

INVITATION

You are invited to the next meeting of the Friends of Aileu Community Committee, at 6.30pm on Tuesday 1 April 2014 at the Moreland Civic Centre. The guest speaker will be Sanne Stubager from the Oaktree Foundation, on their youth economic development program in Aileu. RVSP to Richard Brown

ANNUAL DINNER

Another date for your diary is 30 May 2014, when Friends of Aileu will celebrate its 14th anniversary with a fundraising dinner at the Hume Global Learning Centre in Broadmeadows. The guest speaker will be the editor of the Dili Weekly, Emanuel Braz.

Councillors to visit Aileu

The Chair of the Friends of Aileu Community Committee, Hume councillor, Cr Helen Patsikatheodorou, and the Deputy Chair, Moreland Mayor, Cr Lambros Tapinos, will both be making their first visit to Aileu at the end of April this year.

They will meet with representatives of the Aileu District Administration and other local organisations and visit projects which are supported by the Friends of Aileu and their Australian partners.

They will be accompanied on the trip by the Friends of Aileu Project Coordinator, Richard Brown.

Merri Community Health Services supports Laulara Birthing Centre

Merri Community Health Services have made a generous donation to of medical equipment to the Laulara Birthing Centre.

The equipment, costing over \$2,000, consists of a number of sphygmomanometers (for measuring blood pressure), otoscopes (for examining ears), and stethoscopes.

Merri Community Health Services also provided the majority of the funds to develop the building

to house the Centre, which opened in 2012.



Women taking their babies to visit the Laulara Birthing centre

President of Council of Ministers to speak at Melbourne conference

The Timor-Leste Minister of State and President of the Council of Ministers, Sr Agio Pereira, will be the keynote speaker at the 'Working together with Timor-Leste: the next 10 years' conference and expo, will be held on 25-26 July 2014.

A number of other senior Timor-Leste ministers and officials are expected to attend, including the Secretary of State for Decentralisation, Sr Tomas Cabral and the Secretary of State for Local development, Sr Samuel Mendonça.

Several Australian local governments have agreed to sponsor the conference, including Hume and Moreland Councils.

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Other major sponsors include the Victorian Government, the Commonwealth Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Oxfam Australia, Australian Volunteers International, the VLGA and Victoria University.

Darebin City Council is providing the conference venue, the Darebin Arts and Entertainment Centre, and is also hosting a VIP reception on the eve of the Conference.

The conference will also feature a dinner on 25 July, with traditional East Timorese food and music.

'Early bird' bookings are currently available via the conference website at www.timorlesteconference2014.com.au.

School Art displays at Hume and Moreland

Art work by children from two Aileu schools and two Australian schools will be on display at separate exhibitions in March and May.

The first is at the Hume Global Learning Centre starting on 17 March and running till 17 April. It features work by children from Meadows Primary School and Malere Primary School in Aileu. The second is at the Coburg Town Hall Gallery from 2 May until 12 June, and includes work by

children from Brunswick North West Primary and Sarlala Primary in Aileu.



Meadows Primary student Daniella Soares, and her father Manuel, at a display of the artwork at the school last November

An earlier exhibition, held at St Augustine's Primary in Kyabram, displayed work by children from that school and St Peter & St Paul's Primary in Aileu.

The displays are part of an art in schools project, which encourages cultural exchange between schools, which is being auspiced by the Friends of Aileu.

Friends of Aileu at the Sydney Road Street party



Volunteers at this year's Sydney Road Street Party

Friends of Aileu had a presence again this year at the Sydney Road Street Party on 2 March. The volunteer team sold around

\$750 worth of East Timor coffee and met a lot of people with an interest in Timor-Leste – hopefully we will see some of them at our future events.

There was a strong demand for the coffee imported directly from Aileu, and roasted locally, by the Wild Timor Coffee Co.

Wild Timor Coffee also hope to have a coffee cart operating at the new Wilson Avenue 'pop-up' park in Brunswick, just off Sydney Road near Jewell Station. Part of the proceeds from the coffee sales at the cart will go to the Friends of Aileu.

Stop Press!

Timor-Leste Prime Minister, Xanana Gusmão, has donated a painting to the Friends of Aileu, which he did especially for us, to use for fundraising purposes. He has also donated a book of his poems, which includes reproductions of some of his earlier paintings.

For more information about Friends of Aileu, visit our web pages at:

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