

Friendship Agreement between the Municipality of Aileu, Timor-Leste, and Moreland City Council and Hume City Council, Victoria, Australia, 2016

In recognition of the aspirations of the people of Timor-Leste, and in particular, of the District of Aileu, to build their own democracy and take control of their future, a friendship relationship was established between the District of Aileu and the Moreland and Hume City Councils on 4 May 2000, and was subsequently renewed in 2005 and 2010. Now, after fifteen years of developing friendship, we reaffirm our commitment to that relationship and to the principles and values on which it is based.

We recognize the important roles of the Aileu Municipal Administration, in supporting the people of Aileu, and of the Aileu Friendship Relationship Commission, in representing the people of Aileu in the friendship relationship.

We are pleased to acknowledge our communities and partner organisations, including the Friends of Aileu, the Shire of Campaspe and the Campaspe East Timor Association in Friendship, Kangaroo Valley-Remexio Partnership, Friends of Laulara, Merri Health, North Richmond Community Health, Alternative Technology Association, CERES Global, who are committed to working with, and strengthening their relationships with, the people of Aileu.

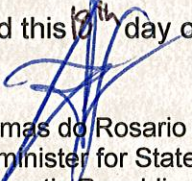
We also look forward to working together in support of the Government of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste and the Aileu Municipal Administration, as elected responsible local government is established in Aileu and the other Timor-Leste municipalities, including under the Municipal Cooperation Agreements between Government of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste and Moreland City Council and Hume City Council signed in April/May 2016.


Accordingly, we agree that we will:

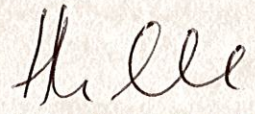
- work together to respond to the aspirations of the people of Aileu as they build their local democracy and a sustainable future
- support activities that share the benefits of the friendship relationship widely within the Municipality of Aileu
- ensure that our efforts are directed towards working with the people of Aileu so that they are able to achieve the goals they have for their own community
- base all of our activities on the principles of mutual respect, cooperation and local decision-making
- ensure that projects and initiatives which we commit to take account of the policies and programs of the Government of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste and the capacity of our communities to resource and sustain them
- pay particular attention to the needs of young people, who are the basis for the future of both of our communities
- seek ways to share our cultures, to improve mutual understanding and continue to strengthen both of our communities.

This agreement seeks to guide our organisations, and the communities which they represent, in a further five years of friendship. It is not intended that the agreement will have any legal effect.

Dated this 12th day of August 2016

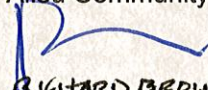

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Friends of Aileu
A partnership established in 2000
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