



19 February 2020
Annual General Meeting of BBIP
Citation for award of Life Membership
to Karen Bailey OAM, retiring Chairperson of BBIP
Board.

As Karen steps down as Chair of Balai Bahasa Indonesia Perth we cannot allow the moment to pass without reference to the achievements of BBIP over its entire 12 year history with Karen at the helm. They are too many to be listed in this citation but you will find on each table, a brief history of BBIP under Karen's leadership to

remind you of some very special achievements.

Suffice it to say that these achievements, while outstanding in themselves, represent only the public face of BBIP. Behind the scenes much more has occurred for example, continuous liaison with several Consuls General including Pak Madja, Pak Dede, Pak Ade and Ibu Dewi and their staffs.

In addition, Karen has frequently represented BBIP at various Indonesia-Australia business and cultural group events, spent many hours researching and applying for grant money, negotiated with and organised visits by Indonesian artists and guests and much, much more.

In 2017 Balai Bahasa Indonesia organisations in Perth, Canberra, Melbourne and Sydney were ratified by President Joko Widodo. As the founder of BBIP, the first Australian Balai Bahasa Indonesia, Karen was invited to stand with Jokowi at this significant event.

Karen's efforts were recognised again in 2019 by Indonesia's National Centre for Language (Pusat Bahasa) which oversees all Balai Bahasa throughout the world. Karen's award was in the category Pegiat DiplomasiKebahasaan (Language Diplomacy Activist) for her promotion of the learning of Indonesian. This was the first time that a non-Indonesian had received this prestigious award.

Very fittingly, Karen has previously been awarded an Order of Australia Medal for all her achievements in the area of Indonesian language and culture education, including her work with BBIP. Of course we cannot top the OAM but in the capacity they can do so, the members of BBIP wish to recognise Karen's leadership and creative drive in founding and developing Balai Bahasa Indonesia Perth by granting her the inaugural title of Life Member of Balai Bahasa Indonesia Perth.