

INVITATION

You are invited to the next Friends of Aileu Community Committee meeting at 6.30pm on Tuesday 1 October at the Moreland Civic Centre. RSVP to Richard Brown.

WELCOME DINNER

Don't forget to put this in your diary now: The 'Welcome' dinner hosted by the Friends of Aileu, in conjunction with the Melbourne Activities Centre, at 6.30pm on Friday 1 November at the Holy Child Centre, 133 Malmsbury Drive, Meadow Heights. Traditional East Timorese banquet and music. Entry by donation. Bookings: contact Richard Brown.

THANKS!

Thanks to all the volunteers who helped to make the Trivia Night such a success.

Trivia Night raises over \$16,000

The 2013 Friends of Aileu Trivia Night, held at the Coburg Town Hall on 9 August, was a resounding success.



MC Denise Scott conducting the Trivia Quiz

Over two hundred and fifty people were entertained by MC, Denise Scott and band, Vicuna Coat.

The event was opened by the Chair of the Friends of Aileu Community Committee, Cr Lambros Tapinos, and was attended by staff of both Hume and Moreland Councils and many local residents.



Friends of Aileu Community Committee Deputy Chair, Cr Helen Patsikatheodorou c), with guests from Brite Services at the Trivia Night

Two of the most sought-after auction items were a Timor-Leste Flag signed by the Prime Minister, Xanana Gusmão, and a signed, limited edition photograph of former Timor-Leste President, Dr Jose Ramos-Horta, by Australian photographer, Ted McDonnell.

Proceeds from the Trivia Night go towards the Cr Andy Ingham - Aileu Scholarship Program

Councils agree to MoU with CERES

Moreland and Hume City Councils have agreed to establish a Memorandum of Understanding with the Centre for Education and Research in Environmental Strategies (CERES), in Brunswick.

This follows the successful visit to Aileu in May by the Project Coordinator of CERES Global, Ben Walta. He was accompanied by the East Timor Project officer, Richard Brown, on visits to a number of Friends of Aileu's local partners.

CERES has now developed a plan for 'community engagement tours', which will be run in conjunction with the Friends of Aileu, starting in early 2014.

For more information about the tour, go to <http://www.ceres.org.au/global/global.html>

New 'Art in Schools Project' begins

The Friends of Aileu is supporting a cultural exchange program between three schools in Aileu and three schools in Australia.

The schools in Aileu are: Malere Primary school, where we began the oral health project, Sarlala Primary, which has been linked for a number of years with Brunswick North West Primary School, and the Aileu Catholic Primary School. The three Australian schools are: Brunswick NW Primary, Meadows Primary and St Augustine's Primary in Kyabram, which is linked to Friends of Aileu partner, the Campaspe East Timor Association in Friendship.

Arrangements for the Aileu end of the project were made during a recent visit to Aileu by Friends of Aileu member, Mira Fonseca, who visited the schools and talked to the teachers. She also translated the project guidelines for the Aileu schools into Tetum.



Mira Fonseca (r) with teachers and students at the Aileu Catholic Primary School

A package of art materials, together with a disposable camera, has been sent to each of the Aileu schools. The students will produce paintings and drawings on the two themes of 'games I like to play at school' and 'my family at home'.



Mira Fonseca with teachers and students at Malere Primary School

When all of the art work and photos have been collected, a selection will be made and displays of the work held at the six schools, and also at the Council offices in Moreland, Hume and Campaspe.

The project is supported by the art teacher at the three Australian schools: Kate McCormack (Brunswick), Leonie Millar (Meadows) and Marian Staudt (St Augustine's).

The project has been assisted by a donation of art materials from education suppliers, Zart Art.

Funds raised for Disability Workshop

Australian donors have contributed nearly \$2000 towards the operation of the St Francis of Assisi Disability Workshop in Aileu.

They were supporting a fundraising walk by AVI Volunteer, Paul Coghlan, who walked from Aileu to Dili in aid of the Workshop.

Paul is due to return from Timor-Leste in September, after working at the Uma Ita Nian Parish Clinic, assisting with staff development and management planning. The Disability Workshop is a project of the Clinic and Paul helped the staff there to prepare to become a 'stand-alone' business.

Planning underway for 2014 conference

Planning has begun for a major conference on Timor-Leste to be held in Melbourne on 14-15 March 2014.

The conference is supported by the VLGA Victoria University, Oxfam Australia, Australian Volunteers International and the Australia Timor-Leste Friendship Network.

For further information, contact Richard Brown

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

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