

FRIENDS OF AILEU STRATEGY PLAN 2016

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 work with our community organisations and local governments to contribute to a more sustainable future for our communities by sharing stories, culture, insights, expertise and resources.

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 development of 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

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

ACTIVITIES

The activities we will undertake to achieve these Goals, and to work towards our Vision, are outlined in the Friends of Aileu Action Plan 2016–2020, and will be expressed in more detail for each year in an Annual Action Plan.

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FRIENDS OF AILEU ACTION PLAN 2016 - 2020

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

Actions

1. Provide opportunities for community members and staff of the Moreland and Hume City Councils to involve themselves in and support the friendship relationship
2. Collaborate with the Australian East Timorese community and organisations and Timor-Leste students in activities of mutual interest
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

Actions

1. Provide organisational and professional development support for the Aileu Municipal Administration as it moves towards responsible local government
2. Provide organisational and professional development support for Aileu government organisations to support decentralisation, as agreed with the Aileu Municipal Administration
3. Provide organisational support for the Aileu Friendship Commission, to assist it develop its accountability and sustainability
4. Provide organisational and professional development support for Aileu non-government and community organisations to assist them to operate more sustainably
5. Support education and training initiatives of benefit for the people of Aileu

Strategy Plan Goal 3 - Programs and Projects:

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

Actions

1. Consult with the Aileu Municipal Administration, the Aileu Friendship Commission and non-government partner organisations in Aileu to identify community priorities that Friends of Aileu has the capacity to support
2. Work with Aileu government and non-government organisations to help them design, deliver and evaluate programs, projects 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

Actions

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
2. Collaborate with other communities and local governments that have friendship relationships with Aileu and its communities to develop mutual support mechanisms
3. Collaborate with other community groups and local governments on Timor-Leste friendship relationships and cooperation activities, including through the Australia Timor-Leste Friendship Network and the Local Government Timor-Leste Partnership Network
4. Develop partnerships with Australian organisations that can contribute to the friendship relationship with Aileu and to the activities that Friends of Aileu supports
5. Collaborate with other community organisations working with the people of Aileu
6. Support schools and educational organisations that have or wish to develop friendship relationships with Aileu counterparts

Strategy Plan Goal 5 - Capabilities and Resources:

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

Actions

1. Enhance community and staff participation in Friends of Aileu Community Committee meetings and Friends of Aileu's activities
2. Develop Friends of Aileu's communications capacity and effectiveness
3. Develop and diversify Friends of Aileu's fundraising capacity
4. Organise events and conduct other activities that support the friendship relationship with Aileu and the achievement of Friends of Aileu's goals
5. Participate in other community activities promote Friends of Aileu
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 activities of Friends of Aileu
7. Provide reports on Friends of Aileu's activities targeted to recipients needs and preferences

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