

Friends of Aileu

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Building Strong Communities in Timor-Leste and Australia

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For Your Diary

Hateke Ba Kotuk

Looking back through the eyes of the East Timorese community, celebrating 40 years journey in Melbourne, Australia

Official Launch:

Saturday 5 December

2:00 – 4:00 pm

**Hume Global Learning Centre
Broadmeadows**

For catering RSVP:

ChrisA@hume.vic.gov.au

Exhibition dates:

24 Nov - 17 Dec

More Diary Dates

Friends of Aileu at The Coburg Night Market

**Fridays 27 November and
4, 11 & 18 December**

5:30pm-10pm

Friends of Aileu Community Committee meeting

**Tuesday 8 December
Hume Global Learning
Centre, Broadmeadows**

Friends of Aileu at I Carols by the Lake

**Saturday 12 December
6-10 pm**

**Coburg Lake Reserve,
Murray Road**

For more information:

<http://www.moreland.vic.gov.au/events-recreation/>

or contact the Friends of Aileu Project Officer at info@moreland.vic.gov.au

The Melbourne East Timorese Activity Centre (METAC) exhibition *Hateke Ba Kotuk* at the Hume Global Learning Centre, Broadmeadows



The amazing exhibition of photographs, celebrating the Melbourne East Timorese community's 40 years' life in Australia (1975-2015), will come to the Hume Global Learning Centre, Broadmeadows from 24 November.

All welcome to the official launch 2 - 4 pm Saturday 5 December, RSVP – for details see the For Your Diary column to the left.



Hateke Ba Kotuk has already been exhibited in Meadow Heights at the October METAC - Friends of Aileu Welcome Dinner and at the Coburg Town Hall Art Space. The exhibition is also touring various locations in collaboration with other Councils and friendship groups.

Friends of Aileu and the spring - summer Festival Season

Friends of Aileu volunteers have been busy helping raise awareness and funds at recent events including the Coburg Carnivale and Pepper Tree Place Garden Fiesta.



You will also find us at upcoming events including the Fawkner Festival (Saturday 28 November), and the Coburg Night Market and Carols by the Lake – for details see the More Diary Dates column to the left.



We would love you to join us at one of these events, either to help out selling coffee and hand-made soaps, or just drop by for a chat.

Aileu Resource and Training Centre update: Staff Development Program and Schools' Science and Reading Contest

Natalia de Conceicao Ximenes has now completed her Accounting Degree at the Muhammadiyah University in Malang, Indonesia.



Natalia Ximenes' graduation, Malang 2015

Natalia will soon join fellow staff development program graduate Quida Xavier Pereira in a leadership role at the ARTC.

Since returning in 2014, Quida has ably managed the ARTC and all its programs, including during Sister Rosalva Sandi's absence overseas this year.

During this time Quida co-ordinated the 2015 Annual Science and Reading Contest with the Aileu Education authorities, involving almost all of the District's 70 basic (Years 1 to 9) and seven secondary (Years 10-12) schools.



Quida presenting certificates at the Science and Reading Contest finals, October 2015

Thanks to all who have donated to support the ARTC, and especially its Staff Development Program and the Science and Reading Contest.

Hume - Aileu Scholarship program continues to help young people from Aileu complete secondary education

The Hume City Council Education Awards event on 24 November includes the recognition of the 36 young people from Aileu who received scholarships for the 2015 school year. Since its commencement in 2004, the Hume – Aileu Scholarship Program has assisted over 80 young people from Aileu to complete the last three years of secondary school.



Scholarship students at Aileu Municipal Administration offices, July 2015

Fundraising by Friends of Aileu and partners, including the Kangaroo Valley Remexio Partnership, has supplemented the major contribution from Hume City Council and has helped cover the lower exchange rate.

Coffex Coffee East Timor Blend - Friends of Aileu Pre-Christmas Sale:

Only \$5 per 250g pack (reduced from \$8)

Available from the Project Officer and Moreland & Hume City Council Customer Service Centres

Wild Timor Coffee - Organic Single- origin, Direct-trade Aileu Coffee:

**Special Friends of Aileu supporters' price:
\$10 per 200g pack (beans or ground)**

Available from Friends of Aileu Project Officer

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