

## Dates for your diary

Friday 5 October – Friends of Aileu-METAC 'Welcome Dinner' at the Holy Child Community Centre, 133 Malmsbury Drive, Meadow Heights – traditional East Timorese food and music – entry by donation.

Saturday 13 October – Fundraiser in aid of micro-credit organisation, *Moris Rasik*, at Our Lady Help of Christians church hall, East Brunswick. Contact Bridgid at [bsaomes@optusnet.com.au](mailto:bsaomes@optusnet.com.au)

Tuesday 16 October – Friends of Aileu Community Committee meeting, Moreland Civic Centre – meet the new Aileu Project Officer

Sunday 28 October – Kangan Batman TAFE Walkathon in Broadmeadows – in aid of Friends of Aileu. For information contact Karen on 9279 2552 or Gianna on 9279 2599

## Trivia night raises over \$10,000

This year's Friends of Aileu Trivia Night, held at the Coburg Town Hall on Friday 10 August, raised more than \$10,500 towards the Cr Andy Ingham - Aileu Scholarship Fund.

MC Shane Maloney entertained a crowd of over 250 people, assisted by the Melbourne Ukulele Collective and Tara Sanders from Circus Oz – who all gave their services free of charge.



Participants at the Trivia Night

There are several more fundraising events planned for October – see 'dates for your diary'

## Project coordinator to visit Timor-Leste

Richard Brown, the Friends of Aileu Project Coordinator, will visit Timor-Leste for two weeks, from 14-29 September. He plans to meet with Government officials, our project

partners and other NGO representatives. He will also be checking on the progress of projects, including the scholarship program and the new Aileu Resource & Training Centre. He will be joined by the CEO of Moreland Community Health Centre, Philip Moran and the President of the Board, Katerina Angelopoulos, who will be meeting with health officials in Dili and Aileu. MCHS recently funded the purchase of a vehicle for use by the government health clinic in Aileu. He will give a report on his visit at the next FACC meeting on 16 October (see opposite).

## ATA plans new installations in Aileu

Two teams of volunteers from the Alternative Technology Association will be working in Aileu District in October. The first team will install new solar systems in the local police station, a community hall and in the District Administrator's offices to power the emergency radio.

They will also be consulting with the community in Besilau village about a proposed scheme to install solar powered lights in every household.

The second team will be installing a pilot wind generator in Lequidoe sub-district.

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## Council sells compact globes to aid Aileu



Moreland Council, in association with the Moreland Energy Foundation and the ATA, has begun selling compact fluorescent light globes, with all of the profits going to solar projects in Aileu. The globes last up to five times longer than a conventional globe and use 80% less power, saving energy and reducing greenhouse gas emissions. The globes sell for \$6.50 each.

## Coburg Library displays East Timorese craft



Dolls in traditional East Timorese costumes on display at Coburg Library

The display included hand-made dolls in traditional East Timorese costumes, made by Meadow Heights resident Marga Pires. Basketware, also made by Marga, traditional woven *tais*, pottery and books about Timor, were on display.

The display was also accompanied by a talk by Ismenio Martins da Silva, who is doing a Masters degree at Victoria University. Ismenio, on whom the character of Ismenio in the ABC mini-series *'Answered by Fire'* was based, talked about the making of the film and about his life.

## Moora Moora Community fundraiser



Gary Jungwirth (r) talking to Graeme George at Moora Moora

The men who live at Moora Moora Community near Healesville took over the kitchen at the community centre recently to cook for a special fundraising dinner in aid of the Besilau community in Aileu District. Gary Jungwirth, Chair of the

FACC, spoke about his observation of the recent elections in Timor-Leste, and over \$600 was raised on the night towards projects in Besilau

## STOP PRESS!! New Project officer For Aileu

Chris Adams has been appointed as the new Australian Volunteers International-Friends of Aileu Project Officer in Aileu. Chris who, has a back ground as an engineer and a long association with Timor-Leste, will take up the appointment at the beginning of November. He will be working with the District Administration on project management and administration. You can meet him, before he leaves for Timor-Leste, at the next FACC meeting on 16 October,

**For more information about Friends of Aileu, visit our web pages at:**

[www.moreland.vic.gov.au/publications/aileu-fr.htm](http://www.moreland.vic.gov.au/publications/aileu-fr.htm) or [www.hume.vic.gov.au](http://www.hume.vic.gov.au) (go to About Council)

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