

meet the COMMITTEE

Lauren Rourke
President



I studied Bachelor of International Studies and Bachelor of Letters (Indonesian) at Flinders University graduating in 2019. As part of my studies I spent one semester at UNPAR Bandung, through ACICIS, and later interned for the Australian Consulate-General Office in Makassar, assisting with the Tourism Forum event.

I currently work for Palladium on Defence Cooperation Scholarship Program.

I enjoy playing gamelan with Sekar Laras community group, and regularly attends different cultural events

I am keen to work to promote Australia-Indonesia relations through events and communication with both Australian and Indonesian communities. I believe AIASA can be a successful conduit for the various community groups to promote Indonesian diversity.

Elvia Shauki
VP Indonesia



Fostering friendship and strengthening connections between the Indonesian community and Australian citizens is a wonderful example of how people-to-people (P2P) relationships can build lasting goodwill, this will enhance the broader diplomatic and cultural ties between Indonesia and Australia.

Expanding cultural exchange programs, Collaborating with local Australian organizations, Leveraging digital platforms and Encouraging youth participation: Involving younger generations in community activities ensures sustainability and cultivates future leaders who will continue to strengthen these ties.



Tom Begg
VP Australia



I have been traveling to Indonesia since 2018. I have visited Batam, Java, Bali, Lombok, Sumbawa, Flores and Kalimantan. I have a Bachelor of Indonesian Studies and International Relations, which included studying at Universitas Kristen Satya Wacana in Salatiga, Central Java. I am currently completing a Masters in Creative Industries, with a focus on Australian Indonesian intercultural relations. I am also a volunteer with the South Australian Chapter of the Australian Indonesian Youth Association.

I want to help the Indonesian community connect with contemporary Australian culture and people. I have been involved with various student and association committees over the past 4 years and bring 15 years of events industry experience. I love dangdut and kreteks.

Jim McMillan
Treasurer



Dr Jim McMillan is a law academic at CDU in the NT, and he has previously practiced as a lawyer and accountant for many years. He was actively involved with AIASA from 2013 to 2018 when he was still living in Adelaide, including a number of years as Treasurer and committee member, and as organiser of the 2015 Indofest. Jim worked in Jakarta from 2008 as a Tax Partner with PwC. His PhD thesis relates to Indonesian tax law, which remains his main research focus. Jim's wife (Dian) is Indonesian.

Jasintah Sogen
Secretary



Current student at The University of Adelaide, doing Master of Education Program. As international student, fostering and promoting Indonesia culture is one of the efforts to strengthen connection in Australia.

Fiona Suwana
Social Media



I am currently an author, lecturer, and researcher at the University of South Australia - Adelaide, focusing on communication and media. Actively collaborating with multi-stakeholders on Indonesian digital media, digital activism, digital media literacy, socio-political movements, democracy, and youth engagement. I aim to foster strong connections between Indonesians and Australians through education, research, and leadership. I enjoy avocado toast and Australian winter.



upcoming EVENTS

INDOFEST STAKEHOLDER MEETING

Friday 23 May, 6pm

Register your group by 19 May

REGISTER HERE

OPEN DINNER

Pondok Daun - Currie Street

03 June, 5:30pm

**10% discount for current
AIASA Financial Members**

INDOPENDENCE DAY

Saturday 23 August

Location TBC

membership RENEWALS

Annual Membership Renewals are due
30 June 2025

TAPI

If you renew this month
you will not need to renew again until
June 2026
that's 2 months free!

\$20 INDIVIDUAL

\$30 FAMILY

\$40 ORGANISATION

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