



Dutch Australian Cultural Centre

Memorandum of Understanding

1. Preamble

The Dutch Australian Cultural Centre (DACC) is a national, volunteer-based organisation in Australia dedicated to preserving, researching, and promoting Dutch–Australian cultural and historical heritage. Its work encompasses migration history, wartime heritage, maritime and mercantile connections, and the broader cultural ties linking Australia, the Netherlands, and Indonesia.

Bumi Pelestarian Pusaka Indonesia (BPPI), also known as the Indonesian Heritage Trust, is Indonesia's leading civil society organisation for heritage conservation. Established in 2004, BPPI works to safeguard Indonesia's tangible and intangible cultural heritage through research, advocacy, community engagement, capacity building, and collaboration with governmental and non-governmental partners.

Recognising the shared and interconnected heritage histories of Indonesia, the Netherlands, and Australia—particularly in relation to war, migration, cultural landscapes, and people-to-people connections—both organisations agree to establish this Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) as a framework for cooperation.

2. Purpose of the MoU

The purpose of this MoU is to provide a non-binding framework for collaboration between DACC and BPPI in areas of shared interest, with a focus on heritage preservation, research, documentation, and community engagement that reflect the historical and cultural links between Indonesia, Australia, and the Netherlands.

3. Principles of Cooperation

Cooperation under this MoU will be guided by the following principles:

- Mutual respect for each organisation's mission, governance, and cultural context
- Recognition of community-based and people-centred heritage approaches
- Commitment to ethical research, historical accuracy, and inclusive narratives
- Promotion of dialogue, learning, and cross-cultural understanding
- Voluntary participation and shared responsibility for joined activities.

4. Areas of Collaboration

Subject to mutual agreement and available resources, DACC and BPPI may collaborate in the following areas:

4.1 People-to-People Heritage Initiatives

- Identifying, mapping, and documenting graves and memorials linked to shared wartime histories across Indonesia, Australia, and the Netherlands
- Researching and recording personal and family stories connected to these sites
- Facilitating connections with descendants and families where appropriate

4.2 Research and Documentation

- Joint or complementary research projects on shared heritage themes
- Exchange of archival knowledge, methodologies, and best practices
- Exploration of heritage design, architecture, and cultural landscapes

4.3 Public Engagement and Publications

- Development of exhibitions, public talks, seminars, or commemorative events
- Collaborative publications, including articles, reports, or books
- Use of digital platforms to make heritage stories accessible to wider audiences

4.4 Network Building and Institutional Links

- Facilitating contacts with related organisations, researchers, and community groups in Indonesia, Australia, and the Netherlands
- Supporting dialogue between heritage practitioners and volunteers

5. Initial Collaborative Activity

As an initial step under this MoU, the parties express their intention to explore cooperation focused on:

- Mapping and documenting selected wartime graves linked to Indonesian, Dutch, and Australian histories
- Developing personal narratives associated with those buried, where possible
- Supporting a commemorative activity in Brisbane related to Indonesian soldiers buried there, including assistance from BPPI in identifying or contacting relevant families or networks

This initial activity may serve as a pilot for broader collaboration.

6. Coordination and Communication

Each organisation will nominate a primary contact person to coordinate activities under this MoU. Communication will take place through agreed channels, including email and online meetings, and may involve additional representatives as required.

7. Governance and Resources

This MoU does not create any legal or financial obligations. Each organisation will be responsible for its own costs associated with joined projects unless otherwise agreed in writing for specific activities. Any jointly funded projects will be subject to separate agreements.

8. Intellectual Property and Acknowledgements

Unless otherwise agreed, intellectual property arising from joint activities will be jointly acknowledged. Each party agrees to appropriately recognise the contribution of the other in publications, events, and public communications resulting from collaborative work.

9. Duration and Amendment

This MoU will take effect from the date of signature by both parties. It may be amended at any time by mutual written agreement and may be terminated by either party with reasonable written notice.

10. Non-Binding Nature

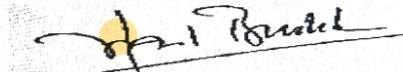
This MoU expresses the intentions of the parties and does not constitute a legally binding agreement.

Signed by:



Agus Marsudi
President of BPPI

Date: 22 January 2026



Paul Budde
President of DACC

Date: 30 January 2026