

# Friends of Aileu

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Building Strong Communities in Timor-Leste and Australia

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## Book Now

### Friends of Aileu Annual Dinner and Forum

7pm Tuesday 2 May  
Hume Global Learning  
Centre Broadmeadows

*Reforestation &  
Sustainable Livelihoods:  
Experiences from Aileu  
and Baguia, Timor-Leste*

Guest speakers:

- Dr Brian Hilton,  
World Vision
- Andrew Mahar,  
WithOneSeed

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<http://bit.ly/Book-Aileu-Dinner-Forum>

\$30 (\$20 concession)

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## Diary Dates

**Music & Comedy Night**  
Thursday 22 June  
Brunswick Town Hall

**Trivia Night**  
Friday 18 August  
Coburg Town Hall

## For more information:

Contact Friends of Aileu  
Project Officer:

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### Bookings Now Open for Annual Dinner & Forum: *Reforestation & Livelihoods, Aileu and Baguia*

For details see the Book Now entry at left.



Regrowth forest (middle distance), Aileu



Monitoring reforestation, Baguia

### Vale Mario Antonio Soares

With much sadness we acknowledge the passing last November of Mario Soares, Chief of Planning Aileu Municipal Administration. Mario served as Secretary of the Aileu Relationship Commission and as the point of contact for Friends of Aileu. For over 15 years Mario was a great friend, an invaluable partner and a strong advocate for the people of Aileu.



Mario Soares (second from left) on a visit to  
Brunswick North West Primary School

### Farewell to Susan Gubbins and Guida Pereira

Goodbye and best wishes to Sister Susan Gubbins, who has completed her mission in Aileu after more than 25 years' service with the Uma Ita Nian Clinic. Susan joins her colleague and friend Sister Dorothy McGowan, who returned to the Maryknoll community in United States at the end of 2015.

Best wishes also to Guida Pereira, former Director of the Aileu Resource and Training Centre, who is moving on to another role in the community.



Susan and Guida, Dili airport, December 2016

### Best wishes to the new management and all the staff of Uma Ita Nian Clinic

Felicidade Martins and Doroteia Nascimento have taken on increased responsibilities over recent years, and now lead the Uma Ita Nian staff as managers of the Clinic and its community outreach programs.



Uma Ita Nian managers Felicidade and Doroteia



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## Election observer group visit Aileu March 2017



**Observer team at Municipal Youth Centre**  
A Friends of Aileu team travelled to Aileu as part of the accredited Australia Timor-Leste Election Observer Mission to the presidential election held on 21 March.



**At the polling station Aisirimou, Aileu**  
Members of the team also met with the Municipal Administrator, Sr Joao Tilman do Rego, to continue the dialogue on local priorities following on from earlier discussions in June and August last year.



**Sra Victoria do Rego with Mario Soares, Sr Moises (Decentralisation manager), Gary Jungwirth (Friends of Aileu) and Sr Joao (Municipal Administrator) Aileu, August 2016**

We look forward to working closely with the Municipal Secretary, Sra Victoria do Rego, who has been nominated as Municipal Administration contact person for Friends of Aileu.

## Oral Health Education Program visit April 2017

The Oral Health Program team from North Richmond Community Health will be back in Aileu in April for the six month check up of students at the 8 participating schools. The team will also visit Baucau to begin work on a similar program there, being implemented in conjunction with Friends of Baucau.



Ana Tilman, the program's local dental nurse, has been busy providing oral health education for the teachers and students in Aileu.

## Friends of Laulara fundraiser at Inverloch

Friends of Laulara kicked off 2017 with an enjoyable music afternoon at Jjara's Farmgate Café, Inverloch, on Sunday 15 January.



Sharing a meal of local pizzas, the 40 guests raised \$1,800 for health and education projects in the Laulara Administrative Post of Aileu.



## CERES Global fundraiser for school gardens

As part of the new Basic School curriculum, the Timor-Leste Ministry of Education, working with the permaculture NGO PERMATIL and various donors, has begun a program to develop educational gardens in every school throughout Timor-Leste.



Bokolelo Fatisi (above) and Madabeno (below) are the first two schools in Aileu where these educational gardens have been created.



Supporters of Friends of Aileu and CERES Global organised a music day at the CERES rotunda in Brunswick on Sunday 26 February. The event raised \$1,800 which will go towards the development of the next school garden in Aileu.



Chico dos Santos performing at CERES

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/friendsofaileu](https://www.facebook.com/friendsofaileu) where there are many more up to date news items and photos.