



# DUTCH FILM "THEY CALL ME BABU"



PRESENTED BY  
**TEMPO DOELOE & the ABEL TASMAN CLUB**  
ON SUNDAY 5 JUNE 2022, AFTER 12 NOON LUNCH  
**AT THE ABEL TASMAN CLUB**  
60 Rosstown Road, Carnegie, VIC 3163

"THEY CALL ME BABU" is a documentary entirely composed of unique archive footage, which tells the story of a young woman who worked as a nanny (babu) in the former Dutch colony of Indonesia.

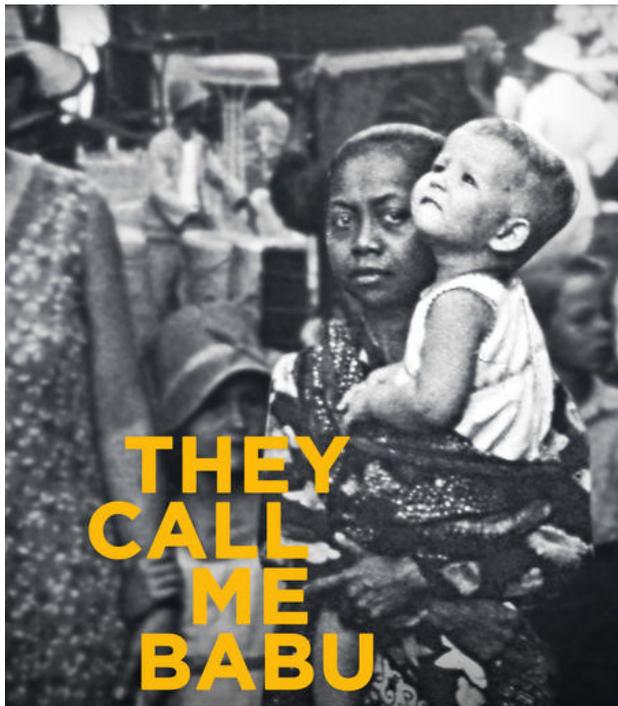
### **Brief synopsis**

Alima worked for a Dutch family as their babu - nanny - in the former Dutch East Indies. In voice-over, we hear the story of how she came to the family to care for their baby and accompanied them for a short stay in the Netherlands. Upon her return, she lived through Japanese occupation (during which the Dutch family was put in internment camps) and the battle for Indonesia's independence. Throughout these years, Alima never let go of her dedication to the child, but at the same time remained loyal to her lover Riboet, an independence fighter.

Told from Alima's perspective, the film is more than an account of changing relationships in Indonesia: first and foremost it's about Alima's development as an individual, breaking free of social restrictions to become an independent woman. Using unique, never-before-seen images from various archives in the Netherlands and Japan, it tells a universal story about the empowerment of women.

**Director** Sandra Beerends  
**Music Composer** Alex Simu

**Editor** Ruben van der Hammen  
**Producer** Pieter van Huystee



The film has English sub titles.

The lunch will start shortly after 12 noon and the film will be shown after the lunch.

The lunch is a Buffet type lunch which is \$28 for Abel Tasman members and \$30 for non-members.

Tempo Doeloe members will get a \$5 refund, when they identify themselves at the Tempo Doeloe Committee table in the Hall.