

**Erasmus Foundation**  
Dutch Australian  
Cultural Society  
www.erasmus.org.au

**Who was Erasmus?**

Desiderius Erasmus was born in Rotterdam, The Netherlands, in 1466 and lived till 1536. He was an enlightened figure in the turbulent Middle Ages. He preached tolerance, reason, understanding and reconciliation in a world which was rather intolerant. He abhorred violence and cruelty. He pleaded for the rights of women and for better education of the young. Indeed, Erasmus was a unique teacher, guide, educator and moralist.

He travelled widely in Europe, visiting England, France, Belgium, Italy and Switzerland for long periods. During his stay in England he was in close contact with Sir Thomas More and others.

**What are the Society's Aims?**

Erasmus' background and long and close association with English speaking persons was the reason the Erasmus Foundation chose his name. Key aims of the Foundation are to be a link with the Dutch culture for people with a Dutch background or connection who live in Victoria and to acquaint others with that culture.



Erasmus: Painted by Hans Holbein, 1523

**Why become a Member of the Erasmus Foundation?**

We encourage you to become a member if:

- You wish to keep in contact with the Dutch culture.
- You want to contribute to a mutual understanding and friendship between the Netherlands and Australia.
- You want to meet like-minded people at our meetings.
- You want to have an opportunity to speak Dutch.

**What are the Membership advantages?**

The Erasmus Foundation is your Dutch cultural institute in Victoria. Being a member indicates that you are interested in the Dutch culture. You will receive email announcements of our upcoming events. At our meetings we invite speakers, performers or show films on Dutch related subjects. Meetings are held in English and are often followed by lively discussions. You will also be able to converse in Dutch. Please see the other side of this brochure for an overview of activities in recent years.

**Meetings at the Abel Tasman Club**

We generally meet at the Abel Tasman Club, located at 60 Rosstown Rd, Carnegie. Dutch snacks or meals are available for our functions there and a bar caters for special Dutch beverages. Easy car parking and public transport (train) is available nearby. There is ample opportunity for members and friends/ guests to meet one another whilst enjoying Dutch food or a drink.

**How to become a member?**

You can become a member on-line by using the form on [www.erasmus.org.au/Signup.php](http://www.erasmus.org.au/Signup.php) or by using the Application form in this brochure. Per 1 July 2015 membership is free but events will be charged as appropriate.

**Any Questions?**

Feel free to ring Jan (convenor) on 9807 3170.

**Erasmus Foundation  
Application For Membership**

To the Committee of the Erasmus Foundation,

I/We:  
Title & Name(s) .....

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Address:

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Place and Postcode:

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Home Telephone:

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Email address (for notices):

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wish to become a member of the Erasmus Foundation.

Signature:.....

Please send this Form to:

Erasmus Foundation  
30 Sherwood Road  
Mount Waverley, VIC 3149

Scan with your QR App to access the on-line joining form:



Erasmus Foundation  
ABN: 15 004 672 717

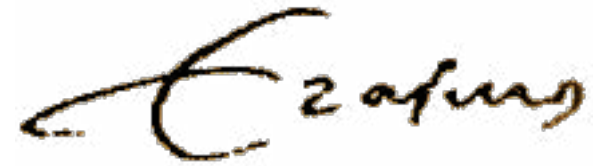
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## Overview of some of the Guest Speakers in Previous Years (see also our website)

- **Tim Krabbé** (Author): "An evening with Tim Krabbé"
- **Adriaan van Dis** (Author): "An evening with Adriaan van Dis"
- **Prof Ad Borsboom**: "The clan of the Wild Honey, Aborigines in Arnhem land"
- **Prof Merle Ricklefs**: "Creating Indonesia? The Dutch in the Indies 1800-1930"
- **Fleur Bourgonje** (Author): "An evening with Fleur Bourgonje"
- **Prof Martin Veltman**: (Nobel prize winner physics 1999) "Journey into the Sub-Atomic World"
- **Prof Frank Bovenkerk**: "Recent Events and immigration to the Netherlands"
- **Bart van Oort**: Piano recital, works of Haydn, Fodor and Mozart
- **F Springer** (Author): "Journey with F Springer"
- **Jan Brokken** (Author): "Readings from the Rainbird- A central African Journey"
- **Kader Abdolah** (Author): "An evening with Kader Abdolah"
- **Bob Kaper** (DSCB bandleader): History Dutch Swing College Band
- **H.E. Patrick Renault**, Ambassador of Belgium: "How the Belgians see the Dutch"
- **H.E. Mrs Annemieke Ruigrok**, Ambassador of the Netherlands
- **Prof Hans Clevers**: "Stem Cells, Cancer and Living forever".

## Overview of Exhibitions and other activities in previous years:

- Screening "Tirza", "The Lie", "The Heineken Kidnapping", Daylight, "Hollywood Banker", "Kenau" and Michiel de Ruyter at the ACSI cinemas,
- "Innocence", Film night with director Paul Cox
- "The Old Man Who Read Love Stories", Film night with director Rolf de Heer
- Showing of the Dutch film "The Discovery of Heaven"
- "The Other Dutch, preserving the disappearing", exhibition with the "Tempo Doeloe Society".
- "The Rembrandt Connection": exhibition of Dutch/ Australian artists in the Malthouse
- Bonegilla Exhibition "Where Waters Meet"- at the "Old Treasury Building"



**The Erasmus Foundation**  
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Melbourne

The Society aims to provide a cultural link between the Netherlands and Australia.