

Welcome to the July newsletter for Bamboo Micro Credit in 2016.

We've been busy !

The team at Bamboo have been quiet for the last couple of months, but have put in place a few new changes that are set to ensure that Bamboo's poverty mission in Indonesia remains sustainable, flexible, and worthwhile. Bamboo Micro Credit has been busy forwarding grant applications, improving the governance of the organisation, forging new relationships with Indonesian partners and maintaining strong relationships with our Indonesian teams in Java and Sumatra.



In this newsletter you'll find information about our upcoming Bamboo film night that you can attend, important notices about our Annual General Meeting, a timely reminder about Bamboo membership, and news from our partners in Indonesia. There is also a link to our latest blog, updates to our website, and the announcement of our first in-country poverty tour.

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It's Bamboo's first film night !

Please come and join the Bamboo team at 6pm on August the 5th and get to know like-minded people who take an interest in Australia's closest neighbour Indonesia.

"Hormatilah musuhmu karena dia mengetahui kelemahan-kelemahanmu!"

SOEKARNO

Sebuah film karya Hanung Bramantyo



The event takes place at MSquared - 35 Hay Street Subiaco.

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Acara Ramah-Tamah Yayasan Bamboo Micro Credit / A social evening for BMC.

Join us on the 5th of August to watch the epic movie Soekarno, and to meet other Bamboo supporters and friends.

There is delicious Indonesian food (and you can BYO wine or beer) Tickets are \$21 through Eventbrite. Come and enjoy some Indonesian hospitality with the team from Bamboo Micro Credit

Find out what's happening in Perth regarding Indonesia, and learn about some of Bamboo's latest work and achievements.

Tickets are \$21 and can be purchased in advance through Eventbrite (link underneath)

Tickets [here](#) through Eventbrite ... www.eventbrite.com

Organised by the wonderful Clare O'Connor and Hara Kawulusan.

Notice of Annual General Meeting

Please note that the Bamboo Micro Credit Inc Annual General Meeting (AGM) will take place on the 30th of August starting at 7.00pm.

The AGM takes place at MSquared - 35 Hay Street Subiaco.

Follow the directions ... See [Map](#)

AGENDA FOR THE MEETING:

1. Welcome to attendees and apologies.
2. Acceptance of Minutes of the Annual General meeting held on 21 September 2015.
3. Acceptance of Financial report 2015/16.
4. Report of the Chair, Board of Directors.
5. Election of Officers.

Positions vacant are Vice Chair, Secretary and up to 4 Directors. (Nomination form attached).

All members and supporters are encouraged to attend.

RSVP, nominations, proxies and apologies by email to adampeaty@iprimus.com.au or by mail to PO Box 1653, Fremantle WA 6959.

- **Please note that friends and supporters are welcome to attend.**
- **Financial members (as at 30th August 2016) are eligible to vote.**

- **Members seeking election are required to submit a nomination form no later than 7 days before the 30th of August 2016.**
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Memberships for 2016/17

Bamboo Micro Credit invites you to join us as a member for the next year. There are two levels of membership to consider:

Full Membership costs \$50.00 and gives access to all content from Bamboo Micro Credit, as well as first options on events and opportunities. Membership lasts for one year and members are encouraged to be involved in Bamboo activities and to follow the organisation as its portfolio of interest-free loans grows throughout the Indonesian Archipelago. *(Note: Only Full Members who are financial at the time of the AGM may nominate for positions on the Board of Directors)*

Associate Membership costs \$10.00 and is designed to allow supporters to gain an entry-level membership to Bamboo. Membership includes access to the website, invitations to Bamboo events and the opportunity to learn about Indonesia, poverty, and the need for micro-finance. Associate members can include students, retired folk, and anyone who would like to stay in touch with Bamboo and our important programs.

Join Bamboo Micro Credit on line through the website by clicking [here](#), or by going to <http://www.bamboomicrocredit.org.au/join-us/>



Bamboo partner wins national Energy Globe award.

Our partners in Malang (Daya Pertiwi Foundation) have recently won a prestigious award for sustainability. The Energy Globe Foundation took submissions from over 1700 organisations from all over the globe, and Daya Pertiwi has been announced as the Indonesian National winner for 2016.

Made Polak, the Head of the Mission at Daya Pertiwi Foundation, was delighted to announce that DPF had won the coveted National award for sustainability, which is chosen by the Energy Globe Foundation.



Click [here](#) to see announcement page at the [Energy Globe Foundation](#). It's great to know our Indonesian partners are making all the right headlines. Bamboo's micro lending program in Malang works "hand in glove" with Daya Pertiwi to help establish meaningful poverty assistance that benefits Indonesian projects. Sustainability is a key part of the Bamboo vision for partners and programs throughout the Archipelago.

Bamboo Micro Credit steps up a gear.

Exciting times in 2016 as Bamboo consolidates to three fully supported operations in Bukittinggi, Malang and Bandung.

Bamboo has had a strong affiliation with micro lending in Bukittinggi since the very start of Bamboo 8 years ago, but we're delighted to announce that Bamboo pioneer Fikar has met the challenge and taken important steps by establishing a new Yayasan in Sumatra, allowing Bamboo Micro Credit to operate at the highest level of in-country poverty work through established and formally credentialed partners.



The Bamboo Micro Credit partnership portfolio now extends to the three NGO Yayasanans of:

PESAT, (Bandung, West Java)

DAYA PERTIWI FOUNDATION, (Malang, East Java) and

BAMBU DAYA GUNA (West Sumatra)

To find out more about how Bamboo Micro Credit operates through officially recognised NGOs - read the information in our website about [Yayasanans](#), and the important role they play in maintaining integrity and transparency in micro-lending and poverty alleviation.

The Micro Dairy that found a new way to profit from milk - Bamboo's latest Blog

Its important to recognise the individual success stories of courageous Indonesian men and women who manage to overcome the adversity of financial barriers, environmental roadblocks, and economic globalisation. This month's blog features the story of a young woman living north of Bandung in a village in Subang in West Java.

Her ability to take left over milk from her husband's tiny micro dairy and forge a professional venture using powdered milk and organic ginger makes for compelling reading. As her family faces the challenges of business, finance, and the fickle nature of supply and demand, one thing is clear. The support that Bamboo Micro Credit provides in tandem with the on the ground programs that run from our Bandung partner PESAT is making a difference.

To find out more about Ayesha's story you can access Bamboo Micro Credit blogs [here](#)



Bamboo trials pilot program with its first poverty tour in Java

Are you interested in knowing "first hand" about how Bamboo Micro Credit makes a difference in Indonesia? Well now you have the chance to see the great work that Bamboo and one of its Indonesian partners (Daya Pertiwi) does with your own eyes.

Bamboo Micro Credit will run its first tour of Malang in September this year. The tour will last for three days in Malang East Java. It will visit a number of inner city micro businesses and regional villages in and around the city of Malang. The tour will work closely with the team from Daya Pertiwi, which is currently

Bamboo's largest micro-lending partner organisation. This is a unique opportunity to experience the challenges of running micro credit programs in Indonesia. With guest speakers from East Java talking about natural disasters, mother nature, education, and poverty, its hoped that Bamboo's in-country excursions will appeal to people looking to make sense of the complex and chaotic livelihoods of ordinary Indonesians.

The first tour takes place in Malang on the 28th, 29th and 30th of September. People coming from Australia will need to make their way to Malang (usually via Bali and then Surabaya) to arrive in Malang by the evening of the 27th.

The tour guide is Bamboo Director and ECU Researcher David Cook. David has lived in Malang previously and has a passion for understanding the social and financial challenges of Indonesians living in poverty. David speaks Indonesian, and will oversee this exciting new project. David is a regular traveler to Indonesia and hopes to impart new ideas and knowledge about poverty alleviation.

If you are interested in finding out more information, please send your expression of interest to David via email to d.cook@ecu.edu.au and make sure you give contact details such as a phone number. A tour meeting will take place in the next few weeks and David will be happy to explain the tour in more detail. There are a number of Hotel and Guest House options ranging from 1 star to 4 star accommodation.

If successful, a second "poverty tour" is provisionally scheduled for January 2017



Donations Gratefully Accepted

Bamboo Micro Credit is asking for donations of any size to keep funding its Micro Finance programs in Indonesia. We are proud to explain that all of our funds go directly to Indonesia. Our Australian overhead costs are very small. All of the directors work for free, and we are grateful for the support of dedicated Australian businesses such as MSquared, who provide us with meeting spaces, venues for functions, and even the room large enough to host our upcoming Film night.

We know that we do great work with our micro-lending. We provide small loans that are interest free, flexible, and give poorer people in Indonesia a chance to climb out of poverty. Unlike commercial banks, our borrowers show remarkable consistency in repaying their loans. Once a loan is paid off, the money is then redeployed to another borrower ... and then another and another and so on.

If you would like to make a difference, please consider making a donation to Bamboo Micro Credit. We have a donation payment [here](#), and every dollar helps us to improve the lives of those far less fortunate than ourselves.

Bamboo Micro Credit: Its not a handout ... its a hand up!

To read more about the success of Bamboo Micro Credit, feel free to browse our website <http://www.bamboomicrocredit.org.au/>

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