



# Friends of Suai /Covalima

## Annual Report 2015-2016



City of Port Phillip signs a Municipal Cooperation Agreement with Government of Timor Leste (formerly East Timor); Kate Ring Local Government Victoria, City of Port Phillip CEO Tracey Slatter, Mayor, Cr Bernadine Voss and Minister, Hon. Natalie Hutchins MP.

## Acknowledgements

Council respectfully acknowledges the Yalukit Wilam Clan of the Boon Wurrung. We pay our respects to their Elders, both past and present. We acknowledge and uphold their continuing relationship to this land.

### Cover

Completion of the construction of the Water, Sanitation and Hygiene project (WASH) and handover to the Suai Senior Secondary School was achieved in 2016. A major public health initiative by FoS/c and CCC will provide greater opportunities for student education outcomes, especially for girls' attendance at school.

Education Study Tour participants, guides and drivers 2016.

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# Message from the Chair

It is a pleasure to present the 16th Annual Report of the City of Port Phillip (CoPP) Friends of Suai/Covalima (FoS/C). This report sets out the range of work, achievements and outcomes over the last 12 months. One of the important milestones for the year was the development of a new 4 year strategic plan by our partner, the Covalima Community Centre (CCC). This will guide the work of CCC and FoS/C till 2020. In 2010 FoS/C and CCC developed a joint Strategic Plan, which up to this year has directed our work together.

In this report you will read about other key activities undertaken in Suai over the past year. They include:

- completion of the construction of the Water, Sanitation and Hygiene project (WASH) at Suai Senior Secondary School a project which was requested by the school several years ago;
- continuation and expansion of the Scholarships program, particularly in the area of vocational training
- English language program and strengthening the capacity of English language teachers.
- computer training and ongoing development of an IT social enterprise
- signing by the City of Port Phillip of a Municipal Cooperation Agreement with the Government of Timor Leste which aims to provide a support framework for building local government in Timor Leste.
- FoS/C's first Study Tour to Timor Leste (East Timor.)

While all these activities have been extremely important for community outcomes, perhaps of even greater importance has been the change and growth at the CCC as a non-government organisation. Under the leadership of a committed Community Commission and Alberto Barros the Director of the CCC, the Centre has grown in capability. During the past year the CCC has developed more key partnerships with organisations who support their work and which will enable the CCC to become more sustainable in the longer term.

It is gratifying to also note a new generation in positions of authority in Covalima such as the Director General at Suai Hospital, the new Municipal Administrator, a new Department of Health Director and a new Director of Education. The new appointees are young, qualified, and very supportive of the CCC's work. Many of them trained at the CCC to gain computer and English skills in previous years. As both municipal government and the national infrastructure for oil and gas are developed in the district, administrative training skills will be advantageous to assist local people to gain skills for employment opportunities.

Here, in Port Phillip, Pat Jessen, FoS/C Coordinator continues to provide leadership and support to the CCC and the dedicated FoS/C volunteer working groups.





Hon Abel Guterres, Timor Leste Ambassador to Australia and Bill Armstrong A.O. Chair, Friends of Suai/Covalima 2003 – 2016 at Annual Meeting 2015

As this will be my last report as Chair of FoS/C I want to thank Council members and Council staff and the community of Port Phillip for the great support I have received as Chair of FoS/C. To be involved with a Council which had the vision and commitment to set up and support this Friendship has been both exciting and an honor.

To our partners in Timor Leste (TL), and in particular Alberto Barros the CCC Director, I not only thank them for their support but want to congratulate them on their dedication, hard work and achievements. The growth in their capacity to provide leadership and training for the people of Covalima has been remarkable.

Finally to the volunteer members of FoS/C, our loyal donors and in particular Pat Jessen, our tireless Coordinator, I thank you all for your support, vision and leadership. Your work in developing this people-to-people and community-to-community friendship has helped to showcase the important role genuine relationships play in international development.

**Bill Armstrong AO**  
Chair Friends of Suai/Covalima

# Strategic Goal 1

## Strengthen capability and involvement in the Covalima community

### EDUCATION AND TRAINING

#### Scholarships

The FoS/C scholarships program continued to provide opportunities for young people from the Covalima District to engage in vocational training and enhance their future job prospects. In addition, this year the scholarships extended to include secondary education at Don Bosco Secondary Technical School in Maliana, which provides a good grounding for science and maths students hoping to gain entry to university. In total 26 students passed all the processes and were admitted to accredited courses in East Timor as follows: 2 males undertaking trade training at Don Bosco Training Centre in Dili; 10 students, 8 female 2 male, studying at the Canossian Centre in Suai in hospitality and administration; 4 students, 3 female and 1 male doing trade training at the Claretian Centre in Salele, Covalima; 4 students, 2 female and 2 male at Maliana Technical Secondary School; 1 female



Simao Noronha & Honorio Gusmao in their 3rd year of teacher training at Baucau Primary Teachers' College, they both hope to specialise in maths, science and English language.



All five girls from rural villages in Covalima have settled into their Nursing/Midwifery Bachelor Degree at UNTL, Dili.

student studying primary teaching at Baucau. In addition, for the first time 5 female students gained entry to the nursing course at Timor-Leste National University in Dili. 2 students awarded scholarships previously are continuing their primary teacher training at Baucau and are in their final year.

The vocational trainees who graduated from training during this reporting period comprised 2 students completing Certificates 1 & 2 in administration (1 female, 1 male), 2 in Certificate 1 in general construction and hospitality (1 female, 1 male), 1 female from hospitality training and 1 female from primary teacher training.

Since 2012 when this program commenced, 55 (25 female and 30 male) students have completed certificates 1 & 2 in trades (carpentry, masonry, mechanics, welding, electricity, plumbing, hospitality and administration, which includes computer skills) in accredited training centres and 2 have graduated with diplomas in primary teaching

Of these, there are 29 (14 female and 15 male) now employed in a range of

occupations including shop assistant manager, shop keeper, restaurant cook and waitress, a teacher introducing and mentoring on new curriculum, NGO paid staff and volunteer, mechanic in vehicle workshop, logistic officer in Airport Project, and as electrician, carpenter, and welder in house construction and projects in Dili and Suai, a driver for business activities in Suai, administration officer at Suai Church. One person is establishing his own business in welding, one is continuing university – studying pharmacy in the Phillipines, one is undertaking Certificate 3 training facilitated by SEPFOPE and one is working in Australia facilitated by SEPFOPE.

CCC is now maintaining a database to endeavour to record and track the employment progress of all trainees since 2013.

### Community training

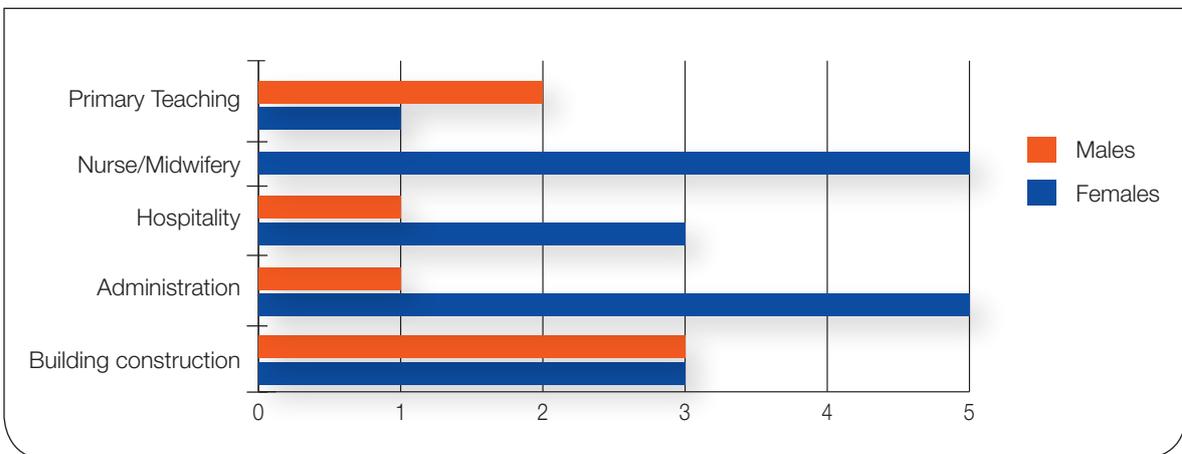
Community training in English and IT at the CCC continued during the year, with 158 trainees completing English training, 111 female and 47 male.

CCC also delivered English training to other organizations or institutions in Covalima, notably to personnel in the health sector and to students at another training centre.

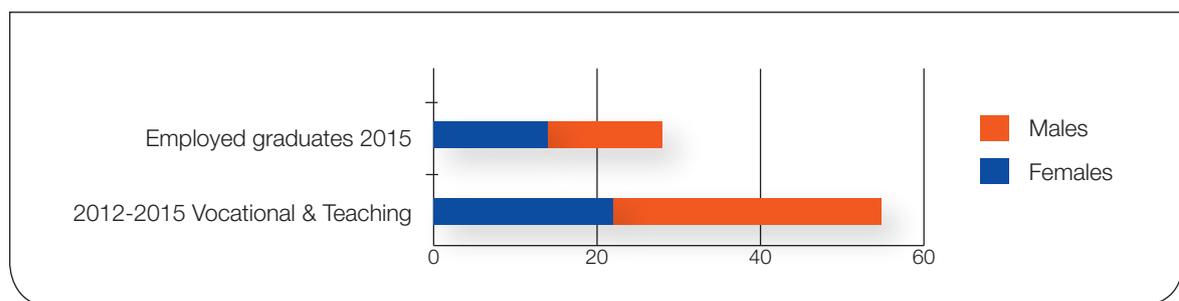
10 doctors and nurses (5 women and 5 men) participated in Basic English at their work place at Suai Referral Hospital of whom 8 (3 women and 5 men) completed the training successfully. 6 of these participants continued to Pre-Intermediate level and were awarded certificates after assessment.

12 officers from the District Health Service (3 women and 9 men) undertook Basic English training with 8 (3 women and 5 men) successfully completing the course.

CCC trainers were contracted to deliver English classes to 59 students (45 female and 14 male) who were studying for Certificates 1 and 2 in Administration, in Hospitality and in Foundation Studies at the Canossian Vocational Training Centre in Suai. The 59 included 9 students funded by FoS/C scholarships.



A mix of students on scholarship in 2016: university entrants, primary teaching, vocational and technical high school, of which 70% of students this year are female.



The result of 53% employment rate is impressive, especially given the constraints on employment in Timor Leste.



English language students at CCC.

## IT SOCIAL ENTERPRISE

### IT Computer Training

During the year, the CCC IT social enterprise enrolled 411 trainees (208 female and 203 male) with 198 (100 female and 98 male) successfully completing and being awarded certificates. The students combined IT training with English Language for six months. IT training was provided also to National Police of Timor-Leste (PNTL) with certificates awarded to 55, 17 female and 48 male.



Students taking IT and English training at CCC.

## CCC IS A REGISTERED AND ACCREDITED TRAINING ORGANISATION

The CCC received news in March 2016 from the Timor Leste government training authority, SEPFOPE, that it has been accredited as a registered training organisation for the national certificate in Administration with a focus on IT. Community training in IT and English language at the centre has been provided since 2005. The Centre is now providing training to government departments in the district. The CCC has submitted their proposal to run accredited Administration training later in 2016.

## STRENGTHENING THE CAPACITY OF ENGLISH TEACHERS

### Books for English classes

In response to requests, FoS/C has provided assistance for some years to strengthen the work of teachers of English in the district. Two strategies were followed to assist the teachers during this year. Following the review of a pilot

program undertaken with three schools last year; further schools in the district have been provided with books for teachers to use with their classes. The CCC has gathered feedback from the teachers on the pilot program and on other schools that are keen to participate in the district.

### Support Materials Prepared for Timorese Secondary English Language Teachers

The other main input from FoS/C was the completion of the English Language Notes for Teachers from Y7 - Y12, prepared by FoS/C volunteers in Melbourne, led by Barbara Selvay. This was a considerable undertaking resulting in a complete set of notes to accompany the set English textbooks used in schools. The notes were distributed to all English teachers in the district who have reported on the usefulness of these notes, which helped them enormously. The notes contain answers to the more difficult questions, vocabulary definitions and other useful background information about the modules. The Notes for Teachers have also been provided to the TL Ministry of Education and to several other Friendship groups in Victoria, for use in other districts.

The Ministry of Education curriculum department has now decided to circulate the FOS/C teacher notes to all English language teachers in initiative will be of great benefit to teachers and students. A big thank you to all.



Barbara Selvay assisted by FoS/C volunteers prepared teacher notes for the Yr. 7–12 English language curriculum for Covalima teachers soon to be distributed by the TL Ministry of Education to all teachers of English.



Almerio Mendonça, the librarian attended a one day training session in Dili at the Xanana Reading Room on library software; looking towards the future when the library has better access to power and computers.

## LIBRARY

The Suai Senior Secondary School Library continues to play an important role in the life of the school, being well used by students and teachers alike. This year several posters on health and hygiene were added to the resources displayed there, to tie in with the health and hygiene training conducted in conjunction with the completion of the water and sanitation facilities at the school. Records show that there were 4,518 student visits and 358 teacher visits to the library to read or study there. 685 students and 121 teachers borrowed books. Most popular books read and borrowed are for Chemistry, Portuguese, English, Biology, Physics and Mathematics.

## ENVIRONMENT AND AGRICULTURE

### Oxfam agriculture project

In late 2015, CCC developed a new agricultural program in partnership with Oxfam. The project was initially a pilot for just six months but has now been extended to three years. The pilot project focussed on supporting agricultural development in two rural communities in Lalawa and Taroman sub-districts as well as the development of a demonstration plot at the CCC. These locations were selected because the communities have expressed interest in improving food production and the CCC

already has a working relationship in these villages through Rural Women's Development Project. The project provides quality training to improve food production, including making compost and organic pesticides, seed selection and management, good economic management and responding to new markets. The three-year program will extend the project to three new villages, and will introduce group savings activities as well as agricultural and marketing support.



Staff development training at the Covalima Community Centre with Lyn Jenkins.

## STAFF DEVELOPMENT

- CCC staff and trainees from the Canossian Centre participated in website design workshop with on content, design, photos and management for free domain website by Lyn Jenkins, Director of Disruptive Media who volunteered to deliver training to CCC staff.
- Antoinetta Moniz, CCC Finance Assistant trained at East Timor Development Agency and awarded certificate 1 & 2 in Financial Training
- RWDP Program officer and CCC Agriculture field staff participated in Saving For Change (SFC) micro finance workshop in Oecusse facilitated by Oxfam
- Oxfam Program officer and field staff attended two days training on 'Practice of Resources Assessment' before designing program and project. The training was facilitated by PERMATIL, Dili.

- 4 CCC staff participated in disability inclusion training facilitated by Oxfam at CCC.
- FoS/C conducted workshops on Reporting, Monitoring, Working with International NGOs and Community Development and Advocacy in 2016.
- IWDA Program manager and IWDA senior manager for Timor-Leste conducted a monitoring and evaluation workshop .

## HEALTH

### WASH PROJECT AT SUAI SENIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL COMPLETED

This project has been the most ambitious joint undertaking of FoS/C and CCC, and both partners have learned much along the way. A major public health issue facing the district is that few schools have a reliable water supply, or toilets for children and teachers to use. The construction of a new toilet block and renovation of existing but unusable toilets was



The CCC staff, the school community and local MP successfully lobbied the government for the upgrade of power to the school.



The hygiene packs with reusable sanitary pads donated to girl students by Days for Girls, Brighton.



A major aim of the WASH project is to improve girls' attendance at school.



CCC and student trainers hold a workshop making the connection between hygiene and good health.

completed this year, a water tank and septic tank were installed and water was connected to all facilities. 6 new toilets were constructed with disability access, 12 existing toilets renovated and hand basins installed in all the toilet blocks. The introduction of health and hygiene training for the school community was part of the final phase of the project.

This project has brought water and sanitation to the school students who this year total 1,542 (822 girls and 680 boys) as well as approximately 70 teachers at the school. The water supply will also benefit a nearby community who use the community water tank.



Washing hands with soap and water in the new hand-basins.

A problem due to the unstable electricity supply at the school which affected the reliability of the water pump was resolved when the school and the CCC lobbied the government to replace the old power supply. The Ministry responded positively and the old power supply was replaced with one of greater capacity, which benefits the school as well as the communities in villages around the school.

With the assistance of the CCC health officer, health and hygiene training will continue on an ongoing basis. The school has formed a WASH committee responsible for maintenance and operation of the facilities. Parents at the school have agreed to contribute 25 cents per month to cover the upkeep of WASH. Overall the monitoring of the project will be undertaken by the CCC. This will track the use and maintenance of the systems with the aim to monitor the





Water and sanitation will be a major public health benefit to the Suai school community. L to R: Megs Alston FoS/C, Alberto Barros, Director CCC, Alex da Cruz Principal, Pat Jessen FoS/C, Graciano Gusmao, Project Manager & Almerio Mendonça, School Librarian

impact on students' attendance in the longer term. To this end, a baseline study of attendance was completed prior to the opening of the new facilities. The WASH project was handed over to the school to manage at a ceremony at the end of June 2016.

As mentioned in last year's report, Rotary International has provided an invaluable donation of \$35,000 USD in support of the WASH project, and FoS/C has received substantial pro bono technical advice from water engineers in Timor Leste and from Australia. Significant time inputs were made by FoS/C volunteers and the project was a major focus for the FoS/C Coordinator and CCC Logistics Coordinator this year.

### WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT – RURAL WOMEN'S DEVELOPMENT PROJECT (RWDP)

This project has been running for 6 years, funded by International Women's Development Agency. The RWDP team of two women at the CCC is working with nine women's groups, involving some 100 women. An evaluation by an external evaluator has shown that the project has succeeded in fulfilling its objectives in empowering women economically, supporting them to take on leadership roles in the community, and encouraging a shift in gender relations in the household and the community.



The handover of the WASH project at school was celebrated in June 2016 with Carlene Harlock representing FoS/C with Principi Alex da Cruz and Alberto Barros. The school community will now manage the facility.

Further, with the increasing opportunities for engagement with government at community level, it is of great significance that four women leaders have nominated to run for election as the Suco Chief in October 2016, and others are already engaged in the village level National Suco Development Project (PNDS) committees. The confidence shown by these nominees can be attributed to the opportunities for leadership, gender training and participation in forums where women can speak out publicly that the project has provided over the years. Finally, on 30 June 2016 the CCC Director, who manages the program, spoke on the issue of gender to a district level meeting of local leaders. His presentation highlighted the importance not only of the project achievements but the way that the CCC staff's own understanding of gender issues had increased and that all staff are encouraged to implement equitable practices at work and at home. This shows that the CCC has become an effective agent of change in promotion of women's equality.

# Strategic Goal 2

## Practise good governance and management in our Friendship

### CCC AUDIT

An audit of CCC was conducted in 2016 by an accounting and audit firm based in Dili. This resulted in CCC obtaining a clean audit, with recommendations for further improvement being acted upon following the audit report. This is a very good result for the CCC which has benefited from support and advice from FoS/C in developing financial skills and experience in the CCC staff.

Effective and accountable financial management is the corner stone of NGO accountability and sustainability and a key component of program and organisational management. A workshop for CCC Commission on the aims and objectives of the audit was held prior to its commencement.

### FOS/C VOLUNTEER PLACEMENT 2015

FoS/C volunteer Prue Healy worked in Suai with the CCC for 6 months in 2015. She assisted CCC to strengthen capacity in a number of areas including the development of a proposal for an agricultural project and with drafting and revision of CCC policies. Prue helped English



Prue Healy spent 6 months in Suai mentoring in organisational development and health and well being.



Alberto Barros, CCC Director facilitating the strategic planning session for commission and staff explaining the global sustainability goals.

tutors improve their English and followed up the website design with staff involved in previous training. She also worked with the CCC staff on the development of health and hygiene training, and the formation of the school WASH Committee. Her commitment to learning and understanding Tetum was greatly appreciated by staff at the CCC and enabled her to make friends in the local community.

### NEW CCC STRATEGIC PLAN

In June 2016 the CCC developed a new Strategic Plan for 2016-2020. This was a significant step for the CCC as in the past the FoS/C and CCC have operated under a joint strategy, mutually agreed. Coordinator, Pat Jessen, and Committee member, Megs Alston, assisted the CCC Director to facilitate a strategy planning day attended by CCC staff and Commission members. The outcomes were clear and a new plan has been drafted with five strategic goals including a new focus area on land ownership and land rights.

In addition, workshops held with CCC staff on Monitoring, on Reporting and on Community Development were facilitated by Pat Jessen and committee members Ann Wigglesworth and Megs Alston in Suai in June 2016.



CCC Commission and staff following the workshop that drafted the new CCC Strategic Plan 2016-2020 .

### TIMOR LESTE PARTNERSHIP NETWORK WITH LOCAL GOVERNMENT VICTORIA

Coordinator Pat Jessen attended bi-monthly meetings of the Local Government Victoria's (LGV) Timor Leste Partnership Network. The working group monitors efforts and contributes where possible toward development of decentralised municipal government in Timor Leste. LGV hosts ongoing delegations to Australia who train in local government processes and systems.

In April 2016, the City of Port Phillip welcomed a delegation from Timor Leste national

directors from State Administration, who were in Melbourne for professional development in areas of local government. Council Officers provided a walking tour related to regulation of kerbside trading, traffic sustainability and parking management. The group was interested in the way local government coordinates and enforces local laws. Gabi Allenyne, St Kilda Market Manager talked to the delegation about the market and street trading in St Kilda.

### 2016 MUNICIPAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH TIMOR LESTE SIGNED BY COUNCIL

In conjunction with several other Victorian municipalities which enjoy friendship relationships with Timor Leste counterparts, a Municipal Agreement with Timor Leste was signed at a ceremony at State Parliament on April 13, 2016. The Mayor, Cr Bernadene Voss and CEO, Tracey Slatter signed the agreement formalising the desire to develop and strengthen cooperation between Timorese and Victorian Municipalities and their populations by offering support for decentralisation in Timor Leste. This will occur mainly through sharing professional experience and knowledge, skills advice and mentoring. Ten municipalities have now signed agreements with the government of Timor Leste.



TL Government delegation visit City of Port Phillip for information on local laws and street trading.

# Strategic Goal 3

## Build community awareness and involvement in the City of Port Philip

Quarterly newsletters and articles in *Diversity*, the City of Port Phillip newsletter were produced which continue to highlight the work and provide information to the community about activities here and in Timor Leste. Donations from committed donors have totalled some \$50,000 this year, which extends the effectiveness of FoS/C programs and projects, in particular for the scholarships program which would not be possible without this support. Funds were also raised through a film night and a successful Trivia Night held at the Middle Park Bowls Club in April 2016. As well as raising funds, the trivia night was a very enjoyable evening attended by around 130 people.



FoS/C Trivia night was great fun and attracted 130 guests raising \$9,000 with two bands, the Geezers and Timor Students Band performing.

### BOOK LAUNCH – ACTIVISM AND AID

Dr Ann Wigglesworth's Book 'Activism and Aid: Young citizens' experiences of development and democracy in Timor-Leste' was launched in March 2016 by Bill Armstrong AO, Chair of FoS/C and Pat Walsh, Human Rights Campaigner. Ann's book highlights the fact that the ideas about appropriate development vary due to the very different life experiences of the older and younger generations. The book traces the development of the emerging new nation drawing on the experiences of the younger generation, critically analysing how men and women, urban dwellers and rural subsistence farmers, are affected by development aid.

Since 2004 Ann has contributed her time and knowledge to support the work of City of Port Phillip's friendship with Timor Leste. She is a member of the Friends of Suai/Covalima, Council's community advisory group. She chose to interview Suai activists as part of the postgraduate research that forms the core of this book.



Ann Wigglesworth with Filomena dos Reis and Gizela de Carvalho, both activists who feature in the book.



The Stewart family with Mayor Amanda Stevens, Cr Thomann and Ambassador Abel Guterres.

## PORT PHILLIP REMEMBERS BALIBO FIVE ON 40TH ANNIVERSARY

On the 40th anniversary of the death of the five journalists killed by the pro Indonesian forces in Balibo, Timor Leste in 1975 and following an approach by the Stewart family, the City of Port Phillip agreed to plant a tree to honour their brother and former St Kilda resident Tony Stewart who, aged 21, was the youngest of the five Australian newsmen murdered. The public ceremony paid respects to the five journalists and Roger East who investigated the tragedy and was killed in December, 1975 in Dili. The Media Entertainment and Arts Alliance (MEAA) launched an annual scholarship to train a Timorese journalism student on the day. The Stewart family lived in the municipality for many years and the ceremony was attended by members of his family along with Tony's former colleague Mal Walden, Timor-Leste Ambassador Abel Guterres and Honorary Consul Rae Kingsbury. Former Mayor Amanda Stevens and Councillors Serge Thomann and Jane Touzeau also attended the event.



The Balibo 5 commemoration at the St Kilda Botanical Gardens and tree planting for Tony Stewart.

## ANNUAL MEETING 2015

At the annual general meeting of the supporters and committee members of FoS/C on November, 2015 at St Kilda Town Hall, we heard from the Honourable Abel Guterres, Timor Leste Ambassador to Australia, regarding the matters related to the maritime boundaries between Timor Leste and Australia and the impact this will have on the economy of Timor Leste.



Hon Abel Guterres discussing maritime boundaries in the Timor Sea.

In his address the Ambassador asked for support for a campaign to request the present Australian Government to "Right the Wrongs" with respect to previous Government(s) decisions in negotiating the boundaries between our two countries. He emphasised this should be a respectful campaign recognizing we are friends and neighbours and have many decades of supporting each other going back to WW2.

Australia has refused to enable this matter to be taken to the International Courts and demanded any challenge be heard in Australian courts. As well, during the negotiations regarding the sharing of the oil reserves in the Timor Sea, it has been revealed that Australian security forces illegally gathered information from within Timor Leste.

At the council meeting in December 2015 the following motion was carried:

*"The Council of the City of Port Phillip calls on the Australian Government to 'Right the Wrongs' of previous administrations by making the necessary changes to decisions and policies, in order to enable new negotiations to be entered into between the Governments of Timor Leste and Australia regarding our maritime boundaries and the sharing of the oil reserves in the Timor Sea."*

# Strategic Goal 4

## Build our knowledge of Friendship between our communities

### STUDY TOUR

Eight participants joined the FoS/C Study Tour to Timor Leste in September 2015. The focus of the tour was education, which has been a major focus for FoS/C for many years. The emphasis on education is an insightful way to understand the challenges of development in Timor Leste. Half its population of 1.2 million is under 21. The population youth bubble puts strain on resources in Education with a response to demand in rural areas still very slow and a huge shortage of learning materials and infrastructure. With the exodus of Indonesians, the nation lost 20% of its primary school teachers and 80% of secondary teachers. Establishing a system of nine years compulsory free education remains a huge challenge. In 2015 less than 6% of the Timor-Leste national budget was dedicated to the education sector.

The tour group was briefed on the current education situation in Dili by Dr. Helen Hill, Education Adviser at UNTL and visited key vocational and teacher training institutions in Dili, Suai and Baucau. The Tour was a good way also to meet local people in a social and professional environment and see the stunning country-side from sea level to the highlands. Each participant was self-funding and raised \$1000 each as a donation to the FoS/C scholarship program.

### SHARING INFORMATION ON REFORESTATION WITH CCC

A presentation by Andrew Mahar, Director WithOneSeed, Reforestation Project, Baguia was well received by Commission members and CCC staff in July 2015. Andrew explained the success to date of the Baguia reforestation project. The WithOneSeed project includes replanting the forests of Baguia for environmental sustainability, building local village economies through putting



The emphasis on education was an insightful way for the study tour group to understand the challenges of development in Timor Leste.

an earned dollar in the pockets of subsistence farmers, delivering practical, hands-on, education and training in agroforestry and permaculture and creating regional partnerships between Australia and Timor-Leste. The Timor Ministry of Agriculture has signed a letter of confirmation of partnering WithOneSeed on a carbon exchange program in Timor Leste. Andrew provided an overview of the WithOneSeed project in Baguia discussing the potential to develop a similar model in Covalima with interested farmers. The need for reforestation was reaffirmed in the new CCC Strategic Plan 2016-2020.

## FRIENDS OF SUAI PROGRAM INCOME & EXPENDITURE REPORT

### 01 JULY 2015 TO 30 JUNE 2016

#### Friends of Suai Combined activities

	AU \$	AU \$
<b>Opening Balance as at 01 July 2015:</b>		
Trust Account I	2,579	
Donation Account	3,589	
<b>Opening Balance Total</b>		<b>6,167</b>
<b>Income</b>		
City of Port Phillip core funding	142,598	
Net Sales income	619	
Donations	32,326	
Fundraising – Study Tour	9,000	
Fundraising – Trivia Night	8,935	
Interest	85	
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>193,562</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
• In Australia		
Program Coordination & On-costs	62,921	
Office Expenses (Australia)	1,973	
Total In Australia Expenditure	64,894	
• Other Expenses		
CCC Grants	45,300	
Travel	10,000	
Catering	1,795	
Materials	884	
Activities:		
• WASH Project	4,924	
• Scholarships	36,816	
• Volunteer – Prue Healy + Carlene Harlock	3,635	
• CCC Car maintenance	1,988	
• Health Promotion Officer	1,230	
• Shipments / Computers	1,364	
• Know Our World	408	
• Health & Hygiene packs	500	
• Library salaries	3,064	
• Library resources	1,387	
• CCC Workshop & supplies	498	
• Tais weaving	192	
• Trivia Night	189	
Bank Fees	67	
Total Other Expenditure		114,240

## FRIENDS OF SUAI PROGRAM INCOME & EXPENDITURE REPORT

### 01 JULY 2015 TO 30 JUNE 2016

	AU \$	AU \$
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<b><u>179,134</u></b>
<b>Closing Balance</b>		<b><u>20,596</u></b>
<b>Closing Balance by account</b>		
Trust Account I	7,570	
Donations Account	<u>13,025</u>	
<b>Closing Balance</b>		<b><u>20,596</u></b>

#### Donations transferred direct to Suai (tax deductible donations)

Tradewinds Pty Ltd – WASH Health and Hygiene	AUD	7,128
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#### City of Port Phillip Friends of Suai allocation

	Budget	Actual	Variance
Program Coordination & On-costs	55,984	62,921	(6,937)
Office Expenses (Australia)	600	1,973	(1,373)
Other Expenses:			
CCC Grants	42,230	45,300	
Travel	12,300	10,000	
Catering / Events / Meetings	3,588	1,772	
Materials	1,538	884	
Activities:	23,575		
• Scholarships		5,509	
• WASH		4,924	
• Volunteer – Prue Healy + Carlene Harlock		3,635	
• CCC Car maintenance		1,988	
• Shipments (computers)		1,364	
• Health Promotion Officer		1,230	
• Know Our World		408	
• Health & Hygiene packs		500	
• Trivia Night		189	
Total Other Expenses	<u>83,231</u>	<u>77,704</u>	<u>5,527</u>
	<u>139,815</u>	<u>142,598</u>	<u>(2,783)</u>

## FRIENDS OF SUAI PROGRAM INCOME & EXPENDITURE REPORT

### 01 JULY 2015 TO 30 JUNE 2016

#### City of Port Phillip Friends of Suai Trust account I

	AU \$	AU \$
Opening Balance as at 01 July 2015		2,579
Transfers from Donation account		20,309
Plus Income:		
Net Sales income	619	
Donations – Trivia Night	2,643	
Donations – Study Tour	3,000	
Donations	14,890	
Total income	21,152	
Less Project Expenditure:		
Scholarships	31,306	
Library salaries	3,064	
Library resources	1,387	
CCC Workshop & supplies	498	
Tais weaving	192	
Events & meetings	23	
	(36,470)	
<b>Closing Balance as at 30 June 2016</b>		<b>7,570</b>

#### Friends of Suai Donation account

	AU \$	AU \$
Opening Balance as at 01 July 2015		3,589
Plus:		
Donations	17,436	
Fundraising – Study Tour	6,000	
Fundraising – Trivia night	6,291	
Interest	85	
	29,812	
Less:		
Transfers to Suai – via Trust Account	20,309	
Bank Fees	67	
	(20,376)	
<b>Closing Balance as at 30 June 2016</b>		<b>13,025</b>