

# Friends of Aileu

A partnership established in 2000

Building Strong Communities in Timor-Leste and Australia

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## For Your Diary

After the success of last year's inaugural event, it's on again

### Friends of Aileu Music & Comedy Night Benefit: Fabulous Friday in July

7pm Friday 29 July  
Brunswick Town Hall  
233 Sydney Road

Please note the change of date for the next

Friends of Aileu Community Committee Meeting  
Tuesday 19 July  
6pm at Hume Global Learning Centre,  
1093 Pascoe Vale Rd  
Broadmeadows

If you are interested in joining Friends of Aileu and other friendship groups for the

### Australia / Timor-Leste Friendship Conference 2016

Dili, 17-18 August, with an optional visit to Aileu 15-16 Aug

please contact the Project Officer on:

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## Change of date:

### Next meeting of Friends of Aileu Community Committee

6pm Tuesday 19 July  
Hume Global Learning Centre,  
Broadmeadows

To accommodate other commitments the June meeting of the Friends of Aileu Community Committee has been re-scheduled to the third Tuesday in July.

### Friends of Aileu Music and Comedy Night Benefit for Timor-Leste Fabulous Friday in July

7-11pm Friday 29 July  
Brunswick Town Hall



Come along for a great evening of top Melbourne music and comedy with:

- Damien Lawlor of Radio RRR Lime Champions fame as MC
- Josh Earl, one of Australia's funniest live comedians, with an extensive CV in TV, Radio and Print comedy
- SFZ (Sforzando), a rollicking 8-piece pirate orchestra
- Anne of the Wolves, whose music will move you in surprising ways
- More acts to be announced.

All Tickets General Admission Seated. Book a table of 10, or share a table with others

BYO supper or snack and drinks.



All proceeds go to support local development activities by the community of Aileu, Timor-Leste, through which they support their children, young people, women and families on the journey to a healthier, happier and more sustainable future.

### Wild Timor Coffee supports Friends of Aileu and Laulara Birthing Centre

Friends of Aileu Wild Timor Coffee is now available at Moreland City Council Citizen Service Centres (Brunswick, Coburg and Glenroy).

\$13 per for 200 gram, organic, freshly roasted, ground or whole beans.



You can also order [Coffee Laulara](http://www.wildtimorcoffee.com) online [www.wildtimorcoffee.com](http://www.wildtimorcoffee.com).

A portion of profits from these on-line sales will be donated to Friends of Aileu to provide a safer access path and steps, and a shaded waiting area, at the Laulara Birthing Centre in Aileu.

These external works will complete Friends of Aileu's contribution to the Birthing Centre, which provides services for safer births and for maternal & child health education.



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## Friends of Aileu 16<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner and Community Forum Australia Timor-Leste Community Partnerships: Enduring Friendships - Shared Futures

On Friday 6 May over 60 friends and supporters shared a delicious Timorese meal while celebrating the enduring friendship with Aileu and Timor-Leste.



With inspiration from keynote speaker Mr Abel Guterres, Timor-Leste Ambassador to Australia, and a fantastic panel of Mark Grant, Ann Wigglesworth, Ben Walta and Patricia Vickers-Rich (above), those present also started an ongoing discussion on ways to develop the Timor-Leste friendship relationships into the future.

## Australia / Timor-Leste Friendship Conference 17-18 August 2016, Dili,

The Timor-Leste Ministry of State Administration, Local Government Victoria and the Australia Timor-Leste Friendship Network are working on details of the conference.

A number of Friends of Aileu supporters have indicated interest in participating in the conference and in a prior visit to Aileu (tentatively 15-16 August).

For more information please contact the Project Officer, or look out for updates at [www.austimorfn.org](http://www.austimorfn.org)

## Friends of Aileu Trivia Night Extravaganza

7pm Friday 7 October  
Coburg Town Hall

The Trivia Night fundraiser for the Cr Andy Ingham Aileu University Scholarship Program will be held on Friday 7 October. The date is a little later than usual this year because of the Friendship Conference and to avoid the Friday night matches of the AFL Finals series.

## Municipal Agreements to support decentralisation in Timor-Leste

In April Moreland and Hume City Councils each hosted two Timor-Leste public servants, members of a nine-person urban planning delegation, on 3-day work-based training placements, following the signing of the Municipal Agreements on 8 April.



Timor-Leste visitors & staff mentors

Mr Miguel de Carvalho and Mr Filomeno Martins da Silva focussed on strategic, statutory and project planning at Hume.

Mrs Claudina Soares Pinto and Mrs Justina de Jesus Amaral focussed on finance, budgeting, economic development and traffic planning at Moreland.



With Friends of Aileu representatives & Timor-Leste Honorary Consul

The Timor-Leste Vice-minister for State Administration counter-signed the Municipal Agreements (below) on 6 May, while attending the LGPro Congress in Brisbane.

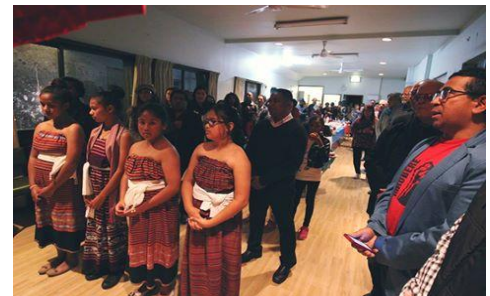


## Celebration of Timor-Leste Independence

Restoration of Independence Day celebrations were held across Timor-Leste on 20 May, including in Suco Selo Craik, Aileu (below).



In Melbourne, friendship group members joined in celebrations, organised by the East Timorese Students Association, held at St Joseph's Church and Parish Hall, Northcote, on 21 May (below).



For more information about Friends of Aileu, and to find out how you can participate, see: [www.moreland.vic.gov.au/friends-of-aileu](http://www.moreland.vic.gov.au/friends-of-aileu) and [www.facebook.com/friendsfofaileu](https://www.facebook.com/friendsfofaileu) or contact the Project Officer: [info@moreland.vic.gov.au](mailto:info@moreland.vic.gov.au) or Tel: 9240 1111