

Erasmus Foundation
Netherlands-Australian
Cultural Society Inc.
(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. You will be able to attend our functions together with your guests. 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. You help to meet the association costs of the Erasmus Foundation (such as insurance) and have voting rights at our Annual General Meeting to assist in determining Erasmus' ongoing direction. You will receive announcements of upcoming functions and any special events. 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 savouries or food 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 or by using the Application Form included in this brochure. Payment can be by cheque made out to the Erasmus Foundation or on-line with PayPal or direct bank transfer.

Any Questions?

Feel free to ring Henk (president) on 9525 7022 or Jan (secretary) on 9807 3170.

**Erasmus Foundation
Application For Membership**

To the Committee of the Erasmus Foundation,

I/We*,

Title.....

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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)

wish to become a member of the Erasmus Foundation at the cost of \$10 per person/ year (a couple is \$20):

Signature:.....

Please send this Form and payment of \$.....to:

Secretary
Erasmus Foundation Inc.
30 Sherwood Road
Mount Waverley, VIC 3149

* Please circle what is applicable.

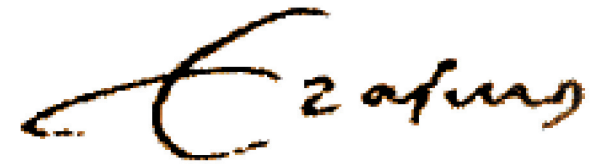
Payment by Internet bank transfer to: the Erasmus Foundation, BSB: 013040, Acc No: 294193417 or by cheque.

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"
- **Dr Gary Ekkel**: Voices of Rembrandt by the "Schola Cantorum of Melbourne" choir
- **Prof Martin Veltman**: (Nobel prize winner physics 1999) "Journey into the Sub-Atomic World"
- **Laury Benson**: "National Gallery redevelopment- Dutch/ Flemish rooms"
- **Prof Frank Bovenkerk**: "Recent Events and immigration to the Netherlands"
- **Bart van Oort**: Piano recital, works of Haydn, Fodor and Mozart
- **Rob van Driesum**: "The Life and Work of a Guidebook Writer" - Lonely Planet
- **F Springer** (Author): "Journey with F Springer"
- **Marco Van Pagee** (conductor Geminiani Orchestra): "Import, Export, A Music Perspective"
- **Jan Brokken** (Author): "Readings from the Rainbird- A central African Journey"
- **Dr Sander Adelaar**: "The Dutch occupation of Taiwan"
- **Kader Abdolah** (Author): "An evening with Kader Abdolah"

Overview of Exhibitions and other activities in previous years:

- "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"



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

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