Chairperson's Report 2018/2019 (11th AGM)

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Balai Bahasa Indonesia Perth (Inc) has experienced another busy and exciting year during 2018 and the beginning of 2019, which saw our organisation again reach out in many directions to share Indonesia and its language and cultures with many sections of the community. In the last twelve months, we as an organisation have again expended hundreds, if not a thousand or more hours in to bringing activities and experiences to the people of Perth and WA more broadly, to engage positively with our near and important neighbour, Indonesia. I would like to share briefly with you, some of the activities we have undertaken since the last Annual General Meeting.

Indonesian language classes





February 2018 began of course with our Indonesian language classes for adults, held at the Consulate General, and at Scotch College. These classes continue to be our only source of a small amount of income and the quality and quantity of classes remains important to our organisation, as does the satisfaction and feedback from our adult students. Classes were reasonably well attended throughout 2018, again running from February to December. Classes were again usually held three nights a week at the

BBIP classroom behind the Indonesian Consulate General building and between one and three levels of classes were held at the Scotch College campus on Tuesday evenings – the number depending on the term and its enrolments.

Since we began offering adult Indonesian classes in 2008 we have taught 2,206 students. This cannot happen without the continued support and dedication of our teachers, and we would like to thank, Ibu Theresia, Ibu Hara, Ibu Amanda, our newest teacher Bapak Ari, and also Pak Wilfred at Scotch College for their dedicated work for BBIP.



Apart from the teachers who keep our learners engaged and wanting to learn Indonesian, the behind the scenes work for the enrolment process and coordination of the teachers, as well as ongoing curriculum advice is provided by the dedication of just a few people. I would like to thank in particular, Moya McLauchlan, who has worked many hours of volunteer time during 2018/19 to keep the administration side of our classes running smoothly.

BBIP 10th Anniversary Celebrations



2018 was Balai Bahasa Indonesia Perth's 10th year since formation and this was celebrated at a wonderful event on 9 March at the Nedland's Yacht Club. Celebrated on a warm autumn evening on the banks of our naturally beautiful Swan River, it was a night of bringing together people from a range of backgrounds to enjoy each other's company, having fun and dancing and chatting with old friends and new. A real celebration of the work done by BBIP over the last decade to play their part in strengthening Australia Indonesia relations at grass roots level.

Many members and friends of BBIP enjoyed a fantastic evening of friendship and fun:







EAST JAVA/WA Schools Concert Simulcast Concert Project



In mid March, I travelled to Surabaya to meet with BBIP Board member Ibu Vicki Richardson where we undertook meetings with the Kepala Dinas Pendidikan Provinsi Jatim (Head of Dept of Education in East Java) Bapak Saiful Rachman and other people to discuss arrangements for the simulcast Michael J Schools Concert between Perth and East Java in August. We are proud that this project was officially recognised by the Western Australian Government in the Sister State Program of Work in 2018. The concert was a huge success.



During the simulcast Concert, there was interaction from both sides, but we pushed the technology even further and were honoured that the His Excellency Bapak Kristiarto Legowo Ambassador for Indonesia in Australia, was able to join the concert to say a few words to the students in WA and across the Indian Ocean in Surabaya. The message His Excellency conveyed to this audience of young secondary school people was simple but warm, encouraging and effective, delivering a message to Surabaya students for **Unity** and to the Western Australian students a message of **Friendship** with Indonesia.

And the response from the school kids was just so warm and encouraging in return. A short video of the Ambassadors message can be viewed at Balai Bahasa Indonesia Perth's YouTube Channel

Indonesian Language Ambassador Program (ILAP)

The BBIP ILAP aims to connect school students to young Australians who have experienced learning and living the Indonesian language and culture with the main goal being to inspire youngsters and teenagers to take up (or continue) their study of Indonesian and develop an ongoing engagement with Indonesia. Ambassadors do this in the first instance by sharing with the students, their stories of their experiences in Indonesia, as well as supporting and mentoring students through their study of Indonesian. This program, established by BBIP in 2016 will continue in 2019 with further visits by ambassadors to schools during the year. I would like to thank Fiona Bettesworth for her ongoing work as coordinator of this project.

In June, I had the pleasure of viewing our newest Indonesian Language Ambassador Jack Collard presenting his first talk to students. Jack is such an asset to BBIP and we hope that despite his semester studying in Indonesia this year, as the New Colombo Plan Indonesia Fellow and top ranked New Colombo Plan Indigenous Scholar for 2019, we will still be able to tap into his skills and talent and encourage more young people to pursue and enjoy their studies of Indonesian language.



Michael J Schools Concerts in Oz Tour

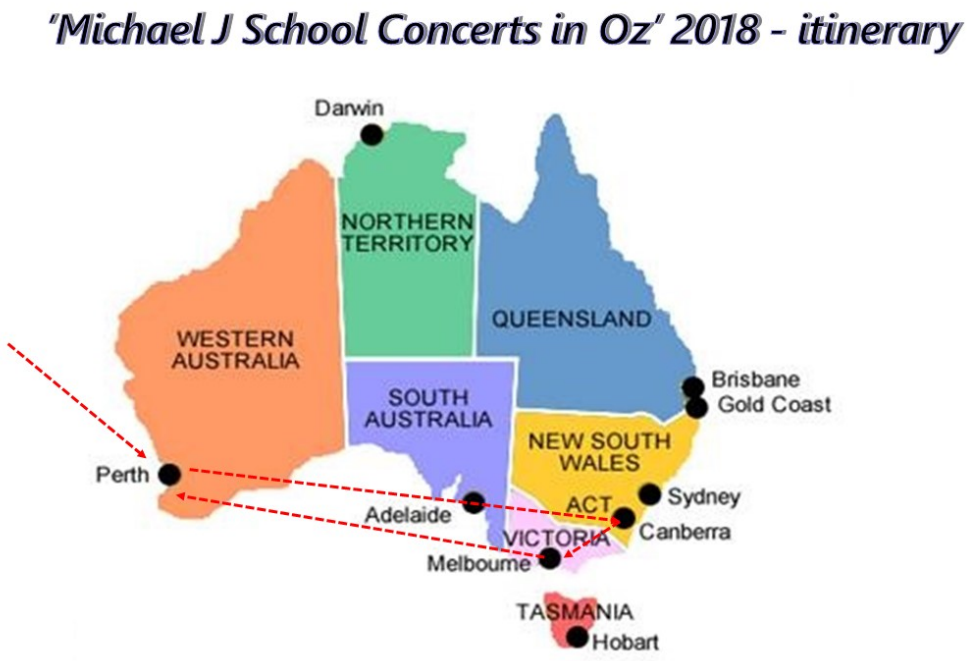
During August and September BBIP again coordinated the Michael J School Concerts in Oz. BBIP again hosted two large secondary school concerts in the Perth metropolitan area for students of Indonesian language. Over 2000 students attended the concerts by Indonesian singer Michael Jakarimilena (Michael Idol) who has gained quite a following amongst students of Indonesian language in schools around Australia.



We really appreciate the talent and professionalism of Michael J, Toni Brillianto and Deon Maukary in ensuring the huge success of these concerts and giving Australian students and Indonesian experience they will remember for the rest of their lives.

The itinerary in 2018 saw Michael J perform in three Australian States with four concerts, three school visits and a five-day Artists-in-Residence program back in WA at the distinguished John Curtin College of the Arts, Western Australia's only Selective Arts College for secondary students.

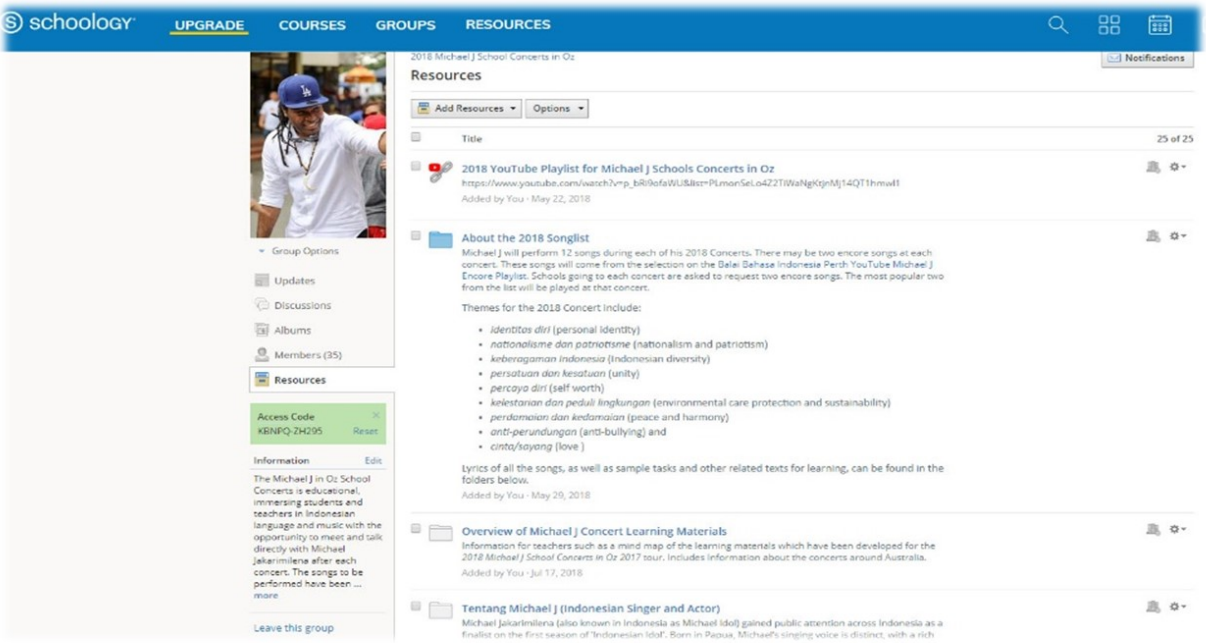
Every concert and school visit was highly successful and the students' high level of enthusiasm and participation was above expectations.



Commissioner of the Govt of Western Australia Office in Jakarta, Jennifer Mathews, hosted a small afternoon tea for Michael J and his musicians, Toni Brillianto and Deon Maukary, before they departed for their School Concerts in Oz. This was greatly appreciated by BBIP and Michael J and his team.



All teachers involved in the project, and who accompanied their students to the 'Michael J School Concerts in Oz 2018' were provided access to the Michael J School Concerts in Oz Schoology Website created by Balai Bahasa Indonesia Perth several months prior to the concerts.



This free learning management system provides teachers with access to curriculum content related to all the concerts and songs. By using the Schoology website the teachers also create and share their own Michael J concert content and resources with other teachers of Indonesian, for use in their classrooms.





The concerts were again a massive hit amongst the students and such a real motivation for our teenage school students' interest in Indonesian and the learning of Indonesian. The relevance and purposefulness factor of this type of event, for students learning Indonesian language, cannot and should not be underestimated!

Music and language learning are the two ways that people communicate across cultures and express themselves through sound. The fusion of both brings amazing results, bringing joy to learners and changing attitudes. We know, after three years of developing and coordinating these concerts, and seeing firsthand the responses from students and teachers, that this is definitely a successful way to bring students to really understand and enjoy Indonesia/Indonesian and it contributes hugely to helping the image of Indonesia in our Australian schools. And I think we all know what that has been like over many decades now.

This program remains important in building a generation of Australians and Indonesians who trust each other, thus establishing a real and stable friendship between our two countries.

Funding for the 2018 concerts was provided by Embassy of Republic of Indonesia Canberra, Balai Bahasa Indonesia Perth and several smaller sponsors, with support from the Consulate General of the Republic of Indonesia Perth.

BBIP are very grateful for the ongoing local support of the KJRI and we hope, the continued support of the KBRI in Canberra.

Garuda Indonesia again assisted us with discount airfares and luggage assistance for equipment.

The simulcast/Live Stream to Surabaya was ably supported by the Department of Education in East Java (Kepala Dinas Pendidikan Jatim Bapak Saiful Rachman) and other partners.

We were pleased that one Western Australian business VASILE Build also supported the concerts with a cash donation. TERIMA KASIH BANYAK – Thank you ALL.

We are also grateful to the schools who hosted the concerts. In 2018 they were Mandurah Baptist College in WA, Melrose High School in ACT and St Bede's College in Victoria. BBIP worked with Westralian Indonesian Language Teachers Association and Victorian Indonesian Language Teachers Association who both supported the concert with a small amount of funding.

The overwhelming success of this educational language and culture event has led to another planned tour in 2019. All is set in WA with a sell-out concert already in Perth (1200) students from Years 6-12 scheduled for 29 August. We hope to obtain the funding to allow this to go ahead as planned, but as of now everything is in place and planning is going well but no funding yet….

Many other schools across Australia are also crossing their fingers that the school concerts this year, will be able to go ahead and we will see the performances integrated in to learning programs in a range of schools teaching Indonesian.



A variety of video clips from the Michael J School Concerts in Oz can be viewed at Balai Bahasa Indonesia Perth's YouTube Channel

BBIP Website and Social Media

In the last day's of September 2018 the new BBIP Website 'went live'. Moya McLauchlan and I worked with our contracted developer for about 9 months before the 'birth' occurred. We are still having some teething issues - which is to be expected with any birth right? But overall, and in the long term it will allow us to communicate more effectively with our members and the broader public and provide an exciting gateway for people to learn about our near neighbour, and to have much fun whilst doing that.

We would like to thank Board member Ibu Moya who has made it her life's work to understand and master Wordpress. Thank you Ibu Moya for all the time you are putting in to learning this skill, and providing such a great website for everyone.

All members have their own private log in area on the website where they can keep a check on their profile which includes courses and other products/events they have purchased as well as keep a tab on their membership.

AND IF YOU HAVEN'T SUBSCRIBED TO OUR YOUTUBE CHANNEL AND LIKED/FOLLOWED OUR SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS **PLEASE** DO THIS.

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KREASI

As we do every year, BBIP had a stall at KREASI Indonesia, again held in Forest Place in October. Several Board members along with friend of BBIP/former Board member Georgina Wigley helped out – spending the day chatting with interested passers by and sharing our passion for Indonesian Language and Culture and the Australia Indonesia Relationship. It was another great day promoting BBIP. We had many opportunities throughout the day to meet and talk with the public about the role of BBIP and the exciting work that we do.



Balai Bahasa Indonesia 3rd National Congress

Vice Chairperson Bapak Syahri Sakidin and myself joined Ibu Widya Sinedu from the KJRI Perth, attending the third Congress of BBI's in Australia. This time it was held in Perth. We are grateful to the Indonesian Embassy in Canberra, in particular Bapak Imran Hanafi, Education Attache and His Excellency, Ambassador Bapak Kristiarto Legowo for continuing to provide for this important meeting at a national level, which was first held in 2016. We hope that communication and links amongst the existing Balai Bahasa Indonesia organisations can continue to be strengthened.



Language Assistant Program

BBIP have continued to work with the WA Dept of Education, and the KJRI Perth, administering the selection process and shortlisting of applicants for the Language Assistant Program.





Language Assistant Program









During the last month we have had another five language assistants arrive in Perth and placed in schools across the State.

Attending the Annual Dinner and AGM event tonight we have Kagumi Parasya from Daerah Khusus Ibukota Jakarta, Tifany Cicilia from East Java and Bambang Suprianto (Rian) from South Sulawesi. Congratulations and welcome to you all, and we wish you well for your work and adventures in Western Australian schools this year. Prandwinata

from South Sumatra Province is located at several schools in the South West, Bunbury SHS, Newton Moore SHS, Maidens Park PS and Donnybrook DHS. Anggit from Lombok in NTB province is working in Geraldton at John Willcock College and Wandina PS.

This year the number of Language Assistants that the Department of Education funded was increased to five. This brings the total number since the program's inception in 2008 to 48 young adult Indonesians representing at least 18 of Indonesia's provinces.

We would like to thank both WILTA and KJRI for their continued support of this program. I would especially like to mention the work of the Dept of Education (Simone Menager, Natalie Walker and Pam Stewart who work on and have worked on this project over many years) as without the salary funding of the language assistants, there would be no LAP.



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In closing….

The programs and activities undertaken over the last twelve months contribute to achieving the Balai Bahasa Indonesia Perth's mission to assist peoples from our two great countries to interact more on the people-to-people level and develop greater understanding of each other and therefore build a more trusting and effective Indonesia Australia relationship at all levels.

BBIP IS making a contribution to help Australians develop an interest in Indonesia, and more importantly, a more balanced view of Indonesia, our near and most important neighbour in the region; and have contributed to Australians understanding Indonesia better.

As Chairperson of this great organisation I would like to thank the members of the 2018 Board of the Balai Bahasa Indonesia Perth, who have given of their time throughout the year for the advancement of our Organisation.

- Vice Chairpersons Syahri Sakidin and Fiona Bettesworth
- Treasurer Karen Bailey with a great deal of assistance from past Treasurer Julie

Duxbury
- Secretary Jayne Brown
- Course registrations and Web Site maintenance Moya McLauchlan
- Brendon Cook and Jeremy Snyder WILTA Liaison Officer
- Denice Weaver
- Vicki Richardson
- and of course, until recently Consul Ibu Widya, and Pak Omar as KJRI representatives



I would like to finish with a reminder – to us all - of the respect and honour that has been bestowed upon Balai Bahasa Indonesia Perth by the Government of Indonesia through President Jokowi himself. This respect continues to shine upon and motivate us through the ongoing work of our most honourable Consul General Ibu Dewi Gustina Tobing. Ibu Konjen, we thank you most sincerely, for your supportive words and actions, such as hosting one of our Board meetings at your home last year, and for all the other, perhaps sometimes seemingly small, but really whopping. Thank you for your belief in our ability to do our job well. In the time since you have been in Perth you have taken our organisation under your wing and I know that there is deep respect and warmth between us all.

On behalf of the Board I would also like to acknowledge and thank those individuals and organisations who have contributed in any way to the success of our activities during the last twelve months. We would particularly like to thank:

- Consulate General of the Republic of Indonesia, Perth staff (your support of BBIP and the constant assistance you give to us in all manner of ways is invaluable).
- WILTA
- Indonesia Institute
- AIBC and AIBC Young Professionals
- AIYA WA Chapter
- Garuda Indonesia Western Australia
- Western Australian Department of Education, AISWA and CEO
- Indonesian Diaspora Network of WA

- Association of Indonesian Postgraduate Students and Scholars in Australia (AIPSSA)
- PPIA – WA Chapter of Indonesian Students Association of Australia
- and various Indonesian community organisations.

Terima kasih semuanya!

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