

Encounters with Indonesia is a new series that we began successfully in 2018 with 2 afternoons hosted by Marjorie Ho at The East and West Art Gallery, East Kew and 2 afternoons at the Richmond home of Dr Chris Hazzard and his wife Veronica.

We are currently drawing up a list of possible speakers and venues for 2019 but most details such as exact date, topic and location are yet to be confirmed. Normally they will be on the first Saturday of the month if possible. So far Karen Kartomi-Thomas is prepared to show her 12 minute film of the performing arts of KEPRI and speak to this, Ann Richter will host an Encounter in March, Helen Soemardjo will talk and demonstrate Indonesian cooking at her home in May. We have some other possible presenters in mind and invite others who hear about this series with a particular interest they would like to share to contact us. Stay tuned for further information!

The Book Club, long promoted by Halina and supported by Helen Lok, finally had a successful start in November 2018 with 12 people attending. There is one further meeting this year on 12 December to discuss Elizabeth Pisani's book Indonesia Etcetera.

Meetings will normally be on the first Wednesday of each month except January.
Time: 3.30 pm - end.

Place: Home of Halina Nowicka, 14 Johnson Street, East St Kilda

Members usually source their own Indonesian or English version of the book to be read.

The books proposed for 2019 are listed below. Where possible authors or translators might be invited to speak to the group:

February	The Atheist	Published by Lontar.
March	Family Room	Published by Lontar.
April	I La Galigo	Published by Lontar.
May	Second Pramoedya book	
June	My Pain, My Country by Dewi Anggraeni	
July	Drought	Harry Aveling (translator)
August	The Pilgrim	Harry Aveling (translator).
September	Third Pramoedya book	
October	Sitti Nurbaya	Published by Lontar.
November	Si Kancil traditional stories rewritten by Irene Ritchie	
December	Twilight in Jakarta	Published by Lontar.

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February	Never the Twain	Published by Lontar
March	Tembera	Published by Lontar
April	The Rose of Cemberang.	
May	Max Havelaar	
June	Almayer's Folly by Joseph Conrad	