

Friends of Aileu

A partnership established in 2000

Building Strong Communities in Timor-Leste and Australia

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Dates for Your Diary:

Annual Trivia Night fundraiser for The Cr Andy Ingham Aileu University Scholarship Program

**Friday 31 August, 7pm
Coburg Town Hall**

Music and Comedy Night fundraiser

**Thursday 25 October
The Howler, Brunswick**

METAC Welcome Dinner with Friends of Aileu

**Friday 2 November
Broadmeadows Community Hub
182 Widford Street,
Broadmeadows**

Friends of Aileu bi-monthly Community Committee meetings
6-8:30pm Tuesday

7 August at the Hume Global Learning Centre, Broadmeadows, or

2 October at the Moreland Civic Centre, Coburg

For more about these events or other activities of Friends of Aileu:

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Do we have a treat for you! An evening of fun and trivia hosted by Mr Barry Morgan

Building on a long tradition of engaging with top local talent, this year the Friends of Aileu Trivia Night brings you the incomparable Mr Barry Morgan, and his organ of course.



Winter is only just coming upon us, but you can look forward celebrating its end with a night of fantastic fun and energetic entertainment at Coburg Town Hall on Friday 31st August.

All funds raised will go to assisting young people from Aileu complete their studies at Timor-Leste universities.

Timor-Leste Restoration of Independence celebrated in Aileu and Melbourne

In Aileu, Municipal Secretary, Mrs Victoria Mesquita do Rego (left in photo below), and colleagues took part in the official celebration of the 16th anniversary of Timor-Leste Restoration of Independence on 20th May.



Meanwhile, in Melbourne the East Timorese Students Association organised a less formal community celebration to mark the occasion.



Aileu Resource and Training Centre staff development

Congratulations to Sabino Lere, IT trainer at the Aileu Resource and Training Centre (ARTC), on his recent graduation with a Bachelor of Computer Science from Cristal University, Dili.

Sabino deferred his studies some years back due to financial constraints and family and work commitments. With support from Friends of Aileu, through the ARTC staff development program, he was able to return to study in 2016.



Other ARTC staff continuing with their professional development include Joaquin dos Reis, who has recently completed a short course in project management at the Timor-Leste NGO Forum (FONGTIL), and Ana Marquez, who will soon commence the third semester of her accounting studies at UNDIL.

Please contact the Friends of Aileu Project Officer if you would like to find out more about the ARTC or about how you can support its work or staff development program.

The Parliamentary Election proceeds smoothly in Aileu

Friends of Aileu's Gary Jungwirth, along with Pam Williams, Kathy Andison, Cathy Harper and Kate Neely, participated in the Australia Timor-Leste Election Observer Mission to the 12th May elections.



The Aileu delegation reported on the smooth conduct of the elections at the three polling stations in Aileu where they observed proceedings.

They also participated in a meeting of the Rotaract Club of Aileu and met with representatives of the Municipal Administration and the Aileu Resource and Training Centre.

Friends of Aileu anniversary Dinner and Forum

Friends of Aileu members and supporters celebrated 18 years of friendship with a successful fundraising dinner at Brunswick Town Hall on 11th May.



Guest speakers Jose Pires and Chico dos Santos generously shared inspiring personal stories of East Timorese resistance, culture, community and family.

Oral health education project evaluation

Kose Nehan (Teeth Brushing) project team members, Dr Martin Hall, Dr Bradley Christian and Sally Vong, visited Aileu in April to collect data for the evaluation of the oral health education project.



They met with Municipal officials and were assisted by Ana Tilman, the project dental nurse, and Camilo da Costa, Aileu Vila Community Development Officer, for the visits to the six participating primary schools.

O Mundo Perdido exhibition upgrade

Professor Patricia Vickers Rich and Wayne Chapman of *Prime Sci!*, (Swinburne University / Monash University), visited Aileu in February to upgrade the *O Mundo Perdido* educational exhibition at the Aileu Resource and Training Centre.



While in Aileu they also handed over copies of the new Tetun language exhibition guide book.

Visitor from the Rotaract Club of Aileu

Domingos de Jesus Sarmiento, past president of the Rotaract Club of Aileu, was hosted by Moreland and Hume City Councils and Friends of Aileu for four weeks networking and professional development in Melbourne during March-April.



Domingos, along with East Timorese Students Association (ETSA) members Angela de Jesus Tavares and Alfredo Isac, addressed a meeting of Greenvale Rotary.

Amongst the highlights for Domingos were working at the West Brunswick Community Garden, spending time with the Hume Enviro Champions, attending METAC and ETSA activities and meeting many of Friends of Aileu's partner organisations.

Supporting Timor-Leste's school garden program

Another visitor in March-April was Ego Lemos, educator, singer songwriter, founder of PERMATIL and ambassador for the Ministry of Education School Garden program.



Ego, and Mystic Trio (Gil, Paulo and Zeca), performed at a Grassroots Gathering afternoon and evening of music for Friends of Aileu, held at CERES on 18th March.

This event raised funds to help complete development of the school garden at the Dom Baumeta Central School, Suku Liurai, Aileu, and to host a workshop with representatives of all 29 schools in Aileu Vila.



Community engagement

Over the past months Friends of Aileu participated in the Sydney Road Street Party, Broadmeadows Street Festival and Glenroy Festival, sharing aspects of the friendship relationship with members of the Moreland and Hume communities.