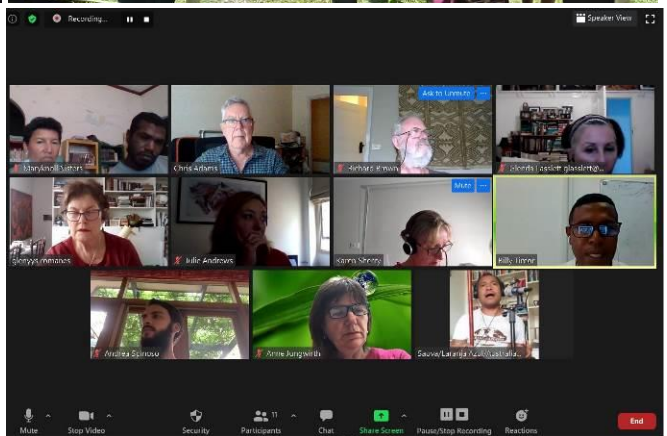


Friends of Aileu

Linking Moreland and
Hume communities
with Aileu, Timor-Leste.



Friends of Aileu Annual Report 2020

Activities and Achievements in 2020
and an Outlook for 2021

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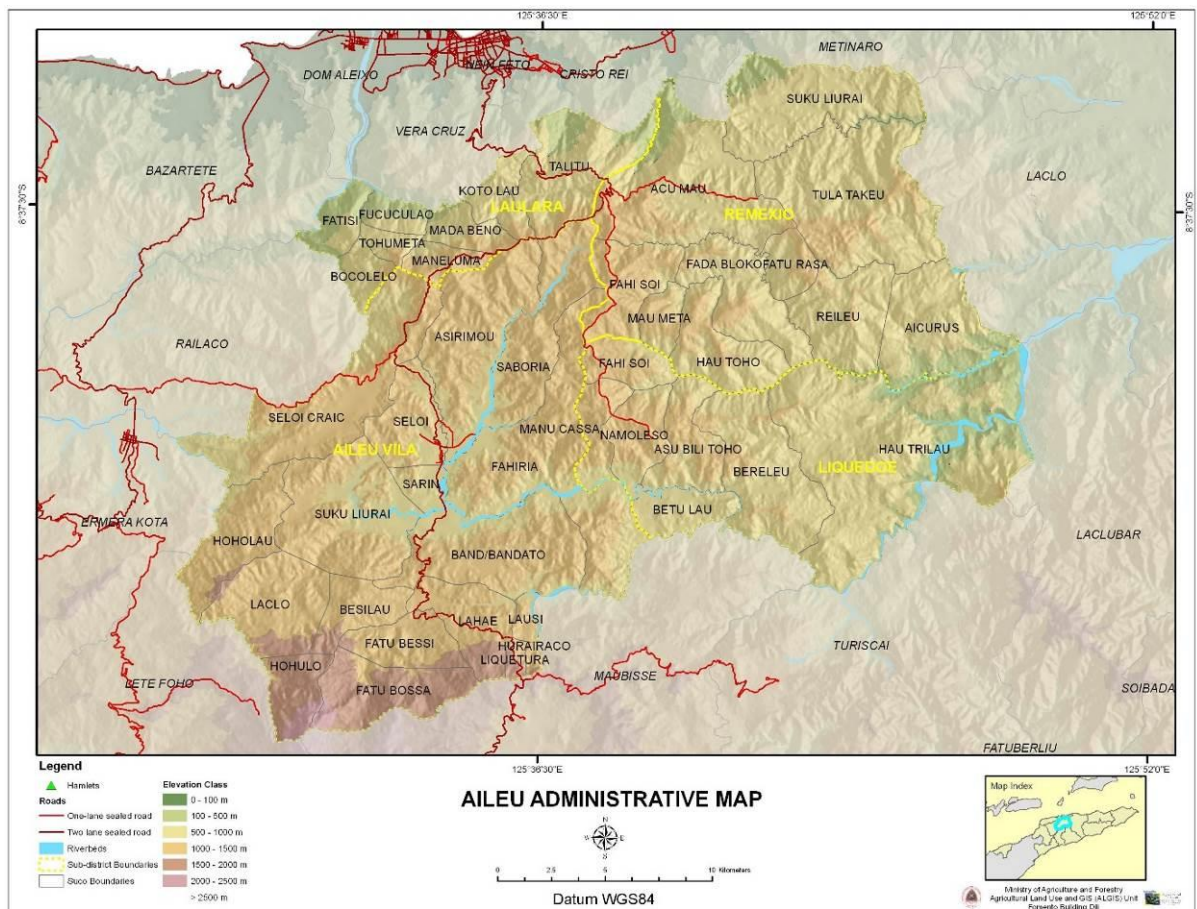
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Moreland City Council and Hume City Council acknowledge the Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung people, including the Gunung-Willam-Balluk clan in Hume, as the Traditional Custodians of the lands and waterways in the areas now known as Moreland and Hume.



Timor-Leste: one of Australia's nearest neighbours



Aileu Municipality, which covers a largely mountainous, partly forested and agricultural area of 730 km² is home to 50,000 people (7,600 households) 139 small hamlets (aldeias) that are administered as 33 rural villages (sucos) within four Administrative Posts (Aileu Vila, Laulara, Lequidoe and Remexio)



Nicholau Lobarto Monument, Aisirimou, Aileu



Portuguese and Indonesian monuments, Malere, Aileu

1 Highlights of 2020

1.1 A challenging year

... locally

Friends of Aileu's program for 2020 got off to a good start on 16 February, with the fourth annual **CERES Gathering for Aileu**, organised by the Grassroots Gatherings community in collaboration with CERES and Friends of Aileu. Participants shared music, culture, food and stories of friendship and raising funds for the youth development activities in Aileu - *for more details, see **Featured activities and community events** below.*



Friends of Aileu at CERES Gathering for Aileu Sydney Road Street Party (with CERES intern)

At the **Sydney Road Street Party** on 1 March, Friends of Aileu shared its stall with partners CERES and Moreland Community Gardening, engaging productively with many passers-by on what was a busy and hot day.

Plans for activities to mark the **20th anniversary of Friends of Aileu in May 2020**, including with a visit by the Aileu Municipal Administrator, were discussed at the Friends of Aileu Community Committee meeting in March. However, restrictions introduced to manage the COVID-19 pandemic meant that these activities were unable to proceed.

Other activities, including the annual **Trivia Night scholarship fundraiser and a CERES Global engagement visit to Aileu** were also cancelled, as were various Council and community festivals and events in which Friends of Aileu is usually participates.

Remaining promotional and fundraising activities and committee meetings were conducted on-line, with **virtual meeting technology** being used to facilitate direct participation by partner representatives from Aileu in several meetings.

To mark the **20 years of friendship with Aileu**, in lieu of the cancelled public activities:

- A series of social media posts was published celebrating highlights of friendship activities over the years
- Moreland resident and former Brunswick councillor Elisabeth Jackson commenced work on a short history of the friendship relationship, which will provide a basis for the development of communications material to help mark the 21st anniversary of the friendship relationship with Aileu in May 2021
- Certificates of Appreciation were prepared recognising the contributions to the friendship relationship of individuals and public and community organisation partners in Aileu.

... and in Timor-Leste

The Timor-Leste economy has been significantly affected by the **COVID-19 pandemic**. While infection case numbers were kept very low and no serious illnesses or deaths were recorded, the closure of borders and the restrictions on internal travel, assembly and commercial activity have been severe, especially for poorer and otherwise disadvantaged households, including the dependant elderly and those living with disabilities.

The Australian Embassy and Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) played a major role in supporting the Timor-Leste Ministry of Health manage the COVID-19 pandemic. Friends of Aileu was able to support several of the many community outreach and relief efforts undertaken by health authorities and community groups in Aileu.



COVID-19 pandemic: Trader at Aileu market / Aileu Health staff delivering relief supplies

We note the passing of **Mr Martinho Matos, former District Administrator (2004-2016)** in November. Mr Martinho was a consistent supporter of the friendship relationship, warmly welcoming many delegations to Aileu and undertaking two friendship visits to Moreland and Hume, in 2005 and 2010 and will be sadly missed.

1.2 Governance and communications: maintaining the relationship

... locally

Actions during the year to maintain a sound basis for the friendship relationship included:

- Renewal of the friendship relationship, with the signing of the **Friendship Agreement 2020 (Attachment 1)** by the mayors on behalf of the two Councils, the Chair of the Friends of Aileu Community Committee, the Timor-Leste Minister for State Administration and the Aileu Municipal Administrator
- Adoption by Friends of Aileu Community Committee of an updated **Strategy Plan 2020 (Attachment 2)**, which provides a guide for how we will progress the friendship relationship over the coming five years
- **The Friends of Aileu Community Committee (membership at Attachment 3)** meeting five times throughout the year, providing advice to the two Councils and providing invaluable guidance, support and coordination for the friendship relationship and its various activities

Committee leadership was provided by the 2019/20 Council representatives:

- Cr Joseph Haweil, Hume City Council, as Chair
- Cr Karen Sherry, Hume City Council representative
- Cr Annalivia Carli Hannan, Moreland City Council representative

- for more details, see **Featured activities and community events** below.

- Maintenance of the Friends of Aileu pages on the Council websites, operation of the Friends of Aileu Facebook page and publication of the **Update newsletters: April, August and December (Attachment 4).**

The Friends of Aileu Community Committee also considered a range of communications issues and opportunities, in preparation for development of a Communications Plan, which is proposed to be finalised in 2021.

... and in Aileu

A significant development was the reconvening of the local government and community committee which advises the Municipal Administrator and oversees friendship activities in Aileu.



Meeting of the Aileu Friendship Commission

The **Aileu Friendship Commission**, which resumed regular meetings in August after a period of inactivity, has commenced a review of its terms of reference.

The Municipal Administrator also tasked the Commission with developing improved procedures for managing the **Aileu University Scholarship Program** and the selection of candidate students for the 2021 academic year for consideration by Friends of Aileu. The Commission made good progress on these issues at further meetings held in October and December.

The various relationships and partnerships on which the East Timor Project is based are illustrated by **Friends of Aileu Governance and Relationships (Attachment 5).**

1.3 Partnership activities: working in friendship for a sustainable future

... in Aileu

The achievements of Friends of Aileu are largely based on the strong partnerships developed with organisations including Merri Health, Dental Health Services Victoria, North Richmond Community Health, CERES, Grassroots Gatherings, Moreland Community Gardening, Timorlink, Professor Patricia Vickers Rich and Prime Sci! (Swinburne University), Greenvale Rotary, Campaspe East Timor Association in Friendship (CETAF) and Wild Timor Coffee.

Support for a range of friendship activities could continue, despite the limitations on fundraising opportunities resulting from the COVID-19 restrictions, with funding from:

- The generous **donations, fundraising efforts and in-kind contributions** by these partners, particularly Merri Health, Dental Health Services Victoria and partners, CERES, Grassroots Gatherings and CETAF, supported using on-line fundraising

platforms and income from the sale of Wild Timor Coffee (providing a total of \$46,397 in fundraising and donations)

- The annual **Hume City Council education donation** (2019/20 donation \$5,200 **).

Activities undertaken by Aileu partner organisations supported by Friends of Aileu and local partners in 2020 included:

➤ **The work of the Aileu Resource and Training Centre, including:**

- The staff development program, with Ana Maria Marquez nearing completion of an accounting degree (** covered by \$2,600 from Hume City Council's annual education donation)
- The O Mundo Perdido (The Lost World) geological exhibition: additional resources from Professor Patricia Vickers Rich, Prime Sci! at Swinburne University
- Kadalak Dame peace garden project and the Manu Casa village reforestation and water source protection project, collaborating with local farmers in agricultural experimentation and diversity, improving food security and developing opportunities for increased participation in the local economy



Installing water bore at Kadalak Dame Garden

Tending the Manu Casa community nursery

- The annual Aileu Expo of traditional arts and culture and local produce and products
- *for more details, see **Featured partnership activities** below.*



Aileu Expo 2020

- **The work of the Uma Ita Nian (Your Home) Parish Health Clinic and the community of the Maryknoll Sisters, including:**
 - A sewing and knitting skills project to increase options for women's economic participation
 - A sales kiosk to contribute to the clinic's financial sustainability.



Learning new skills / Uma Ita Nian women's sewing group / Exhibition at Aileu Expo 2020

- **Environmental training:** Sponsorship of participation by Aileu youth at two water resource management training camps conducted by the Timor-Leste permaculture NGO PERMATIL, being a three-day camp in March (71 Aileu participants) and a four-day camp in October (32 Aileu participants), followed by support for participants to construct water retention and groundwater recharge structures in their seven home villages
- for more details, see **Featured partnership activities** below.



Trainees receiving certificates / PERMATIL water conservation camp / Creating recharge pond

- **Waste management promotion, art and crafts:** The work of the Aileu youth group Arte Mambai Rai Husar, who recovered recycled materials to produce art and attractively designed furniture and other products
- for more details, see **Featured partnership activities** below.



Arte Mambai Rai Husar recycling waste / Classes in Peace House, Municipal Youth Centre

- **Completion of the renovation of Uma Dame (Peace House) community meeting rooms at the Aileu Municipal Youth Centre:** The electricity connection and installation of power and lighting.
- **Construction of rubbish bin and Research for a possible public toilet project:** The Rotaract Club of Aileu completed construction of a rubbish bin at the Aileu Technical and Vocational School (ESTV), with funding from Rotary Club of Greenvale, and undertook a study tour to Timor-Leste's Atauro Island where they researched examples of composting toilets in village communities and an eco-resort, with funding from donations in memory of Gary Jungwirth.



New rubbish bin at ESTV / Rotaract Club of Aileu / Study tour group Atauro eco-resort

- **The Oral Health Education Project:** Continuation of this project, coordinated by Dr Martin Hall of Dental Health Services Victoria with support from North Richmond Community Health and other professional collaborators and donors, and delivered by Aileu teachers in six Aileu schools with support from a dental health worker.
- **Teacher education:** Scholarships, funded from Hume City Council's annual education donation, covered the fees for five young people from Aileu undertaking a three-year education diploma at the Baucau Teachers College in Timor-Leste (** covered by \$2,500 from Hume City Council's annual education donation)
- for more details, see **Featured partnership activities** below.

- **Training for Aileu health workers:** Delivery of refresher training for health workers of the Municipal Health Service, conducted by Dr Gustodio Alves, Emergency Medicine Department Head at Dili National Hospital, and other volunteer doctors originally from Aileu

- for more details, see **Featured partnership activities** below.



Volunteer trainers and Aileu health workers MOSSA delivering COVID-19 relief packages

- **COVID-19 community relief:** Supply of basic household commodities as economic relief for disadvantaged households impacted by COVID-19 State of Emergency restrictions, by Aileu Municipal Health, Arte Mambai Rai Husar and the Aileu Solidarity Movement (the Municipal Youth Centre collaborating with the Motorcycle Trail Club)

- for more details, see **Featured partnership activities** below.



Aileu Municipal pandemic response committee

- **Medical supplies and equipment for Aileu Municipal Hospital,** including for a COVID-19 quarantine facility.

... and locally

Friendship and cooperation were also expressed locally, through activities such as:

- **Moreland and Hume City Councils representation in the Victorian Local Government Timor-Leste Network** convened by the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning to work with Timor-Leste Government and municipalities supporting the decentralisation process through assistance with sector public sector skills development, including participation in meetings in February, August and December.

- **Friends of Aileu maintaining its links with the Timorese community and supporters in Melbourne**, including through liaison with, and participation in activities of, the Melbourne East Timorese Activity Centre, the East Timorese Students Association Victoria, the Australia Timor-Leste Friendship Network and the Australia East Timor Association
- for more details, see ***Featured activities and community events*** below.



Maubere Timor (FALANTIL veterans band) in Brunswick



AETA 2020 AGM

2 An Outlook for 2021

2.1 Context

The new Councils, formed in Moreland and Hume following the elections in October 2020, include a significant number of first term councillors and feature mayoral leadership teams with significant previous involvement the Friends of Aileu. A major priority for both Moreland and Hume City Councils is to improve their customer service delivery in-line with evolving community expectations and the requirements of the Local Government Act 2020.

In Aileu it is anticipated that new appointments to senior local government positions, including Municipal Administrator, Municipal Secretary and Departmental Directors/Managers, will be finalised by the Timor-Leste Government by early 2021. Preparing for and responding to the gradual decentralisation of service responsibilities to the municipal level and development of capacities to establish representative democracy will continue to be priorities for the Aileu Municipal Administration.



Aileu Municipal Administration staff members



Plans for the future Aileu University City

Aileu has been designated Timor-Leste's University City, with progress being made on securing suitable land for initial developments planned to commence in 2021. As this vision is realised Aileu will complement the capital city of Dili as a major centre for tertiary education.

These priorities will be pursued alongside the major focus that the two Councils and the Aileu Administration, and their businesses, community organisations and populations will necessarily have on post-COVID recovery and climate change responses.

2.2 Plans

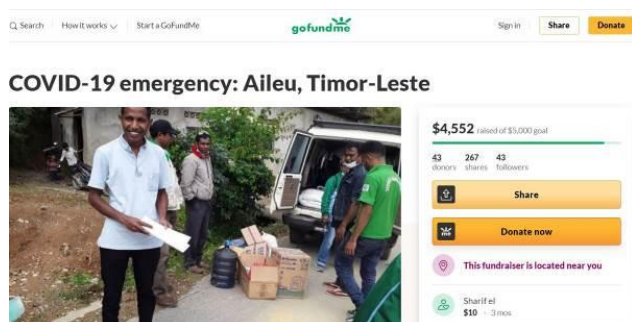
While the COVID-19 pandemic limited fundraising opportunities during 2020, Friends of Aileu finished the year with a balance in its donations account sufficient to cover ongoing commitments, including the university and teacher training scholarships other initiatives to be agreed in the areas of education and training.

Unexpended funds available for scholarship, training and education support include funds from previous Trivia Night fundraisers and Moreland City Council donations made in lieu of foregone councillor travel and allowances relating to the 2019 and 2020 terms of Council.

Fundraising will be undertaken, and new donations sought, to support other activities in Aileu, principally in the areas of community health, youth, arts, environment.

With the easing of coronavirus restrictions late in 2020, we look forward to resuming a more complete program of fundraising, awareness raising and other activities in 2021, including:

- The fifth annual CERES Gathering for Aileu on 28 February
- An event in May celebrate the 21st anniversary of the friendship relationship with Aileu
- The Trivia Quiz fundraiser for the Aileu University Scholarship Program in August.



Virtual meetings and internet-based fundraising



Aileu Commission discussing scholarship program

2.3 Challenges and opportunities

Challenges and opportunities for Friends of Aileu, include:

- Increasing knowledge of and support for the friendship relationship within the Moreland and Hume communities and amongst Council staff
- Building on the experiences during the pandemic, including making more effective use of digital technologies, including virtual meetings, social media and on-line fundraising platforms
- Strengthening existing partnerships and community involvement, including to complement the budget reserve available to support activities in education and training, including collaboration on the resumption of the Aileu University Scholarship Program and exploring opportunities to support Aileu's development as the nation's University City
- Renewing the membership and strengthening the operation of the Friends of Aileu Community Committee to facilitate it in its roles of advising the two Councils
- Engaging effectively with the Aileu Municipal Administration, the Aileu Friendship Commission and other Aileu partners, while the ability to travel between Australia and Timor-Leste is likely to remain uncertain.

3 Featured activities and community events 2020

The year was bookended with two successful events, while the Friends of Aileu Community Committee met throughout the year.

3.1 CERES Gathering for Aileu

The fourth annual CERES gathering for Aileu, organised by Aoife Carli-Hannan and the Grassroots Gatherings community <https://www.facebook.com/Grassroots-Gatherings-1679806645388004> network in collaboration with CERES and Friends of Aileu, brought together over 100 friends and supporters for an enjoyable afternoon and evening of music, food, stalls, family friendly activities and workshops at the CERES Pavilion on 16 February.

Thanks to Wurundjeri elder Uncle Colin Hunter for opening the day with Welcome to Country.

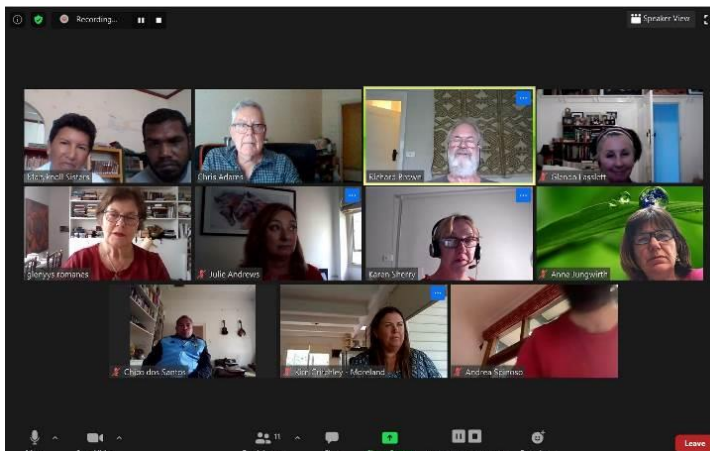
Other speakers included:

- Alice Mahar, on the work of the Corner Store Network (<https://cornerstorenetwork.org.au/>)
- Caitlin Tacey, who spoke about her time in Aileu and Atauro with the CERES Global Timor 2019 group (the next trip is anticipated in 2022 <https://ceres.org.au/global/>)
- Katrina Langford, of Timorlink (<https://www.timorlink.org/>), who spoke about language and identity in Timor-Leste.

Musicians included Mystic Trio, with Chico and Xavier dos Santos, and several other great local performers, who all volunteered their time. Rachel Harris and others provided a range of family friendly activities.



Guests at 2019 CERES Gathering for Aileu



Virtual meeting Friends of Aileu Community Committee

3.2 Friends of Aileu Community Committee

The Friends of Aileu Community Committee met five times in 2020, at Moreland Civic Centre in March and on-line in May, July and September (chaired by either of the two Hume City Council representatives, Cr Joseph Haweil and Cr Karen Sherry) and on-line in December (chaired by Moreland community member Glenys Romanes, pending new councillor appointments to the Committee following the Council elections). Moreland City Council representative Cr Annalivia Carli Hannan also provided input to the work of the Committee.

The on-line meeting format enabled guests from Timor-Leste participate in the Committee meetings for the first time; Abilio de Araujo, Aileu Relationship Commission Liaison Officer in September and December, and Sister Rosalva Sandi and Joaquin dos Reis, Aileu Resource and Training Centre management, in December.

The Committee also conducted two on-line workshop meetings; on Strategy planning in June and on communications and engagement planning in November.

The Committee provided valuable input, including for the Friendship Agreement 2020 (**Attachment 1**), the Friends of Aileu Strategy Plan 2020 (**Attachment 2**) and for issues to be addressed in the Communications Plan to be developed further and implemented during 2021.

The Project Reference Group (Committee members Glenyys Romanes, Anne Jungwirth and Richard Brown, with the Project Officer) meeting in April, September and October, November and December and providing valuable additional advice and assistance.

Thanks to all Committee members (**Attachment 3**), and other regular meeting participants including Glenda Lasslett and Heather McGrath, for their contributions throughout the year.

Councillor representatives appointed for 2020-2021 are:

- Moreland: Mayor Cr Annalivia Carli Hannan (Chair 2021)
- Hume: Mayor Cr Joseph Haweil and Cr Naim Kurt.

3.3 AETA event for Timor-Leste Proclamation of Independence Day

On 27 November, several Friends of Aileu members joined the celebration of the 45th anniversary of the proclamation of Independence Day of Timor-Leste on 28 November 1975, organised by AETA, the Australia East Timor Association (<https://www.facebook.com/AETAMEL>) and being conducted on-line rather than as the dinner event of previous years due to the COVID-19 pandemic.



AETA Proclamation of Independence event: Jose Ramos Horta tribute to Jill Jolliffe streamed from Dili and ETSA members cultural performance streamed from Footscray Park

The smoothly-organised and well-patronised event was chaired by Jean McLean and included:

- An address from Peter McMullin, Timor-Leste Honorary Consul in Victoria, covering issues including COVID-19 response in Timor-Leste and the Seasonal Workers Program
- An update from Bernard Collaery on the case against himself and Witness K being pursued by the Australian Government
- A tribute to Jill Jolliffe, which included a video address by Jose Ramos Horta, words from Pat Walsh delivered by Roger King, and contributions from Helen Hill and Ann Brady, who showed a documentary on Jill's work by Fiona Gruber (originally a RN Encounter program) – Jill Jolliffe has had a long, close and influential relationship with Timor-Leste since reporting from East Timor in November 1975, including the establishment with ex-political prisoners of the Living Memory Project which was supported by Friends of Aileu and Merri Health
- Music from Timor-Lest artist Bepi, streamed live from Dili
- Members of the East Timorese Student Association Victoria (ETSA), singing the Timor-Leste National Anthem and performing Timorese traditional dance, streamed live from Footscray Park.

4 Featured partnership activities 2020

In 2020 Friends of Aileu again provided a range of opportunities for the people of Moreland, Hume and Aileu to share perspectives, skills and resources in support of a range of friendship and community development activities implemented by our partners in Aileu and Timor-Leste.

These partnership activities, highly valued by our friends in Aileu, continue to evolve in response to the partner organisations initiatives and are making real contributions to self-determination and sustainable development in Aileu.

4.1 Aileu Resource and Training Centre projects

Friends of Aileu has partnered with the Aileu Resource and Training Centre (ARTC) since its establishment in 2005, including provision of financial contributions to help support selected aspects of the ARTC's program.

The ARTC's Science, Mathematics and Reading Contest, organised in conjunction with the local Education Department and conducted annually since 2007, could not proceed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Other programs, however, were able to proceed, and those to which Friends of Aileu contributed included the following:

- Staff development program: Fee support for staff member Ana Marquez to complete the 6th and 7th of the 8 semesters required to complete a Degree course in Accounting at Crystal Institute in Dili, using part of the Hume City Council donation for education projects
- Kadalak Dame demonstration garden and Manu Casa village reforestation and water source protection projects:
 - Funds for employment of an agricultural technician and staff to manage and monitor these two projects, which have now been merged as an integrated program of collaboration with local farmers in agricultural experimentation, improving crop diversity and food security and developing opportunities for increased participation in the local economy
 - Development of a nursery and installation of a water bore at Kadalak Dame, and further development of the nursery at Manu Casa
 - Outcomes include improved coffee plantation management and exposure to coffee processing, production and marketing and associated tourism potential.
 - Funding was from the Merri Health donation, with coffee and tourism related training supported by Quinta Portugal (a project of Camões Instituto Cooperação da Portugal), The Asia Foundation and the Timor-Leste Coffee Association



Food security: produce from Kadalak Dame garden



ARTC staff & community coffee tasting

- Aileu Expo of Culture and Traditional Products: The 15th annual Expo, which has grown from small beginnings in 2005 to a significant local event with strong participation from local government and many community organisations and which is highly valued by the Aileu community, this year featured coffee and tourism alongside the more established local culture, arts and crafts and produce and products performances, displays and sales. Funding was from uncommitted Friends of Aileu funds.



Cultural performances / Aileu Expo 2020 / Coffee value chain

4.2 Teacher education at Baucau Teachers College

During 2020 Friends of Aileu supported the studies of five young people from Aileu by paying the fees for their 3-year Bachelor of Teaching courses at the Baucau Teachers College, run by Marist Australia with local staff and with courses nationally accredited in Timor-Leste and to equivalent Australian standards.

All students performed well with the following results:

Name	Year	Semester 1				Semester 2			
		HD	Distinction	Credit	Pass	HD	Distinction	Credit	Pass
Abilio Sarmiento da Costa	3	6	-	3	-	2	5	2	-
Maria Imaculada	2	3	4	-	-	5	3	-	-
Zeferino Simoes Mendonca	1	2	2	2	-	1	3	2	-
Maria Ratu da Fatima	1	3	1	2	1	1	2	3	-
Alarico Matus	1	3	4	-	-	3	2	1	-



Abilio



Maria Imaculada



Zeferino



Maria R da F



Alarico

Friends of Aileu intends to support the same five students in 2021, including Abilio who has indicated his desire to undertake a 4th year of study to complete the newly accredited Bachelor of Education.

Funding came from the Hume City Council donation for education projects.

4.3 Environmental training in water conservation: PERMATIL

The national school garden program, co-ordinated by PERMATIL and which Friends of Aileu supported in 2019, is continuing with funding and other support from several international NGOs.

One of the findings of the 2018 evaluation of the program, to which Friends of Aileu also contributed, was the importance of a secure water supply to the success of the gardens. This was also evident in the case of the Dom Baumeta Central School, in Suco Liurai, where at the request of the school and the village chief, Friends of Aileu funded rehabilitation of a gravity water supply system (replacing collection and storage tanks and transmission and distribution pipes) that allowed the school to recover from a poor first year with the garden.



PERMATIL staff & volunteers with participants from Aileu villages at water conservation training camp

From its work on the school garden and other community agriculture projects, it became apparent to PERMATIL that the problems with the small rural water supply systems went beyond those associated with poor or deteriorating infrastructure. The water flows from springs feeding the small streams and collection points were becoming less reliable due to loss of vegetation and soil compaction and erosion, all exacerbated by climate change.

PERMATIL in 2020 focused on delivering water conservation training to young people from rural villages and supporting them to apply the new knowledge alongside that of village elders to care for water sources, including by controlling erosion and developing strategically located ponds to assist with recharging the water table.



From training to practice: constructing groundwater recharge ponds in Madabeno and Namoleso

Friends of Aileu supported two 4-day training camps involving over 100 participants from Aileu, and 32 young people from seven villages and the Aileu Anan Association, to work in their local villages to develop water conservation works with their own communities.

Funding was from the Merri Health donation, Campaspe East Timor Association in Friendship and a Friends of Aileu GoFundMe public appeal.

4.4 Waste management promotion, art and crafts and COVID community relief: Arte Mambai Rai Husar

Arte Mambai Rai Husar undertook a program of art and craft training and waste management education for school students, as well as production of art and household items from recovered waste materials. Their outputs were show-cased at the annual Aileu Expo.



Arte Mambai Rai Husar: recycling waste



Delivering COVID-19 relief packages

In collaboration with the Municipal Administration, Arte Mambai Rai Husar also used some of their funds to provide household necessities as community relief to vulnerable families during the COVID-19 State of Emergency.

Funding was from the 2019 CERES Gathering for Aileu.

4.5 COVID-19 community relief: Aileu Municipal Health and Aileu Solidarity Movement

Friends of Aileu responded to two other requests for assistance with COVID-19 community relief. This involved funding support for:

- The Aileu Municipal Health Service to equip a local quarantine facility and provide PPE and other materials, and household supplies for community relief at each of the four Health Posts and to deliver community relief, with funding from the Merri Health donation (Municipal Health)
- The Aileu Solidarity Movement (formed by the Motorcycle Trail Riders Club and the Youth Centre) to deliver household necessities as community relief to 100 vulnerable families in the rural areas of each of the four Postus (Sub-districts), with funding from a Friends of Aileu GoFundMe public appeal.



Aileu Municipal Health Service / COVID-19 community relief deliveries / Aileu Solidarity Movement

4.6 Training for Aileu municipal health workers: Dr Gustodio Alves

Aileu-born Dr Gustodio Alves, now Head of Emergency Management at the Dili National Hospital, has built up a network of doctors originally from Aileu to support improved health care in their home municipality.

Dr Todi together with Dr Pascoal, Dr Dulce and Dr Julia, delivered a 1-day refresher training for 20-25 health workers (including managers, administrators, doctors, nurses and ambulance staff) covering:

- Basic Life Support/Advanced Life Support – Introduction and Practical session
- Emergency Life Support – Basic theory and practical
- Primary Trauma Case (Surgical and Obstetric Emergency Care) – Basic Theory and Practical
- Transporting Critical Patients to Tertiary Care – Preparation and what to expect.



Doctors Gustodio, Pascoal, Dulce and Julia deliver refresher training to Aileu health workers

Dr Gustodio Alves and team volunteered their time and expertise, with Aileu Health providing transport and meeting rooms. An evaluation conducted on the day indicated that all participants achieved significant learning.

Dr Gustodio is preparing a proposal for further training in 2021 in consultation with Aileu Health and Friends of Aileu will consider a request to cover necessary out of pocket expenses and agreed materials.

5 Finances

5.1 Council Cost Centre support

Moreland and Hume City Councils provided funding support for Friends of Aileu through the East Timor Cost Centre for the employment of the Project Officer and project related materials and services, including support for some event costs.

Actual expenditure for the calendar year 2020 was \$88,506, made up of \$43,225 for January to June 2020 from 2019/20 budget plus \$45,281 for July to December 2020 from the 2020/21 budget.

Hume City Council also provided additional funding for room and venue hire and catering, plus in-kind contributions including uncharged communications support. Moreland City Council also provided in-kind contributions including room and venue hire and communications support.

5.2 Friends of Aileu fundraising income and expenditure

Income at \$46,397 was slightly down compared to previous years, largely due to the Trivia Night and some other activities not proceeding because of COVID-19 restrictions on gatherings, but this was partly off-set by the on-line appeals donations and the donation from Moreland City Council (relating to allowances foregone by 2019/20 Mayor Lambros Tapinos).

Income summary 2020

Fundraising event (CERES Gathering)	\$ 4,500
On-line appeals donations	\$ 6,154
Donation Merri Health	\$20,000
Donation Moreland City Council	\$ 7,400 (scholarships/education, carried forward to 2021)
Donation Hume City Council	\$ 5,200 (education, expended 2020)
Donation CETAF	\$ 2,000
Donation CERES	\$ 2,000
Other donations	\$ 573
<u>Sales (coffee and soaps etc)</u>	<u>\$ 640</u>
Sub-total	\$48,467
<u>Refund KVRP</u>	<u>\$ 2,070</u> (unexpended scholarship donation)
Total	\$46,397 (compared to \$62,169 in 2019)

Expenditure at \$53,284 was similar to previous years, with the difference to 2019 being largely explained by:

- Utilisation in 2020 of approximately \$9,000 carried over from the previous year's Merri Health donation
- Approximately \$11,000 of the 2019 funding of ARTC projects was covered by transfers made in 2018.

Expenditure in Aileu 2020: summary by recipient

ARTC	\$13,696
PERMATIL	\$13,626
Uma Ita Nian Clinic	\$ 7,921
Aileu Health (corona virus relief)	\$ 4,170

Expenditure summary 2020 (by recipient) continued

Arte Mambai Rai Husar	\$ 3,954
Aileu Solidarity (corona virus relief)	\$ 3,712
Baucau Teachers College	\$ 2,500
Municipal Youth Centre	\$ 1,701
<u>Aileu Rotaract</u>	<u>\$ 912</u>
Total	\$52,192

Expenditure in Australia 2020

Purchase of fundraising coffee	\$ 390
<u>Rotary DIK shipping</u>	<u>\$ 702</u> (delivery of donated materials & equipment for Uma Ita Nian Clinic and Aileu & Dili Hospitals)
Total	\$ 1,902

Details of 2020 Budget and Fundraising Income and Expenditure by activity are shown at **Attachment 7**.

The overall position at the end of 2020 is a positive balance of \$47,481.37, to cover future commitments or earmarked expenditure of \$44,60.54, leaving \$2, 672.17 in uncommitted funds.

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amizade ne'e ba sira-nia kontribusaun***

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***Thanks to all involved, both Australians and Timorese, in the friendship relationship
for their contributions***

Vale Mr Martinho Matos and Sister Dorothy McGowan

Friends of Aileu Community Committee extends condolences to the families and friends of two of our longstanding friends in Aileu, who will both be sadly missed

Mr Martinho Matos, District Administrator 2004 to 2016, passed away in November 2020 in Dili, Timor-Leste – a friends and colleague for more than 12 years.



Mr Martinho, signing Friendship Agreement 2010, with translator, Cr Geoff Porter, Hume Mayor, Cr Stella Kariofyllidis, Moreland Mayor and Cr Alice Pryor, Chair of Friends of Aileu Community Committee

Sister Dorothy McGowan, Maryknoll community of Aileu 1991 to 2015, passed away in January 2021 at the Maryknoll Sisters Centre, Maryknoll, New York – a friend and colleague for more than 15 years.



Sister Dorothy (Left), with former Project Officer Richard Brown, Sister Susan Gubbins, and staff member Rui Araujo Sarmento at Uma Ita Nian Clinic

**Renewed Friendship Agreement 2020 between:
The Municipality of Aileu, Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste, and
Hume City Council and Moreland City Council, Victoria, Australia**

On 4 May 2000, in recognition of the aspirations of the people of East Timor and Aileu to take control of their future, Hume City Council and Moreland City Council committed to a friendship relationship with the District of Aileu.

This commitment was made on the day that Mr Xanana Gusmão delivered the 13th *Blackburn Oration on The Importance of Community Alliances in the Re-building of East Timor*.

The Friends of Aileu Community Committee, which was established in 2000, continues to operate as a means for the Hume and Moreland City Councils, partner organisations and members of the community to collaborate in respect of the friendship relationship.

The friendship relationship has been periodically renewed, most recently in 2016 with the signing of a Friendship Agreement between the Aileu Municipal Administration, Hume City Council and Moreland City Council.

In recognition of the continuing value of this relationship to our communities:

- We the undersigned reaffirm our organisations' commitment to the friendship relationship and the principles and values on which it is based, including sustainability, mutual respect, mutual understanding and Timorese-led decision making
- We also reaffirm our organisations' commitment to support the development of local government in Aileu, as outlined in the Municipal Cooperation Agreements (2016) between the Timor-Leste Ministry of State Administration and the Hume and Moreland City Councils.

Accordingly, we agree that we will continue to work together in friendship to:

- Respond to the aspirations of the people of Aileu as they build their democratic local government and work towards an inclusive, prosperous and sustainable future
- Engage with the people of Aileu in ways that complement their efforts to achieve the goals they have for their communities
- Ensure that any activities that we undertake respect:
 - The policies and programs of the Government of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste and priorities identified in consultation with the Aileu Municipal Administration and Aileu community organisations
 - The capacity of our organisations, partners and communities to resource and sustain them

- Foster engagements with and between young people as they take on their responsibilities for the future
- Share our stories, cultures, perspectives, skills and resources, and improve mutual understanding
- Help develop and maintain strong communities in Aileu and in Hume and Moreland.

We acknowledge the independence, wisdom, knowledge and skills of the people of Aileu and their representative and community organisations.

We also acknowledge the complementary roles and contributions of the Friends of Aileu and their Australian partner organisations, and of other community groups and organisations engaging with Aileu in the spirit of friendship.

This agreement is intended to be a guide for our organisations, and for the communities we represent for the coming five years. This agreement will not have any legal effect and may be terminated or varied as agreed.



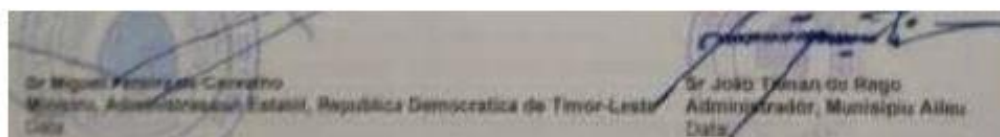
Councillor Lambros Tapinos
Mayor
Moreland City Council
3 September 2020



Councillor Joseph Haweil
Chair Friends of Aileu
Community Committee
21 September 2020



Councillor Carly Moore
Mayor
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Mr Miguel Pereira de Carvalho
Minister for State Administration
Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste

Mr João Tilman do Rego
Administrator
Municipality of Aileu





FRIENDS OF AILEU STRATEGY PLAN 2020

VISION

Our vision is of an enduring friendship between the people of the municipalities of Aileu, Hume and Moreland, based on the principles of mutual respect, cooperation and local decision-making as expressed in our Friendship Agreement.

To realise this Vision, we will share stories, culture, insights, information, expertise and resources with our friends and partners in Aileu and Timor-Leste, working with our two Councils, local community organisations and other partners to contribute to a more sustainable and healthy future for Aileu.

GOALS

Our goals are:

Goal 1 – Communities and Friendship:

To provide opportunities for the people of Moreland, Hume and Aileu to strengthen their communities by contributing to the friendship relationship.

Goal 2 - People and Organisations:

To support the people of Aileu in their own development and that of their local government and community organisations, especially supporting the activities of women and youth, and vulnerable groups such as the disabled.

Goal 3 - Programs and Projects:

To support community development programs and projects in Aileu identified in agreement with our Aileu friends and partners.

Goal 4 - Partnerships and Networks:

To develop and maintain partnerships, collaborate with others and participate in networks that support the friendship relationship, focussing on the achievement of Goals 1 to 3.

Goal 5 - Capabilities and Resources:

To maintain and develop the capabilities and resources of the Friends of Aileu and individual members and supporters to contribute towards achieving Goals 1 to 4.



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OBJECTIVES

The objectives to achieve these Goals, and to work towards our Vision, are outlined below. The actual to be undertaken will be expressed in more detail in the Annual Action Plan.

Strategy Plan Goal 1 – Communities and Friendship:

Provide opportunities for the people of Moreland, Hume and Aileu to strengthen their communities by contributing to the development of the friendship relationship

Objectives

- 1.1 Provide opportunities for community members and staff of the Moreland and Hume City Councils to involve themselves in and support the friendship relationship
- 1.2 Collaborate with the Australian East Timorese community and organisations and Timor-Leste students in activities of mutual interest
- 1.3 Support cultural exchanges and visits between Timor-Leste and Australia

Strategy Plan Goal 2 - People and Organisations:

Support the people of Aileu in their own development and that of their local government and community organisations, especially supporting vulnerable groups such as women and youth.

Objectives

- 2.1 Provide organisational and professional development support for the Aileu Municipal Administration as it develops more effective delivery of services and moves towards responsible local government
- 2.2 Provide organisational support for the Aileu Friendship Commission, to assist it to develop its accountability and sustainability
- 2.3 Provide organisational and professional development support for Aileu non-government and community organisations to assist them to operate more sustainably.

Strategy Plan Goal 3 - Programs and Projects:

Support community development programs and projects in Aileu identified in agreement with our Aileu friends and partners

Objectives

- 3.1 Consult with the Aileu Municipal Administration, the Aileu Friendship Commission and non-government partner organisations in Aileu to identify appropriate community priorities that Friends of Aileu has the capacity to support
- 3.2 Work with Aileu government and non-government organisations to help them design, deliver and evaluate programs, projects, objectives and activities that address identified and agreed priorities and that contribute to building community capacity and sustainability.



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Strategy Plan Goal 4 - Partnerships and Networks:

Develop and maintain partnerships, collaborate with others and participate in networks that support the friendship relationship, focussing on the achievement of Goals 1 to 3

Objectives

- 4.1 Work with the Moreland and Hume City Councils to maintain and implement the East Timor Partnership Project, including operating appropriate governance and reporting mechanisms
- 4.2 Collaborate with schools, community and educational organisations and local governments that have friendship relationships with Aileu and its communities to develop mutual support mechanisms
- 4.3 Collaborate with other community groups and local governments on Timor-Leste friendship relationships and cooperation goals and objectives, including through the Australia Timor-Leste Friendship Network and the Local Government Timor-Leste Partnership Network
- 4.4 Develop partnerships with Australian organisations that can contribute to the friendship relationship with Aileu and to the objectives that Friends of Aileu supports.

Strategy Plan Goal 5 – Accountability, Capabilities and Resources:

Develop and maintain the good governance, capabilities and resources of the Friends of Aileu and individual members and supporters to contribute towards achieving Goals 1 to 4

Objectives

- 5.1 Enhance community and staff participation in Friends of Aileu Community Committee meetings and Friends of Aileu's activities
- 5.2 Develop Friends of Aileu's communications capacity and effectiveness
- 5.3 Develop and diversify Friends of Aileu's fundraising capacity
- 5.4 Organise events and conduct other activities that support the friendship relationship with Aileu and the achievement of Friends of Aileu's goals
- 5.5 Participate in other community activities that promote Friends of Aileu
- 5.6 Assist community members and staff of Moreland and Hume City Councils to develop their understanding of Timor-Leste and Aileu and their capacity to contribute to the objectives of Friends of Aileu
- 5.7 Provide reports on Friends of Aileu's objectives targeted to recipients needs and preferences.



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Friends of Aileu Community Committee Membership 2020

Membership category		
Name	Representing	Membership status
Council representatives		
Cr Joseph Haweil	Hume City Council	Chair 2019-20
Cr Karen Sherry	Hume City Council	Deputy Chair 2019-20
Cr Annalivia Carli Hannan	Moreland City Council	Representative 2019-20
Partner organisation representatives: Up to 13 partner organisation representatives		
Ben Walta (alt. Jane Burns)	CERES	Partner organisation nomination
Joe Caputo (alt. Carlo Carli)	Merri Health	Partner organisation nominations
Martin Hall	Dental Health Services Victoria	Partner organisation nominations
Sally Vong	North Richmond Community Health	Partner organisation nomination
Patricia Vickers Rich	Prime Sci!, (Swinburne and Monash Universities)	EOI appointment 2016
Tom Mahon (alt. Cameron Wheelehen)	Wild Timor Coffee	Partner organisation nomination
Katrina Langford	Timorlink	Partner organisation nomination
Community members: Up to 12 no. community member positions		
Heather Bridges	Moreland community	Nomination to committee 2016
Richard Brown		EOI appointments 2016
Mark Higginbotham		Nominations to committee 2016
Paul O’Sullivan		
Glenyys Romanes		
1 vacancy		
Anne Jungwirth	Hume community	Nominations to committee 2016
John Rutherford		Nomination to committee 2018
Helen Patsikatheodorou		
3 vacancies		
Special interest members: Up to 4 positions for persons with professional or personal interest in or connection to Timor-Leste		
Andrea Spinoso	International Development &Youth	Nomination to committee 2017
3 vacancies		
Persons co-opted by the Committee: Up to 4 persons may be co-opted		
4 vacancies		

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UPDATE No. 53

April 2020

Activities and Dates for Your Diary:

Friends of Aileu Community Committee meeting:

6:30 - 8:30 pm

Tuesday 5 May 2020

By Zoom video hook-up
Please contact the [Project Officer](#) for log in details

Subsequent meetings for 2020, all on Tuesday evening 6:30-8:30

11 June: Strategy planning workshop

7 July: Committee meeting

1 Sept: Committee meeting

13 Oct: Communications planning workshop

10 Nov: Committee meeting

With the coronavirus emergency, plans for future public events are currently under review

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Marking 20 Years of Friendship

May 2020 marks 20 years of friendship between the Moreland and Hume City Councils and their communities and the Municipality and people of Aileu.

The friendship, initially established with a *Memorandum of Understanding* signed on 4 May 2000, has since been periodically renewed with the signing of a Friendship Agreement between the two Councils and the Aileu Municipal Administration in 2005, 2010 and again 2018.



Renewing the Friendship Agreement, May 2005

Proposals for public activities to celebrate the 20 years of friendship, and for a study tour and friendship visit by the Aileu Municipal Administrator, have been put on hold due to the coronavirus emergency.

Along with our friends and partners both here and in Timor-Leste, we can, however, look back on many great times and significant achievements, and look forward to continuing to work together with Aileu in the spirit of friendship.

Keeping in touch through the coronavirus emergency

The Friends of Aileu Committee meetings on 5 May, and possibly subsequent meetings this year (see details in the Diary column at left), will be conducted by video conference.

We will also look at ways to continue to engage with

Friends of Aileu [Facebook Page](#) and [Web Page](#) will be progressively updated with material highlighting past achievements and current activities.

Please [contact the Project Officer](#), if you have some photographs or stories to share, especially of the years of the relationship.

CERES Gathering for Aileu

The year got off to a fine start with the 4th annual CERES Gathering fundraiser for Aileu held on 16 February.



Guests at CERES Gathering for Aileu

Thanks to CERES, Grassroots Gathering, the many talented performers, and all who attended, we can again support the creative and community service efforts of Arte Mambai Rai Husar and other Aileu youth focussed activities.



Arte Mambai Rai Husar at Aileu Expo Nov. 2019

Sydney Road Street Party

Thanks to CERES Global and Moreland Community Gardening who joined Friends of Aileu for a joint effort the Sydney Road Street Party on 1 March.



Moreland Community Gardening & CERES Global at Friends of Aileu stall



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Community Waste Management and Education

With funding support from Greenvale Rotary, Aileu Rotaract Club has built a segregated rubbish bin and provided waste management education at the Aileu Technical and Vocational School.



Students at official launch of new rubbish bin

The bin was inaugurated at a ceremony involving representatives of the School and the Aileu Municipal Administration.

Community Health, Nutrition, Environmental Sustainability and Local Agriculture

Merri Health funding has supported our Aileu partner organisations to deliver a range of activities in the areas of community health, nutrition, environmental sustainability and local agriculture.

Fuel efficient stoves

The St Francis Assisi Disability Workshop last year manufactured 230 small, safe fuel-efficient stoves for the Uma Ita Nian Clinic's community-based rehabilitation and nutrition program.



Community-based rehabilitation client using one of the new stoves

Thirty stoves have already been provided to households where a family member lives with a disability. Sixty more stoves have been used for subsidised promotional sales, with the remainder being available for purchase by the public and contributing to the sustainability of the disability workshop.



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Kadalak Dame community garden

The Aileu Resource and Training Centre (ARTC) has been continuing to develop the Kadalak Dame community garden.

ARTC staff members have been working with the group of village leaders carrying out maintenance activities and installing more garden beds.



Village leaders working at Kadalak Dame

They also harvested the first maize crop and will soon harvest the first soya bean crop. These foods, from the garden beds constructed by the village leaders and the CERES Global Timor 2019 team, will help establish a community food security reserve.



Drying the first maize crop from Kadalak Dame

Lequidoe Reforestation Project

Earlier this year, the Manu Casa Resource and Training Centre and community members undertook further maintenance and planting activities work on the Mt Tatabau reforestation and water conservation project



Manu Casa community members working on the reforestation project

This project, which is also supported by a donation from the Campaspe East Timor Association in Friendship, is making a real difference to the lives of the people in nearby remote villages.

Water Conservation Training

Over three days in March, PERMATIL (Timor-Leste's permaculture organisation) brought together youth representatives from eleven of Aileu's villages for a water conservation camp held near Citolau, Laulara.



Participants at PERMATIL water camp

PERMATIL will assist the young people develop water conservation, storage and aquaculture projects in their home villages.

Coronavirus Emergency

The people Aileu are facing significant challenges under the necessary restrictions on gathering and movement imposed under the national State of Emergency.

The Aileu community, supported by World Vision and Plan and others have established hand washing facilities and information sharing on reducing exposure to coronavirus.



Delivering COVID-19 supplies to Health Posts

Following approaches from youth representatives, the Aileu Anan Association liaised with the Aileu Municipal Health Service to identify any gaps in resources needed to address the coronavirus emergency.

As an initial response, Friends of Aileu provided funds for the purchase of supplies for the Sub-District Health Posts and for a COVID-19 quarantine facility being established in Aileu, and to support outreach to rural in relation to the coronavirus emergency.



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UPDATE No. 54

August 2020

Activities and Dates for Your Diary:

Friends of Aileu Community Committee meeting:

6:00 - 7:30 pm
Tuesday 1 September 2020
By Zoom video hook-up
Please contact the [Project Officer](#) for log in details

Subsequent meetings for 2020, on Tuesday evenings, start time 6:00 pm

13 Oct: Communications planning workshop

10 Nov: Committee meeting

Future fundraising activities – more details to come:

Virtual fundraising activity to support development opportunities for women and young people

Public fundraising appeal to support the 2020 Aileu Expo in November

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Continuing our friendship relationship with Aileu

Moreland and Hume City Councils both recently resolved to renew the friendship relationship with Aileu, based on an updated Friendship Agreement.



Introduction to Aileu culture for CERES Global group. Arrangements are currently being made for the mayors of the two Councils and the Aileu Municipal Administrator to sign the new agreement.



Aileu Municipal secretary meets Friends of Aileu

Preparing for the years to come

With the corona virus restrictions, the Friends of Aileu Community Committee continues to meet via video hook-up.

The committee recently adopted an updated Strategy Plan to guide our work over the next 3-5 years.

The committee will now work on a new communications plan to help us engage better with supporters and the broader community.

If you would like a copy of the Strategy Plan, or to help develop the communications plan, or to be added to an information distribution list, please [contact the Project Officer](#).

COVID-19 community relief

The Aileu Solidarity Movement (MOSAA), formed by the Aileu Trail Club and the Aileu Municipal Youth Centre, has been collecting local donations and distributing basic household food and supplies to rural poor and disadvantaged people affected by the impacts of COVID-19 on the local economy.



MOSAA members delivering to remote areas

To support continuation of this important work, the funds donated to Friends of Aileu's recent COVID-19 GoFundMe public appeal were channelled to MOSAA with the assistance of the Aileu Intellectuals' Association (AILA).



Householders receiving relief supplies

MOSAA identified households in most need in collaboration with the Aileu Police and elected village leaders in all four Administrative Posts. Delivery of the relief supplies commenced in July and is continuing during August.

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Other COVID-19 responses

Arte Mambai Rai Hussar (AMRH), with Friends of Aileu support, Aileu Rotaract, Aileu University Students Association, Uma Ita Nian Clinic women's group and Maryknoll youth groups are amongst others that are volunteering their time and resources for community relief and COVID-19 awareness activities.



AMRH delivering community relief

DFAT, through the Australian Embassy, national organisations including Maluku Timor, and international organisations Plan and World Vision have also been supporting Timor-Leste and Aileu to meet the challenges of the pandemic.



Hand washing facility at Aileu market

The work undertaken by these organisations has included provision of hand washing facilities in public places and at schools.



Hand washing facility at Das Flores school

Timor-Leste's success with controlling the spread of the corona virus has allowed a relaxation of restrictions on gatherings, with most schools having passed strict health and safety requirements for re-opening in July.



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Uma Dame renovation completed

Last year, the Aileu Municipal Youth Centre managed a major renovation of the Uma Dame meeting rooms, to which Friends of Aileu contributed.

Recently, with further support from the Kyalbram community in regional Victoria, an attractive and functional ceiling has been installed.



Classes resume in the renovated Uma Dame

To complete the project, Friends of Aileu provided funds for the electrical connection and fit out.



Electrical fit out in progress at Uma Dame

Some ongoing activities of Aileu partner organisations

Xavier Mouzinho and Olga Falcão, leaders of the Rotaract Club of Aileu, and two other young people made a two-day study tour to Atauro in July, made possible by donations in memory of Gary Jungwirth.



Xavier, Quntão, Mr Marcelo, Olga and friend

They met with Marcelo Soares Belo (Roman Luan) and Barry Hinton (Eco-Lodge) to learn about compost toilets as part of the research for the proposed public toilet project.

The Aileu Resource and Training Centre (ARTC) continued work at the Kadalak Dame garden, recently harvesting the soya bean crop and installing a bore to access groundwater.



Installing groundwater bore at Kadalak Dame

The ARTC has also continued work with the Manu Casa community, developing farmers skills in managing coffee fields and expanding the nursery to include propagation of vanilla plants.



Manu Casa nursery

As well as its COVID-19 community work, Arte Mambai Rai Hussar (AMRH) is continuing to demonstrate innovative ways of recycling waste materials into both artistic and practical objects.



AMRH retrieving usable waste materials



AMRH creatively upcycling waste



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December 2020

For your diary:

➤ To start off 2021

Friends of Aileu's first Community Committee meeting for 2021

6:00 - 7.30 pm
Tuesday 9 Feb 2021 (TBC)

CERES Gathering for Aileu – an afternoon and evening of music and much more

CERES Pavilion
Sunday 28 February 2021

➤ Future activities

Getting together to celebrate 21 years of friendship with Aileu

First week in May 2021, more details to come

The return of the Trivia Quiz night for the Aileu University Scholarship Program

Friday 27 August 2021, Coburg Town Hall, more details to come

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Vale Mr Martinho Matos

Condolences to the family of Mr Martinho Matos, Aileu District Administrator (2004-2018), who passed away in November.



Mr Martinho was a strong supporter of the friendship relationship over his 12-year tenure. He did much to help strengthen our mutual bonds, warmly welcoming many friendship delegations to Aileu and visiting Moreland and Hume in 2005 and 2010. He will be sadly missed.

CERES Gathering for Aileu, Sunday 28 February 2021

In collaboration with Grassroots Gatherings and CERES, Friends of Aileu invites you to join us at the 5th annual CERES Gathering for Aileu.



This will be a COVID-safe, all-ages afternoon and evening of friendship, with music, activities and much more. Lunch, snacks and drinks will be available for purchase. Funds raised from the event will help us continue our engagement with the youth of Aileu.



Your contribution on 28 February will help support the youth-led activities in sustainable agriculture & permaculture, environmental protection & waste management, and art, music & culture.

Water conservation training put into practice

28 young people (14 males and 14 females) from seven villages were sponsored to participate in a 4-day hands-on water conservation training conducted by PERMATIL in early October, with funds from Merri Health's 2020 donation and a GoFundMe appeal.



The participants have since been busy applying their learnings back home, constructing water retention and groundwater recharge ponds in the headwaters of local streams.



This practical work is being monitored by members of the Aileu Anan Association, four of whom also took part in the training, and by PERMATIL staff and volunteers.

Supporting the efforts of rural communities to address the poor water quality & reliability is an ongoing priority for Friends of Aileu. Implementing local water resource management, reforestation and agricultural improvement activities will help increase agricultural productivity & diversity and improve people's health, nutrition and social and economic opportunities.

15th annual Aileu Expo

The 15th annual Aileu Expo of traditional culture and local products, coordinated by the Aileu Resource and Training Centre (ARTC) and held over 26-28 November, was again a great success, involving 26 exhibitors and attracting 950 visitors over the three days.



This year there was a special focus on coffee and tourism. The Expo was supported by The Asia Foundation, whose representative opened the event with local officials (above), and by the Coffee Association of Timor and the Portuguese Cooperation's Kinta Portugal project.



Exhibitors included Friends of Aileu partners the Maryknoll Sisters Uma Itau Nian Clinic sewing group (above) and Arte Mambai Rai Husar youth art group (below).



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Farmers from the Manu Casa community in Lequidoe also attended the Expo, learning more about coffee quality and marketing.

Refresher training for Aileu health workers

Dr Gustodio Alves, Head of the Emergency Department at the Dili National Hospital, has now assembled a team of other Aileu-born doctors to continue supporting knowledge and skills development amongst Aileu's health workers.



In November, Dr Todi, with Dr Pascoal, Dr Dulce and Dr Julia, provided a one-day refresher on the science and management of medical emergencies and severe illnesses for 25 staff of the Aileu Hospital and Health Centre.

The training was well received, and an evaluation indicated significant learning by most participants.



In consultation with Aileu Health authorities, Dr Todi is preparing a plan for a program of training for 2021, with opportunities for staff located in Aileu's rural Health Posts to participate.

Friends of Aileu looks forward to further supporting this 'Aileu Helps Aileu' initiative with a contribution towards the costs including the out of pocket expenses of the volunteer trainers and participating health workers.

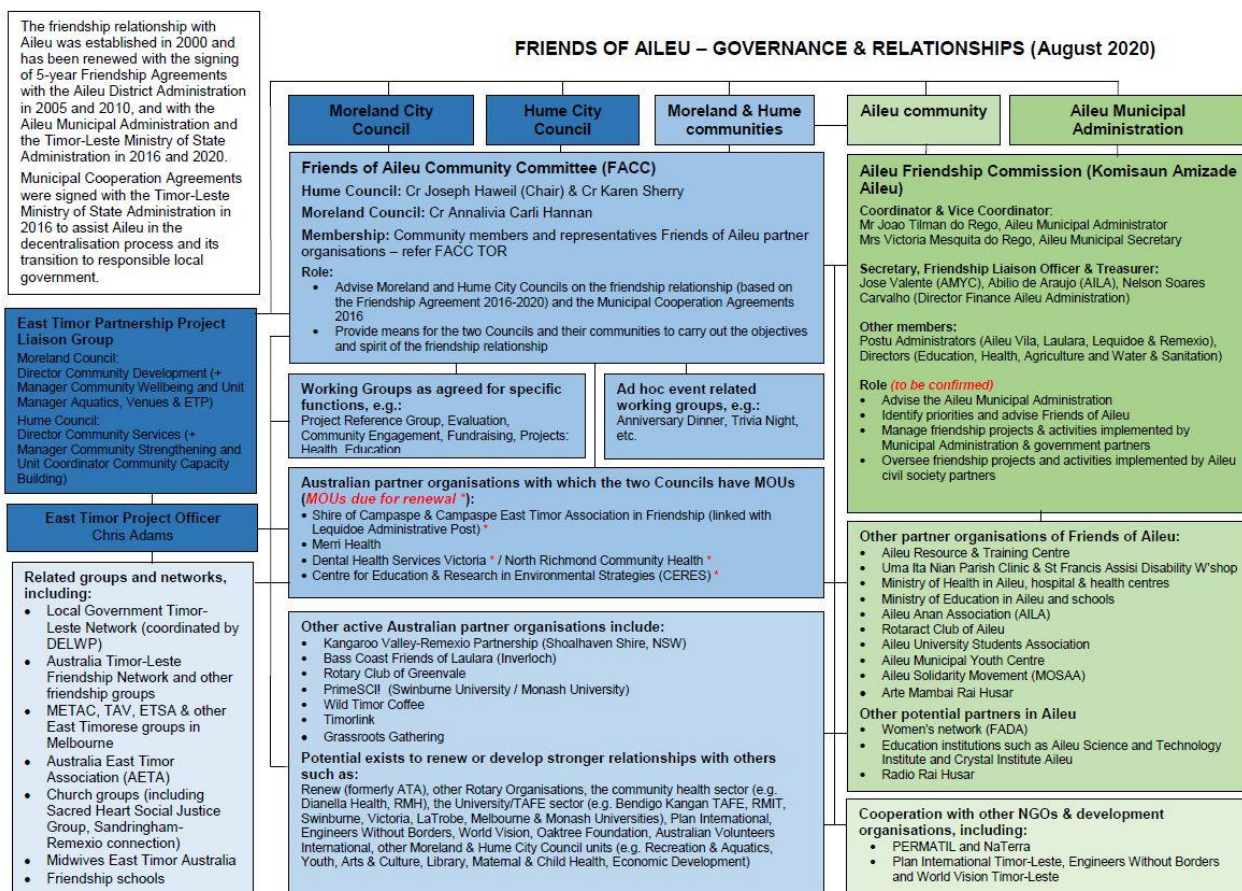
Congratulations

Friends of Aileu wishes to congratulate all our Aileu partners, and others across Timor-Leste, on their success in addressing the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic.

While there was no opportunity for travel between Australia and Timor-Leste this year, we have been able to maintain our close links, enabling the sharing of ideas and resources and accomplishing quite a bit in a most difficult year.

With our local partners, we look forward to continuing to work together in friendship and cooperation, and to more joint successes in the year ahead.

Friends of Aileu Governance and Relationships



Fundraising Income and Expenditure 2020 - Income

Income and Expenditure Items	Actuals 2019	Actuals 2019	2020 Original Budget	EOY (31 Dec) Actuals	Estimated Commitments or Dedicated funds (based on Actuals to 31 Dec) carried forward to 2021
	As reported March 2020 FACC meeting	Adjusted to ARTC actuals 2019 Report July 2020	Approved May 2020 FACC meeting		
INCOME					
Fundraising events					
Anniversary Dinner	\$1,784		\$0	\$0	
GoFundMe campaign PERMATIL water conservation	\$486		\$1,000	\$1,715	
Trivia Night	\$10,303		\$0	\$0	
Giving Circle Dinner	\$0		\$0	\$0	
Fundraising Youth Arts & Permaculture	\$4,200		\$4,500	\$4,500	
GoFundMe campaign (coronavirus 2)	\$0		\$5,000	\$4,439	
Virtual film night or other fundraiser (Aileu Expo)	\$0		\$0	\$0	
Wild Timor Coffee event and/or other donation/contribution	\$0		\$500	\$0	
	\$16,773		\$11,000	\$10,654	
Donations					
Hume City Council (Education funds 19/20)	\$5,140		\$5,200	\$5,200	
Merri Health donation (19/20)	\$25,000		\$25,000	\$20,000	
KVRP University scholarships (refund)	\$0		-\$2,070	-\$2,070	
CETAF (for water conservation training)	\$2,000		\$1,000	\$2,000	
CERES Kadalak Dame greenhouses	\$0		\$0	\$2,000	
Greenvale Rotary (Rotaract rubbish bin project)	\$1,100		\$0	\$0	
Refund from contribution to CERES Timor 2018	\$644		\$0	\$0	
Individuals	\$3,333		\$2,000	\$373	
Individuals (in memory of Gary Jungwirth)	\$2,170		\$200	\$200	
Donation in lieu of Councillor travel as part of 2019 delegation to Aileu	\$3,600		\$0	\$0	
Donation in lieu of mayoral vehicle allowance 2019-2020 term	\$0		\$7,400	\$7,400	
	\$42,987		\$38,730	\$35,103	
Fundraising sales					
Coffee, Soap, Tais etc. (FOA and Council Events events)	\$518		\$500	\$233	
Coffee, Soap, Tais, etc. (Council offices and FOA meetings)	\$1,145		\$1,000	\$227	
Coffee (MCG, Merri Health)	\$747		\$500	\$180	
	\$2,410		\$2,000	\$640	
INCOME TOTAL	\$62,169		\$51,730	\$46,397	

Fundraising Income and Expenditure 2020 – Expenditure

Income and Expenditure Items	Actuals 2019	Actuals 2019	2020 Original Budget	EOY (31 Dec) Actuals	Estimated Commitments or Dedicated funds (based on Actuals to 31 Dec) carried forward to 2021
	As reported March 2020 FACC meeting	Adjusted to ARTC actuals 2019 Report July 2020	Approved May 2020 FACC meeting		
EXPENDITURE					
Fundraising purchases					
Wild Timor Coffee	\$1,936		\$1,125	\$330	
Soap and other Kor Timor & Kew Rotary items	\$0		\$125	\$0	
	\$1,936		\$1,250	\$330	
Project expenditure in Australia					
Aileu Visitor to Melbourne	\$0		\$0	\$0	
Rotary DIK shipping	\$630		\$250	\$702	\$238
	\$630		\$250	\$702	
Project funds transferred to Timor-Leste					
Aileu Friendship Relationship Commission	\$0		\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000
Laulara projects (health and education)	\$0		\$1,862	\$0	\$1,862
Aileu University Scholarship Program	\$0		\$0	\$0	\$23,528
KVRP University Scholarships Remexio (refund)	\$0		\$2,070	\$0	
Baucau Teachers College	\$1,004		\$1,500	\$2,500	
Other education project	\$1,564		\$1,700	\$0	
ARTC staff development Ana Marques	\$1,202	\$1,802	\$2,000	\$2,600	
Total expenditure from Hume City Council Education funds	\$3,769		\$5,200	\$5,100	\$100
Other education and scholarships	\$0		\$11,000	\$0	
Total Other education and scholarships	\$0		\$11,000	\$0	\$11,000
ARTC carry over from 2018	-\$11,507	-\$11,507	\$0	\$0	
ARTC Science & Reading Contest (staff costs)	\$1,415		\$0	\$0	
ARTC Science & Reading Contest (expenses) and library	\$3,763	\$2,563	\$0	\$0	
ARTC Expo	\$3,706	\$3,793	\$0	\$3,812	
ARTC salaries	\$1,422	\$3,636	\$0	\$0	
ARTC Kadalsak Dame greenhouses	\$0		\$0	\$0	\$3,000
ARTC Manu Casa reforestation (CETAF)	\$2,000		\$1,000	\$0	
ARTC Manu Casa reforestation (Merri Health)	\$2,153		\$4,500		
ARTC Kadalsak Dome (Merri Health)	\$2,615	\$6,419	\$4,500	\$7,284	
ARTC total funding	\$6,766	\$6,766	\$12,000	\$13,636	
HIAM Health midwives professional development	\$0		\$1,800	\$0	
PERMATIL World Water Day camp	\$0		\$7,410	\$7,411	
PERMATIL water conservation training Merri Health	\$0		\$0	\$2,273	
Corona virus response 1: Municipal Health and Health Posts	\$0		\$4,170	\$4,170	
Rui Sarmento organic farm training (Merri Health)	\$0		\$2,500	\$0	
Uma Ita Nian St Francis Assisi training for stoves (Merri Health)	\$2,515		\$0	\$0	
Uma Ita Nian hygiene, women's health & economic activities	\$0		\$0	\$7,321	
Uma Ita Nian nutrition & disability program (Merri Health)	\$1,257		\$5,000	\$0	
Dom Baumeta water supply project (Merri Health)	\$6,273		\$0	\$0	
Aileu District Health (equipment, assessment visit, training)	\$0		\$6,307	\$0	\$1,628
Food preservation project	\$0		\$500	\$0	
Total expenditure from Merri Health donation	\$14,514		\$56,667	\$29,053	
Corona virus response 2: MOSAA via AILA	\$0		\$5,000	\$3,712	\$727
PERMATIL water conservation GoFundMe	\$0		\$0	\$1,942	
PERMATIL water conservation CETAF	\$0		\$0	\$2,000	
Total PERMATIL training Oct 2020	\$0		\$0	\$6,215	
Aileu Anan Association	\$0		\$1,000	\$0	
Rotaract	\$1,835		\$2,370	\$312	\$1,458
KEUMA	\$0		\$1,000	\$0	
Ancillary activities Dom Baumeta water project	\$1,502		\$0	\$0	
AMRH youth art development (Grassroots Gatherings)	\$1,888		\$4,000	\$3,954	
Municipal Youth Centre (Grassroots Gatherings and film night)	\$800		\$1,700	\$1,701	
Mira Fonseca from Mrs Attwater	\$253		\$0	\$0	
	\$25,653		\$73,889	\$52,192	
EXPENDITURE TOTAL	\$28,285		\$75,389	\$53,284	

Fundraising Income and Expenditure 2020 – Overall balance

Income and Expenditure Items	Actuals 2019			Actuals 2019			2020 Original Budget			EOY (31 Dec) Actuals	Estimated Commitments or Dedicated funds (based on Actuals to 31 Dec) carried forward to 2021
	As reported March 2020 FACC meeting			Adjusted to ARTC actuals 2019 Report July 2020			Approved May 2020 FACC meeting				
BALANCE		\$51,870.92				\$30,500.81		\$36,277.17		\$47,272.71	\$44,600.54
									includes	\$2,672.17	
Funds available 31/12/20									of uncommitted funds carried forward		
GL account 1.3159						\$29,317.33					
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Total in Moreland FOA Donations Accounts						\$47,206.37					
Spreadsheet balance						\$47,272.71					
Variance						-\$66.34					
Cash and Stock on hand						\$275.00					
Overall position 31/12/20						\$47,481.37					