



Bamboo Microcredit Newsletter for August 2016

New activities at Bamboo to raise the profile of interest-free Micro Finance.

In this newsletter we discuss upcoming issues and events at Bamboo, we talk about our first ever Bamboo Film Night, we keep you informed regarding the Bamboo Annual General Meeting, and we preview the first Bamboo cultural experience Tour.

And of course to all our Indonesian friends and supporters we say

Selamat Hari Raya Kemerdekaan



Bamboo Film Night Kick-off

Ibu Noni presents the top portion of her delicious yellow rice as Peter Johnston gets the first plate. The *Tumpeng* is a wonderful way to start an event. It is a reminder of



Ibu Clare

A huge vote of thanks to Clare O'Connor for her organisational wizardry ...
Luar Biasa !

gratitude and is a Javanese symbol
of togetherness and harmony.



Ibu Hara

Together with Ibu Clare, Hara Kawulusan proved herself to be the event professional, and the film night went off without a hitch. Bamboo Microcredit's most infectious smile



Ayo - mari kita makan

Rendang, Perkedel, Tumpeng ... a beautiful selection of Indonesian food prepared by the the amazing Ibu Noni.

Food is a language in its own right.
Satu bahasa tidak pernah cukup
(One language is never enough)

Acara Ramah-Tamah Soekarno Movie Night



There was a busy team of helpers getting everything set up for the watching of the film Soekarno. It was a great social gathering ... everyone has at least one Indonesian tale to tell. Great people, lovely venue, superb food, and a truly interesting event.



Bamboo celebrated a great night at MSquared where we enjoyed delicious food, great company, and a rare chance to connect with Indonesia's struggle

and success in gaining independence. The film Soekarno reminded us all of the ongoing challenge that Indonesia faces in growing a resilient, robust nation.



Terima kasih to Ibu Clare and Ibu Hara for their organisational talent and expertise. Sensational food from Ibu Noni, and our deep thanks to host Mbak Rachel and her team for their kindness in giving over such a lovely venue.

Bamboo's first cultural tour takes shape for Malang

At Bamboo Microcredit we take our role very seriously. We operate as a charity - and we provide interest free micro loans for people living in poverty. To do this properly, we spend time "In-country" visiting parts of Indonesia and ensuring that the money raised is used over and over to help those in need of a financial hand-up. Would you like to see the real Indonesia and be a part of Bamboo's work?



Bamboo will trial its first pilot tour of Malang in September from the 28th - 30th of September. The tour will visit sites and scenes in and around the East Javanese City of Malang. Its there that we will visit Bamboo's hard-working partner organisation Daya Pertiwi, to see first hand the difference that interest-free borrowing can provide to people in Indonesia.

If you are interested in taking part in the tour - contact Bamboo director David Cook via email at d.cook@ecu.edu.au or call him on 0448 701 705. The first tour is in late September and there is a second tour planned for January 2017. If you would like to know more - please let us know via email or phone.

Indonesian Independence Day

Celebrating 70 years of Independence is a great milestone for Indonesians all over the world.



At the same time - its also a timely reminder that there is more work to be done, and the need to keep fighting poverty is an ongoing part of transforming Australia's nearest neighbour into a nation of stability and resilience.

One of the most powerful measures of true independence is financial stability, both at the National level and also for individuals.

Bamboo Microcredit wishes all of our Indonesian friends and supporters a happy Indonesian Independence Day.

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Bamboo thinks about Cooking Classes

Everyone who came to the Bamboo Film night last month will agree that the food was incredible. So would you be interested in attending an Indonesian cooking class?

Ibu Noni and Ibu Hara are contemplating the possibility of Bamboo's first cooking classes. If you are interested in learning to cook, and maybe you're curious to know what exactly is *Galangal*, what is meant by the term *Bumbu-*

bumbu, and when to use *Asam Jawa*, then stay tuned for some forthcoming important announcements about *Masakan Indonesia*



If you like the idea of Indonesian cooking - then let us know.

You can send an email message via our website [contact page](#)

Have you visited us on Facebook? At Bamboo Micro Credit we like to think we are socially active. You can visit our [website](#), read our regular [blogs](#), follow us on [Twitter](#), join us on [Facebook](#), or just quietly peak at us on [Instagram](#).

Balai Bahasa to screen feature length documentary about Papua

The movie length film *Alenia's Journey - Uncover Papua* will be shown on the 20th of August at the Hoyts Millenium Cinema in Fremantle. Arrive at 3.30pm to get your seat.

The movie depicts some rare footage of the Papuan end of the Indonesian Archipelago and the content makes for compelling viewing.



Our good friends at [Balai Bahasa](#) have made tickets available from [Eventbrite](#) for \$12.

There is also some sought-after entertainment from the band Pacenogei

AGM for Bamboo fast approaching

Please note that the Annual General Meeting for Bamboo Micro Credit (Inc) will be held on 30 August 2016 at 7.00 pm.

The meeting will be held at M Squared 35 Hay Street Subiaco WA.

If you would like to nominate for the Board or attend the AGM then please note a few reminders:

To vote at the AGM you'll need to be a current member of Bamboo.

Membership renewals can be done online via the Bamboo website

<http://www.bamboomicrocredit.org.au/join-us/>

Nomination forms and Proxy forms are also available at the Bamboo website

<http://www.bamboomicrocredit.org.au/policies/>

AGM forms should be sent by email to adampeaty@iprimus.com.au or by mail to PO Box 1653, Fremantle WA 6959.

Latest Blog on Indonesian darkness, vision-impairment, and the blind.

Did you know that there are 3.5 million Indonesians who are blind? Its an important thing to consider in 2016. Blindness and vision impairment are major factors in poverty challenges in Indonesia. To read Bamboo's latest [blog](#) and to understand more about blindness click [here](#).



Thank you for your support

At Bamboo Micro Credit we survive on the kindness of others.

To those who have recently [donated](#) to Bamboo Micro Credit - we say thank you.

To our supporters who have helped us, and to those who've joined up as [Bamboo members](#) ...

we are truly grateful.



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Its not a handout ...

Its a hand up !



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