for the Indonesian participants which included the Buparti from Banyuwangi, East Java who delivered a presentation on the Ijen Geopark.

AIA also organised for the Indonesian Ambassador to Australia, Pak Siswo Pramono to deliver the Official Welcome at the Workshop, and he was accompanied by Konjen Pak Vedi Buana and a number of Consuls as well.

The guests at the Gala Dinner were entertained by two Balinese dancers, also organised by AIA.

The Australian Geoscience Council, the peak council for all Australian Geoscientists and their respective organisations, reported that the workshop was a great success in bringing distinguished speakers from Indonesian and Australia together to discuss share their experiences in developing Geoparks in their respective countries. A special mention was also made acknowledging the valuable assistance from AIA with

organising and caring for the Indonesian contingent, and providing a taste of Indonesian culture to Sydney University.





## MMS

The Manly Manado Society (MMS) invited AIA to tell the story of “Indonesia Calling” and the Black Armada at a showing of the video at their Indonesian Independence Day celebrations. VP Isla Winarto, Anthony Liem and myself attended the function and presented our story of Australia aiding Indonesians to gain their Independence in 1945 in Sydney. We were accompanied by Konjen Pak Vedi and Ibu Fannie, as well as Consul Pak Theo who is originally from Manado.

Anthony provided the 6 banners explaining the Black Armada and I sold copies of Anton & Me to MMS members. There are great interest in keeping our two organisations in touch with each other so we may share our experiences and events with our respective members.

There is a plan to show Indonesia Calling in Manado in mid-2025 and AIA Jakarta-based members may attend on our behalf.



Celebrating Indonesia Independence Day with Manly Manado Society

## Indonesian Independence Day

Many AIA Committee and members attended the incredible formal celebrations of Indonesia's Independence Day at Kensington Oval. It was encouraging and heart warming to see a large contingent of proud Indonesian students from USYD, UNSW and UTS attend the ceremony.

I would highly recommend you all to attend this ceremony in 2025, especially if it is held at the same venue which is ideal to hold large numbers of Indonesians and interested non-Indonesians as it was a very moving ceremony with Indonesian military and Government representatives performing traditional routines in honour of such a proud day.

## Indonesia Visit

In early July, I had the opportunity to visit Jakarta after attending the Geotourism Conference in Lombok. AIA's VP, Isla Winarto, arranged for us the following AIA-related appointments:

- A luncheon with AIA members gave us the opportunity to get to know each other more personally and better understand how we can work together on future AIA events both in Indonesia and in Australia.
- Meeting with Australian Embassy staff to discuss plans for celebrating AIA's 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2025, including a Memorial at the Bondon graves and a luncheon with the new Ambassador.



We presented the staff with copies of *Anton & Me* and *Refugees & Rebels* to be placed in the Embassy's library for their reference. We were given 20 copies of the Embassy's book "Australia & Indonesia Struggle for Independence" by Martin O'Hare and Anthony Reid.

We attended an informal meeting of Jakarta-based AIA members at the Lovebirds Café owned by AIA member, Greg Redden and his wife. At this meeting, we attracted two more new members to join AIA. I gave a brief speech on AIA, its history and its activities in Australia.



Isla and I visited a social welfare program which provides food to elderly people who live in Menteng, are over 60 years of age and have no family to take care of them. We took food packs and distributed them to each and everyone of them, some of them in wheelchairs. An experience to behold.





A more awakening experience was our visit to a scavenger village in East Jakarta. People who have come from other islands in Indonesia to Jakarta have established themselves in villages on the outskirts of Jakarta and provide a “rubbish collection” service to clean the streets of rubbish. The rubbish is placed in large plastic bags and collected by garbage trucks to disposal.

The children of these villages do not have Birth Certificates as their parents are not from Jakarta, and without these certificates, the children are not allowed to attend schools. Schooling is provided by trained schoolteachers on a voluntary basis. We visited one such school and again provided food packs to each child.



## Cowra – Hero's Day

This year a small group of AIA members visited Cowra to celebrate Indonesia's Heroes Day by commemorating the 13 Indonesian Freedom Fighters that lay to rest in the Cowra POW cemetery. They were amongst 1200 Indonesians who were mistakenly incarcerated in the Cowra Prisoner of War camp in 1944.

The commemoration commenced on Saturday afternoon with the ringing of the Peace Bell where we reflected on the symbolism of the bell and the words "Never Again". This was followed by a wonderful dinner held at the Japanese Garden restaurant in AIA's honour by the Cowra Council. Speeches were made and gifts exchanged.

On Sunday morning, AIA was joined for the wreath laying ceremony at the graves of the 13 Indonesians by The Mayor (Paul Smith) Cowra Shire Councillors, Michael McCormack MP (Riverina), the Deputy Chief of Mission from the Indonesian Embassy, The Consul General, Pak Vedi and a number of Consuls from KJRI Sydney, as well as Imam Emil Idad and Students of Irian Jaya, studying in Australian universities in Sydney.

Imam Emil spoke well of the significance of the 13 Indonesians buried in Cowra and prayed for peace in English, Arabic and Bahasa Indonesia.

Following the wreath laying ceremony, we were invited back to the Japanese Garden for a traditional Australian morning tea of freshly baked scone, jam and cream. There Michael Mc Cormack MP spoke of how this solemn ceremony touched his heart and quoted phrases from Imam Emil's prayers as to what they meant to him. Consul

General, Pak Vedi and Mayor Paul Smith also spoke and praised AIA for the effort of organising this wonderful event which reminds us of the pointlessness loss of life that wars have caused in this world.







### **AIA Winter Warung Lunch**

In the cold wintery days of August in Sydney, a few of our members braved the weather and joined at an old favourite restaurant (Sedap Rasa in Kingsford) of AIA gatherings in the past. It was a great opportunity for us to meet and get to know new members, as well as some of our long established members.

### **Indonesia on the Beach**

Once again, the Indonesia Consulate organised a magnificent public display of Indonesian culture to the average Australian.

Located in the Bondi Pavillion and co-hosted with the newest Province of Indonesia in West Papua, a myriad of dancers, musicians, singers and games, together with a variety of Indonesian food stalls and a backdrop of magnificent images of Indonesia across the archipelago, attracted over 8,000 visitors from Bondi Beach. I observed the amazing contrast of Indonesians in beautifully coloured, traditional apparel with Aussies in their scantily clad swimming costumes enjoying the entertainment, many of whom were astonished at the diversity of Indonesia.

The Consul General invited AIA to display their becaks which proved to be the most popular photographed location as they never cease to attract onlookers, particularly Indonesians.

I congratulated the Consul General on the success of the event and encouraged him to ensure the Consulate continues to provide these public displays on an annual basis as they obviously have a great influence on the Australian public and their views of Indonesia.





## **Konjen Farewell**

The AIA has always been fortunate to enjoy a close and warm relationship with Sydney's Indonesian Consul General. We work, and sometimes play, together towards a common goal, to promote and enhance the relationship between our two countries and their people.

As is now a tradition, the Committee show their appreciation of this special relationship with the Konjen by inviting Pak Vedi and his wife, Ibu Fannie, to join us on a Sydney Harbour lunch cruise. We presented him with a few gifts, one of which is a tradition of AIA, that is, a boomerang. This symbolises AIA's anticipation that we can look forward to seeing them again when they return to Australia.





## ANZA School Program

The Australia New Zealand Association (ANZA) of Jakarta Student Sponsorship Program (SSP), established in 1988, provides financial assistance to enable disadvantaged Jakarta-based Indonesian children to attend schooling.

The monies are used to pay a monthly amount directly to the school on behalf of the students, and also provide stationery for the entire school, whether students are in the program or not.

The ANZA SSP program is currently centred around five main schools in Jakarta where ANZA has had good relationships with staff and students over several years.

The AIA Committee approved the funding for 10 primary school children for the 2025 ANZA program, totalling \$1,100. We have received information on each child and will be provided on their progress throughout the year.

This concludes my Report and I wish all the best to AIA for 2025 as I step down after humbly serving three years as President of an incredible organisation which has the greatest of respect.

Pat Hanna  
President

# Treasurer's Report 2024

- All dollar figures are in AUD.
- Cash in hand as per account closing balance for 31 Dec 2024 and 8 Feb 2025 are \$22,217.77 and \$22,062.30 respectively.
- Total liquidity in all accounts is \$77,474.58.
- Refer P&L for the year ending 31 Dec 2024. Note the comparison with previous financial year's report.
- AIA operating loss for FY2024 is \$2,205.10.
- The Committee sets an operating expenditure budget of \$23,579 on the basis of securing sufficient contribution from sponsors and grants. However, it was found without NGO charitable status, income generation through sponsors and grants will be challenging.
- Thus, the Committee intentionally recalibrated our expenditures to bare minimum to conserve treasury for purposes of expected heightened expenses to be borne in 2025 associated with the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration and allow time to obtain NFP/DGR status.
- Accordingly, AIA has initiated application for being a Deductible Gift Recipient and Not for Profit charitable NGO from the Australian Charity and Not-for-profit Commission and ATO respectively, expecting approval by end QTR2.
- NFP/DGR status will open up eligibility to apply for more government grants on offer in 2025, to fund the various 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary events and beyond. It is hoped that it will also incentivise sponsors and individual donors to contribute.

## Profit and Loss

Australia Indonesia Association of NSW For the year ended 31 December 2024

	2024	2023
<b>Trading Income</b>		
Donations Received	270.00	98.10
Functions - Other	340.00	525.12
Functions - Tickets	567.11	2,305.97
Interest Income	1,197.36	479.17
Membership	3,643.44	3,158.67
Sales of products	415.00	732.50
<b>Total Trading Income</b>	<b>6,432.91</b>	<b>7,299.53</b>
<b>Cost of Sales</b>		
Cost of Sales	-	504.86
Total Cost of Sales	-	504.86
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>6,432.91</b>	<b>6,794.67</b>

## Operating Expenses

Administration & Processing Fees	12.51	46.50
Awards - Other Exp	-	200.00
Bank Fees	56.35	14.63
Consulting & Accounting	198.00	-
Donations Given	1,313.00	200.00
Education - General	-	156.98
Education - Maramis	1,200.00	1,600.00
Functions	2,410.69	3,745.47
General Expenses	1,265.68	158.60
Insurance	150.00	-
Office Expenses	196.00	55.95
Postage	402.75	381.70
Printing & Stationery	15.11	10.00
Projects	-	1,100.00
Telephone & Internet	263.94	184.67
Travel - National	584.98	-
Website & Social media	569.00	701.81
Total Operating Expenses	8,638.01	8,556.31
<b>Net Profit</b>	<b>(2,205.10)</b>	<b>(1,761.64)</b>

## Balance Sheet

Australia Indonesia Association of NSW as at 31 December 2024

### Assets

Bank	31 DEC 2024	31 DEC 2023
AUD PayPal	215.97	118.39
Business Essentials debit card	218.28	-
Cheque Account	22,217.77	24,738.73
Total Bank	22,652.02	24,857.12
Current Assets		
Term Deposit	55,000.00	55,000.00
Total Current Assets	55,000.00	55,000.00
Fixed Assets		
Equipment	950.00	950.00
Total Fixed Assets	950.00	950.00
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>78,602.02</b>	<b>80,807.12</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>78,602.02</b>	<b>80,807.12</b>

**Equity**

Current Year Earnings	(2,205.10)	(1,761.64)
Retained Earnings	80,807.12	82,568.76
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>78,602.02</b>	<b>80,807.12</b>

# Education Sub-Committee Report 2024

## Lottie Maramis Awards

The Lottie Maramis Awards and Prize were awarded to four (4) HSC students who achieved 1<sup>st</sup> place in the following Indonesian studies:

• Macarthur Anglican School	Ryan-James Watson	1st Indonesian Continuers
• Macarthur Anglican School	Ryan-James Watson	1st Indonesian Extension
• Nthn Beaches Secondary College	Alex Coulter	1st Indonesian Beginners
• St Clare's College	Gloria Audrey Lie	1st Indonesian and Literature

On Monday February 10, together with the Indonesian Consulate, we presented the award to Gloria Lie at St Clare's College Waverley.



Consul Danurdoro, Mrs and Mr Lie, AIA Treasurer Steve Khouw, Consul General Vedi Buana, Recipient Gloria Lie, AIA President Pat Hanna



Treasurer Steve Khouw, Consul General Vedi Buana, Recipient Gloria Lie, President Pat Hanna



AIA's Pat Hanna addressing the school assembly at St Clare's College, Waverley.

On Wednesday February 12, we presented two awards to Ryan-James Watson at Macarthur Anglican School.



Macarthur Anglican School Principal Dr David Nockles, Recipient Ryan-James Watson, Pat Hanna.

Last year, we had the pleasure of presenting one of the Lottie Maramis Awards to Jacob McCormick of the Conservatorium High School, who is the grandson of very proud AIA members Trees and John McCormick.



Consul Nazar, Pat Hanna, John & Trees McCormick, Konjen Pak Vedi, Principal Ian Barker, Vice Principal Jane Garnsey.

## Indonesian Fair 2025

Each year, the Australia Indonesia Youth Association (AIYA) organize a day for NSW school children studying Bahasa Indonesia to have a day to experience the cultural delights of Indonesia. AIA has partnered AIYA in this event for the past 5 years and this year we were joined by AIBC, KJRI and Investment NSW which provided \$20,000 funding for the event.

This year, I suggested to the group that rather than target the Year 11 and 12 students only, that we expand the invitation to students in Years 7 through to 10 as well since there are over 3,000 students in these classes studying Bahasa Indonesia. Unfortunately, this number drops off to just over 70 studying Indonesia subjects in Year 12. So, we need to capture the younger ones and encourage them to continue their Indonesian studies. All agreed and the result was a great turn out.

Once again, we gathered at the University of Sydney on June 6 and we were joined by 200 students from 8 schools:

- The Ascham School
- Ryde Secondary College
- Mary Star of the Sea (Wollongong)
- North Ryde Boys High School
- Monte Sant Angelo mercy College
- Macarthur Anglican School
- Burwood Girls High School
- Woollahra Public School

The kickoff was a motivational speech by the Indonesian Ambassador to Australia, H.E. Dr Siswo Pramono who was quite chuffed to see so many students.

The day was full of activities for the students to join in and enjoy including:

- Traditional dancing
- Playing angklung
- Cooking Demonstration by Nick Molodysky
- Language practice sessions (including bartering)
- Playing traditional games
- Film screening

Everyone was fed a wonderful Indonesian lunch freshly prepared by Nani's Food Truck, and the kids enjoyed it immensely.

There were lots of "oleh oleh" handed out to each student in a "sample" bag for them to take home – most were eaten before they left the Uni.

AIA volunteers included Eric and Ade de Haas, Steve Khouw and Pat Hanna.

Pat Hanna  
Education Subcommittee



200 students from 8 schools attended Indonesia Fair 2025



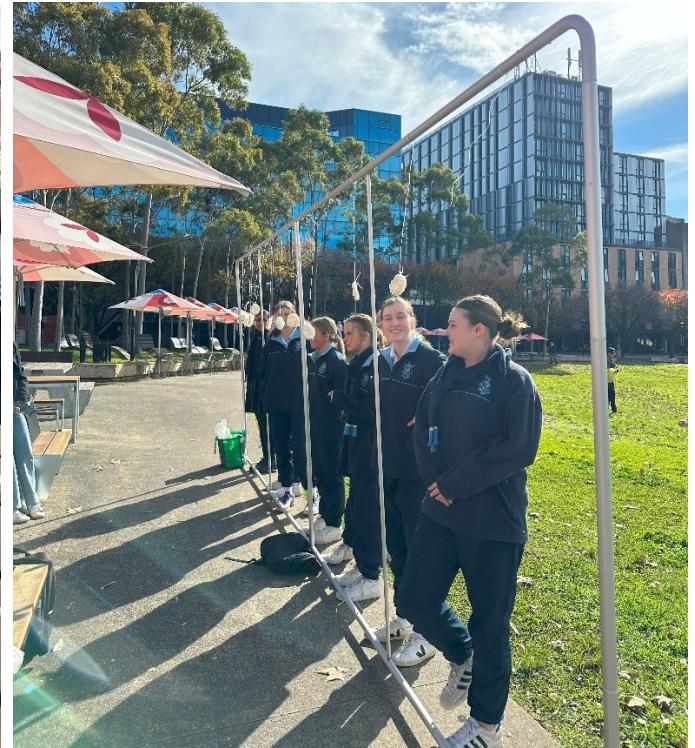
Nick Molodysky Cooking up an Indonesian Delight



Traditional Dancing Lessons



Students Enjoying Indonesian Lunch



Students about to Start Lomba Makan Kerupuk

# Events Sub-Committee Report 2024

This report covers specifically those activities managed by the Events Committee. Other AIA events during the year are included in the President's Report

## Australia Indonesia Awards and Anniversary

The anniversary committee is busy planning for the 80th Anniversary and Awards Night for Friday 4 July 2025.

After checking several venues, it has been agreed to hold the function at Canterbury Leagues Club, which seems to offer the best value for money. We are currently working on timeline, responsibilities and budget.

A DFAT Grant Application was submitted on 14 January 2025. Working on sponsorship, nominations, website.

## Zoom Cocktail Sessions

The Zoom Cocktail sessions were a success in 2024. We had 92 people registering for the 7 sessions during the year. Actual attendances varied from this with some no-shows and some last-minute attendees. Pat Hanna attended all 7 sessions. Isla Winarto, Toni Pollard and Pat Mahony attended 6 each.

The following sessions were held during 2024:

Date	Speaker	Topic
6 April	Doug Ramage	Indonesian Elections 2024
4 May	Pat Hanna & Pat Mahony	Decline in Indonesian studies in Australia
9 May	Consulate	Golden Visa. A copy of the presentation was also received.
1 June	Linette Collins	HIV/Aids in Indonesia - cancelled
6 July	Indra Saefullah	Indonesian Youths and the Political Engagement Before and After Reformasi
3 August	Herald van den Linde	Majapahit Empire
7 September	Shannon Smith	Biography of Clive Williams
5 October	Mark Heyward	Lombok
16 November	Neil Smith	Banda Islands

A survey of attendees and of AIA members provided feedback on the success of the sessions and whether we continue in 2025. The survey indicated that members were very satisfied with the sessions, topics and speakers, so we will continue the sessions this year commencing on 1 March with Robbie Gaspar talking about Indonesian Football.

Sessions are usually held on Saturday evenings, but we may try some alternative days/times.

Many thanks to Isla for all her work in securing speakers.

## Weekly Upcoming Events Newsletter.

The Newsletter continues to be issued each week and is distributed to approximately 1,000 people. Over 60% of our members open the emails and 6 – 10% of them click on items.

With our Friends list, over 35% open the email while 2 – 5% of them click on items. I understand that these are quite good hit rates for such emails.

### Events for 2025

The following events have been suggested for 2025:

- Socceroos v Indonesia – 20 March 2025 in Sydney.
- Welcome Breakfast for new Consul General - TBA
- AIA 80th Anniversary & Awards Presentation – 4 July 2025
- Cowra Visit – Nov 2025
- Casino Visit – TBA
- History Walk
- School Visits
- Christmas Party – Dec 2025

Refer to the President's report about other non – AIA events.

# Communication and Social Media Sub-Committee Report 2024



The image shows the cover of the 'Communication and Social Media Report 2024'. The title is prominently displayed in large, bold, black, sans-serif letters. The background of the cover is a light beige color with a subtle crumpled paper texture. To the right of the title, there is a cluster of abstract, colorful geometric shapes in various colors like purple, blue, green, yellow, and orange. Below the title, the text 'ROMIE SOFIATI | 8 FEBRUARY 2025' is printed in a smaller, black, sans-serif font. Below this text is a handwritten signature that reads 'Romie Sofiati'.

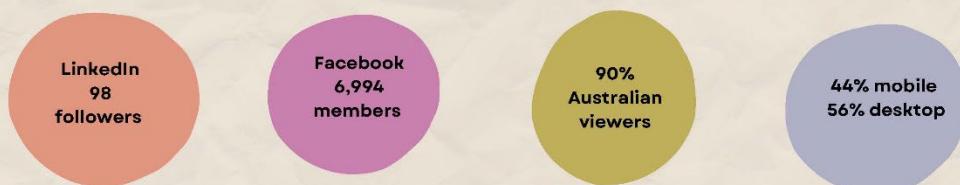
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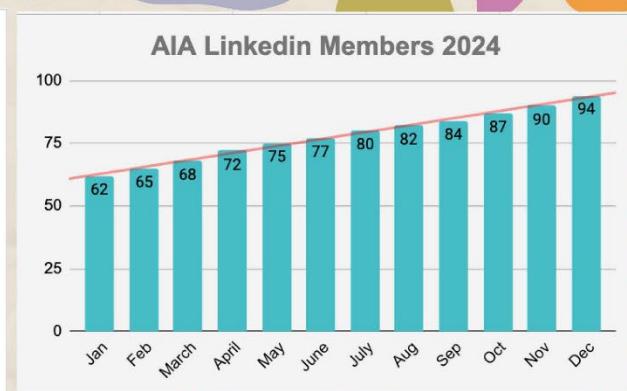
## WHAT WE ARE DOING?

It is our purpose that informs our activities.

- Manage several AIA communication channels, such as our website, Facebook and LinkedIn;
- Connect with members via messenger, email and website.
- Created several flyers for our event and distributed them through our channels.
- Developed the AIA annual report 2023.



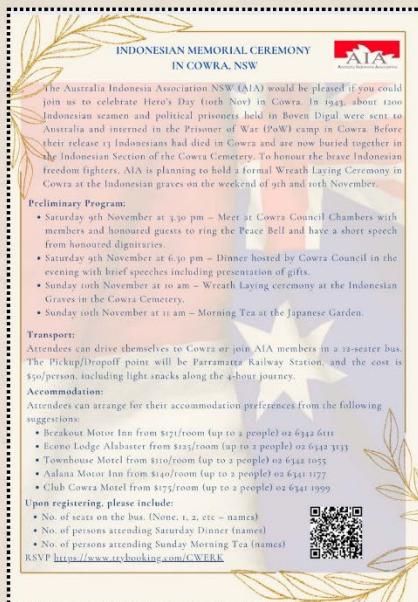
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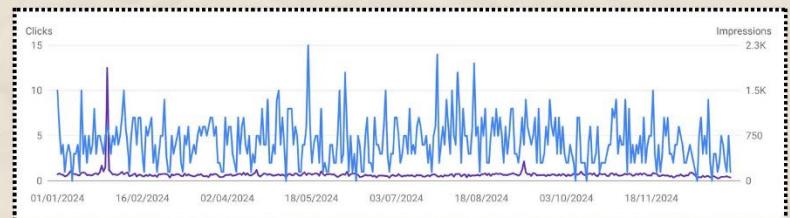
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# History Sub-Committee Report 2024

## AIA Heritage Walk

The Heritage Subcommittee organised an enjoyable and enlightening 6Km walk on Sunday, October 13, 2024.

Led by AIA's Historian, Neil Smith, the walk started at the Milsons Point Station and wound around North Sydney to **Wendy's Secret Garden**, the breathtaking public botanical garden overlooking Lavender Bay. It is one of the worst-kept secrets in Sydney.

The journey continued as we walked over the Sydney Harbour Bridge, enjoying the commentary on the history of the bridge as well as the Indonesian history connected to Sydney Harbour.

The tour group visited the 1809 Fort Phillip, the 1814 Military Hospital and the exciting, and sometimes scary, history surrounding the famous Sydney Rocks area.

The tour ended with a delightful lunch at the Trust Café located within Sydney's first Military Hospital established by Governor Macquarie in 1815 on Observatory Hill.



Wendy's Secret Garden



Sydney's First Military Hospital on Observatory Hill



## AIA History Walk Enjoying Lunch at the Trust Cafe

# Indonesia-based Activities Report 2024

One of the main aims of the role of AIA's Vice President and Jakarta-based member has been to promote the background, mission and vision of the AIA of NSW, and in so doing, attract more people from overseas to join this historical organization.

As for previous years, 2024 was a busy year for the AIA in Jakarta. While focus was on building member numbers, we also organized a range of activities throughout the year.

### Recruitment of New Members Overseas:

In 2024, I signed up a further four new AIA members in Indonesia. In total, at the end of 2024, we had:

- 26 members: 24 in Jakarta and two in Bali
- Three members based in other countries: Singapore; UK; HK

These members include descendants of Indonesian KPM officers in Australia in the 1940s; Australian alumni; Indonesians interested in Indonesia-Australia relations, and long-term expat residents in Indonesia from Australia, UK, US, and Ireland.

### Anzac Day – 25<sup>th</sup> April, 2024:

- Together with AIA Jakarta-based member, Kevin Evans, we attended the Australian Embassy ANZAC Day dawn service at the Commonwealth War Cemetery, Jakarta
- I placed a wreath at the cenotaph, on behalf of the AIA



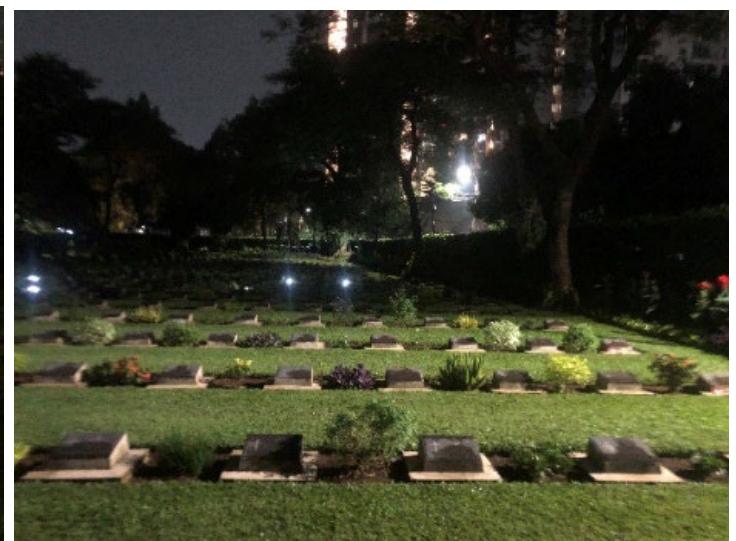
ANZAC Day Wreath Laying in Jakarta



AIA member Kevin Evans and VP Isla Winata



ANZAC Day Dawn Service in Jakarta



## **AIA Member Meetings and Networking Events in Jakarta:**

Over the year, I arranged and hosted a number of networking events and meetings, attended by various Indonesia-based AIA members, as well as AIA Committee members and AIA guests visiting from Australia. These included:

### **26 June: Meeting with Anthony Liem:**

- Met with AIA member, Anthony Liem, visiting Jakarta, regarding the idea of having a permanent exhibition in Indonesia of the Black Armada.

### **8 July: Meeting with five Jakarta-based AIA members**

- Arranged a luncheon for 5 Jakarta-based AIA members to meet AIA President Pat Hanna
- Main purpose of the event was to discuss plans for activities, commemorating

AIA's 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary

- Sub-committee was set up to bring these plans into fruition, led by VP Isla Winarto, to be assisted by Dr Shannon Smith, Tjempaka Sari, Kevin Evans, & Resi Kadir



(LtoR) Tjempaka Sari, Resi Kadir, Pat Hanna, Isla Winata, Dr Shannon Smith & Kevin Evans

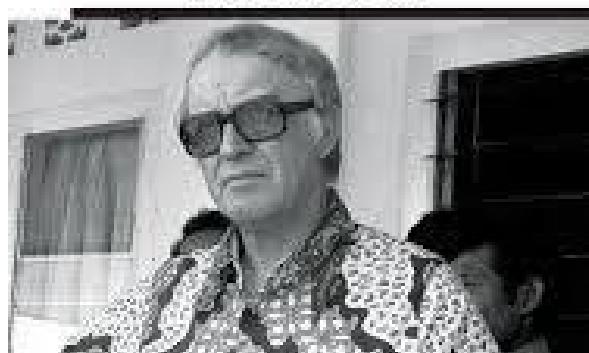
## Meeting with Expat Group – South Jakarta:

Arranged for AIA member, Dr. Shannon Smith, to be speaker at the 12<sup>th</sup> April gathering re his recently launched book on Clive Williams, entitled: *Occidental Preacher, Accidental Teacher – the enigmatic Clive Williams* - “the story of the Aussie bloke from Geelong who became Soeharto’s closest adviser and confidante, and what he knew about corruption, power, East Timor and the Balibo Five”.

(<https://www.abc.net.au/listen/programs/latenightlive/soehartos-adviser-clive-williams/103606830>)

### OCCIDENTAL PREACHER, ACCIDENTAL TEACHER

THE ENIGMATIC CLIVE WILLIAMS  
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## Zoom speakers:

Arranged for four zoom speakers from AIA Jakarta & overseas including:

- Dr Doug Ramage (AIA member) whose talk was entitled: *Indonesia Unedited – 2<sup>nd</sup> Episode*, focusing on Indonesia after the 2024 general Elections;
- Mark Heyward on his book: *The Glass Islands – A Year in Lombok*;
- Linette Collins, on HIV Aids in Indonesia (postponed);
- Herald van den Linde on his book, *Madjapahit*
- Dr Shannon Smith, on his book on Clive Williams (see details above)

## Networking events:

- 9 April: Gave a background to AIA over lunch in Jakarta, with potential member, Lany Soenarso, an Australian alumni, who later joined the AIA
- 30 July: Met with visiting AIA member, Di Robinson, who spoke highly of AIA. Discussed AIA's 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2025



Di Robinson and Isla Winarto

## Visited to Sydney – 31 March – 7 April:

- Attended the funeral of AIA member, John Luxton
- 1 & 5, 6 April: Met socially with AIA members: Jane James; Toni Pollard; Trees McCormick; Di Robinson – updated them re AIA activities in Indonesia
- 5 April: Attended dinner with AIA Committee members



IndoLit Club Toni Pollard & VP Isla Winata



AIA Committee Welcoming VP Isla Winata to Sydney

### Brunch with AIA member, Toni Pollard

#### Committee members

#### AIA Indonesia-based members networking function – 23 May, 2024:

- Arranged a networking lunch in Jakarta for AIA Indonesia-based members and prospective members

### Dinner with AIA



AIA Jakarta Members Welcoming Visiting VP Romie Sofiati (Sofie)



AIA Jakarta Members Luncheon



### Visits to local social welfare projects in Jakarta:

- **8 July:** Organised visits for AIA President Pat Hanna to two social welfare programs which included a food program for the poor and elderly over 60 years of age.

- AIA donated milk products and snacks for 40 people at each project.



President Pat Hanna and VP Isla Winata Visiting Community Centre for Elderly People in Menteng



Pat Hanna and Isla Winata Visiting Community Centre for Elderly People in Menteng

- **11 July:** Visited the kampung pemulung (scavenger community) in East Jakarta, run by the non-profit organization, Balarenik
- Distributed milk products and snacks to children and to the volunteer teachers
- Toured the village, visiting some of the homes of the volunteers



**President Pat Hanna and VP Isla Winata at the Scavenger Village in East Jakarta**

### **Meetings:**

- Attended a number of meetings throughout the year with staff from the Public Diplomacy Unit, at the Australian Embassy, Jakarta. Items discussed included:
  - The 2024 AIA members' lunch, hosted by Australian Ambassador, Penny Williams
  - DFAT funding books on Indonesians in Australia in the 1940s and support by various Australian unions
  - Planning for AIA's 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary events in 2025

### **BlueScope Youth Orchestra Performance in Ubud, Bali:**

- 19<sup>th</sup> July: travelled to Ubud, Bali, to attend the performance on 20<sup>th</sup> July, of the BlueScope Youth orchestra which accompanied a Balinese school choir singing a combination of western and Indonesian songs



Australian BlueScope Youth orchestra which accompanied a Balinese school choir

- At this event, to which AIA provided a small donation, I also met and promoted the AIA to Ms Jo Stevens, the Australian Consul General in Bali, and the host for the event, Arsi Kerthyasa, the Australian wife of Prince Tjokoda Raka Kerthyasa of the Ubud Royal family



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## Brought Together Two Families Separated by the White Australia Policy



Australian/Indonesian Mixed Families Reunion

### Manly Menadonese Society (MMS) Indonesian Independence Day Event

- 10 August: In Sydney, attended the Manly Menadonese Society Independence Day celebrations at the Uniting Church in Neutral Bay
- The film “Indonesia Calling” was shown and AIA’s President and VP provided an explanation of the background to the historical event, the Black Armada



VP Isla Winata & President Pat Hanna Representing AIA at the MMS Independence Day Celebrations together with Consul General Vedi Buana and his Wife, Fani Buana

## AIA annual lunch, hosted by Australian Ambassador, Penny Williams

- 12 September: Arranged a successful lunch, hosted by the Australian Ambassador, Penny Williams
- Attended by 18 (of 26) AIA members and 7 spouses; and four Embassy staff including the Ambassador, total: 30 people
- Entertainment by the well-known local musician, Gaspar Araya, playing the sasando instrument from NTT (East Nusa Tenggara)



Annual AIA Luncheon at the Australian Ambassador's Residence, H.E. Penny Williams



Performance by Local Musician, Gaspar Araya, Playing the Sasando

## October- AIA Lapel Pins for Members Produced in Jakarta

- Arranged for 150 AIA lapel pins to be made in Jakarta at reduced cost, to be distributed free to all AIA members



## AIA funded scholarships for ten primary school students in Jakarta

- November: Arranged through AIA members and committee to support the Australia NZ Association (ANZA) managed scholarship program in Jakarta
- A total of 17 scholarships have now been pledged through AIA, including five from the Indonesia-based members



Alvin

Ashari

Cantika

Fatimah

Kirana



Radhit

Rasyid

Riski

Risyah

Romie

## Farewell Cruise for Indonesian Consul General

6 December: Visited Sydney to join the AIA harbour cruise to farewell the Indonesian Consul General in Sydney



AIA Committee Farewell to Consul General Vedi Buana and his Wife Fani Buana

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