



Organisation Overview (2022- 2024)

IndoAustay was founded in 2008. It was founded by the [Australian Indonesian Association of Victoria](#) (AIAV) as a separate entity to run cultural exchange programs between Australia and Indonesia. While the AIAV runs weekly language classes, it recognised a need for a different organisation to run overseas education programs. IndoAustay's current members are AIA NSW and AIAV.

Members are completely separate and financially independent entities. They play advisory and supporting roles, with many AIAV members also performing voluntary roles in IndoAustay.

The AIAV has been in existence for more than 50 years. It is a community organisation dedicated to fostering closer relationships between Australian and Indonesia at the grass-roots, person-to-person level. AIAV is a member-based organisation that runs Indonesian language classes, social and cultural events for the community. The AIAV receives no government funding and volunteers carry out all its work. It has a long history of providing social and cultural opportunities for Indonesians and Australians. It has also supported non-governmental aid programs in Indonesia.

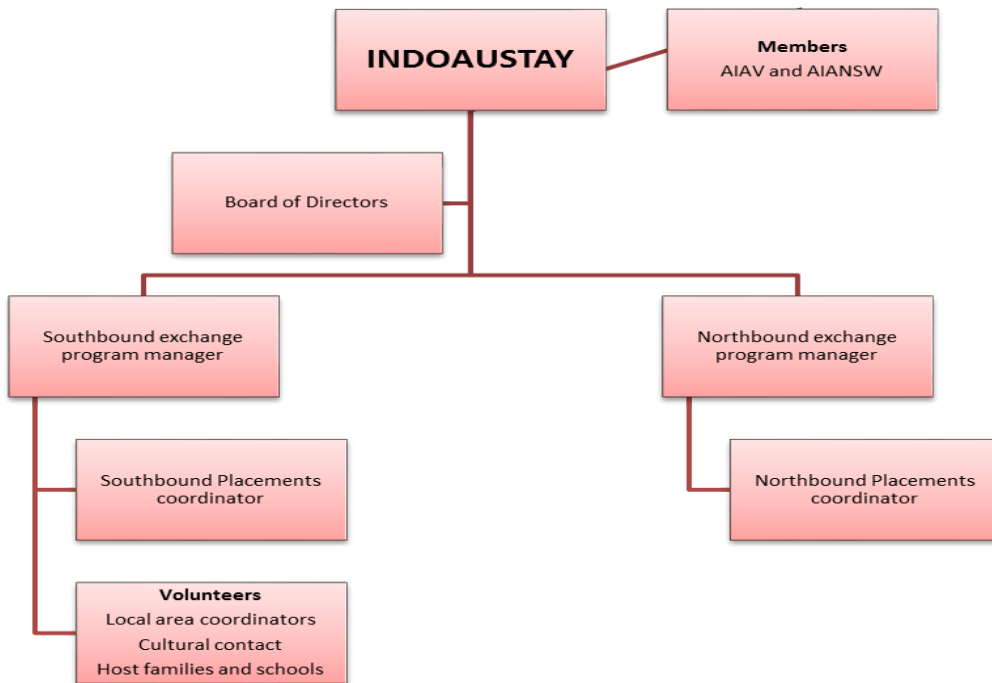
AIAV is often approached by government and other stakeholders for advice on matters related to the Indonesian and Australian relationship. These may include issues like trade relations, cultural awareness, education and language learning. AIAV has strong relationships with the Indonesian and Australian governments, including the embassies, educational institutions, teachers' association (Victorian Indonesian Learning and Teaching Association), and various high schools state-wide. It is a trusted organisation in the Australian Indonesian community. AIAV's strong community links inform IndoAustay's management and operations.

IndoAustay Ltd is a public company limited by guarantee. Its founding member is the AIAV and two of IndoAustay's founding Directors have been past office holders at the AIAV. IndoAustay was set up to organise cultural and linguistic exchanges for students between Indonesia and Australia. Since 2008, groups of students from Victorian and South Australian secondary schools have enjoyed six week homestays in Yogyakarta and Bandung, attending host schools and immersing themselves in Indonesian life and culture.



IndoAustay's organisation structure is below.

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No	Title	Name
1	Managing Director	Diski Naim
2	Secretary	Nina Regina Lohanatha
3	Treasurer	Krishnan Ranganathan
4	Health, Safety & Compliance Director	Colin Bruce Styles
5	Adult Immersion Program Director	Russell Ogden
6	Student Immersion Program Director	Lilya Fauza Hasan
7	Northbound Program Director	Lisa-Ann Han
8	Southbound Program Director	Brendan Ryan

IndoAustay has run exchange programs with the same Indonesian exchange organisation since 2008. It has used the structure listed in the diagram above since its inception. This structure has remained stable over the years, with two founding IndoAustay Directors remaining on the board. Our Indonesian exchange partner remains Yayasan Mitra Aziziyah Sejahtera (YMAS) in late 2016. This organisation is a registered foundation with the Indonesian Ministry of Law and Human Rights. For the six years since it was established, it has run early childhood education programs and community empowerment programs. Our founding Indonesian exchange



organisation partner changed its name and organisational structure in late 2016. However, the program personnel on the ground in Indonesia remain the same and they work under the auspices of YMAS. We retain the same operating regime and communications.

Australian students participating in the Northbound exchange to Indonesia are placed with schools in Bandung. They are allocated to nearby homestays with families who have a son or daughter in the same school at the same or similar level. Outbound exchange students are not placed more than 200 kms away from Bandung, therefore there is no need for Local Area Coordinators (local SEO coordinators).

In Australia, inbound students are placed with host families around Victoria. In the past, we have had students staying more than 200 km from Melbourne. However, in recent years, all students have stayed within that radius. Nonetheless, we have one Local Area Coordinator who lives in Bendigo. Prue Price is the contact for regional support for students in the area. Her details are included in the Southbound manual.

We rely on a range of volunteers to run the program in Australia. These volunteers include host schools/teachers, host families, and exchange program personnel (Program Manager, Placements Coordinator, Application Review Panel etc.)

All volunteers are briefed annually about the exchange program and its requirements. Exchange program personnel are trained in IndoAustay's suite of policies and procedures. This includes information about the volunteer code of conduct, grievance procedure, emergency management plan and other policies.

All volunteers are required to hold valid Working with Children Checks.

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