

FRIENDS OF AILEU – GOVERNANCE & RELATIONSHIPS (April 2019)

The friendship relationship with Aileu was established in 2000 and has been renewed with the signing of 5-year Friendship Agreements with the Aileu District Administration in 2005 and 2010, and with the Aileu Municipal Administration and the Timor-Leste Ministry of State Administration in 2016.

Municipal Cooperation Agreements were signed with the Timor-Leste Ministry of State Administration in 2016 to assist Aileu in the decentralisation process and its transition to responsible local government.

East Timor Partnership Project Liaison Group

Moreland Council: Director Social Development (with Manager Social Policy & Early Years and Unit Coordinator CD&SP)

Hume Council: Director Community Services (with Manager Community Development & Learning and Unit Coordinator CCB)

East Timor Project Officer Chris Adams

Related groups and networks, including:

- Local Government Timor-Leste Network (coordinated by DELWP with DPC)
- Australia Timor-Leste Friendship Network and other friendship groups
- METAC, TAV, ETSA & other East Timorese groups in Melbourne
- Australia East Timor Association (AETA)
- Church groups (including Sacred Heart Social Justice Group, Sandringham-Remexio connection)
- Midwives East Timor Australia
- Friendship schools

Moreland City Council

Hume City Council

Moreland & Hume communities

Aileu community

Aileu Municipal Administration

Friends of Aileu Community Committee (FACC)

Hume Council: Cr Karen Sherry (Chair) & Cr Joseph Haweil

Moreland Council: Cr Annalivia Carli Hannan

Membership: Community members and representatives Friends of Aileu partner organisations – refer FACC TOR

Role:

- Advise Moreland and Hume City Councils on the friendship relationship (based on the Friendship Agreement 2016-2020) and the Municipal Cooperation Agreements 2016
- Provide means for the two Councils and their communities to carry out the objectives and spirit of the friendship relationship

Working Groups as agreed for specific functions, e.g.: Project Reference Group, Evaluation, Community Engagement, Fundraising, Projects: Health, Education

Ad hoc event related working groups, e.g.: Anniversary Dinner, Trivia Night, etc.

Australian partner organisations with which the two Councils have MOUs (MOUs due for renewal *):

- Shire of Campaspe & Campaspe East Timor Association in Friendship (linked with Lequidoe Administrative Post) *
- Merri Health
- Dental Health Services Victoria / North Richmond Community Health *
- Centre for Education & Research in Environmental Strategies (CERES) *

Other active Australian partner organisations include:

- Kangaroo Valley - Remexio Partnership (Shoalhaven Shire, NSW)
- Bass Coast Friends of Laulara (Inverloch)
- Wild Timor Coffee Company
- PrimeSCI! (Swinburne University / Monash University)
- Rotary Club of Greenvale
- Timorlink
- Renew (formerly Alternative Technology Association)

Potential exists to develop stronger relationships with others such as:

Other Rotary Organisations, the community health sector (e.g. Dianella Health, RMH), the University/TAFE sector (e.g. Bendigo Kangan TAFE, RMIT, Swinburne, Victoria, LaTrobe, Melbourne & Monash Universities), Plan International, Engineers Without Borders, World Vision, Oaktree Foundation & other young people and groups, Australian Volunteers International, other Moreland & Hume City Council units (e.g. Youth, Arts, Library, M&CH, Economic Development)

Aileu Relationship Commission (ARC)

President: Mr Joao Tilman do Rego, Aileu Municipal Administrator

Secretary: To be confirmed

Friendship Liaison Officer: Mrs Victoria do Rego, Aileu Municipal Secretary (assisted by Camilo da Costa Community Development Officer, Aileu Vila)

Membership: Representatives of the Aileu Municipal Administration (including the Aileu Vila, Laulara, Lequidoe and Remexio Administrative Posts), Government Ministries, Village & Sub-village Councils, Churches, Civil society and women's and youth organisations

Role:

- Advise the Aileu Municipal Administration
- Identify priorities and advising Friends of Aileu
- Manage friendship programs implemented by municipal administration & government partners
- Oversee friendship projects and activities implemented by other Aileu partner organisations

Principal partner organisations in Aileu:

- Aileu Resource & Training Centre
- Uma Ita Nian Parish Clinic & St Francis Assisi Disability Workshop
- Ministry of Health in Aileu, hospital & health centres
- Ministry of Education in Aileu and schools
- Rotaract Club of Aileu
- Aileu University Students Association

Other emerging partner organisations including:

- Aileu Municipal Youth Centre, Aileu Parish Youth Group, Arte Mambai Rai Husar and other young people/youth organisations contributing to activities that align with the Friendship Agreement
- Education institutions such as Aileu Science and Technology Institute and Crystal Institute Aileu

Cooperation with other NGOs & development organisations, including:

- PERMATIL, NaTerra
- Plan International Timor-Leste, Engineers Without Borders, World Vision Timor-Leste