

## Report on a visit to Timor-Leste 4-18 July 2009



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## Background

In April 2009, the District Administrator of Aileu District, Sr Martinho Matos, invited the Chair of Friends of Aileu, Cr Alice Pryor, the Friends of Aileu Project Coordinator, Richard Brown and other members of the Friends of Aileu Community Committee, to visit Aileu and participate in a two-day planning workshop to be conducted by the Aileu Friendship Commission in July 2009. The invitation was accepted and Cr Pryor, Richard Brown and Committee member Kate Jeffery, arranged to attend the workshop

Richard Brown visited Timor-Leste from 4-18 July and Cr Alice Pryor visited from 11-18 July. A representative of a partner organisation Merri Community Health Services, Kate Jeffery, also visited Aileu and attended the workshop.

The visit also provided an opportunity to meet with representatives of organisations in Aileu to review the progress of projects funded by Friends of Aileu and its partners and to plan future initiatives.

The visit coincided with three international conferences being held in Dili. Kate Jeffery attended the two earlier conferences, the first of which had a research focus, and the second, entitled 'Transforming Timor-Leste for Sustainable Development, Human Rights and Peace', was of more practical relevance. Richard Brown attended the third conference, 'Nation-Building Across Urban and Rural Timor-Leste', which had a particular focus on local development.

Richard Brown was able to hold meetings with representatives of the Timor-Leste government and NGOs while in Dili.

Kate Jeffery also held meetings with representatives of health organisations, including the Timor-Leste Ministry of Health and the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons in Dili and the School of Public Medicine at Charles Darwin University in Darwin. She also visited Manufahi District in her role of Convenor of Friends of Same and held meetings with local officials there.

Particular thanks are due to Friends of Aileu-AVI Project Officer, Chris Adams, for assisting with arrangements for the visit and preparation of the Workshop in Aileu. Thanks also to Sr Martinho Matos, Sr Abel da Conceicao, Sr Mario Soares and Sra Maria Diamantina Martins, for their hospitality in Aileu.

The following is an outline of the main activities and outcomes of the visit. An outline program for the visit is at Attachment 1 and a list of some of the key people met is at Attachment 2.

## Strategic Planning Activities

The main focus of the visit was the two-day Community Planning Workshop, held at the District Administration in Aileu on 14-15 July. The workshop was planned by the Aileu Friendship Commission, with a view to setting a vision and goals for the Friendship Relationship for the next five years (2010-2015).

Prior to the workshop, Richard Brown attended a number of meetings held to finalise arrangements. On 6 July, a meeting was held with members of the Aileu Commission, who reported that Sub-District Administrators had held consultations with representatives of local communities to identify local issues and concerns which could be raised at the workshop and arrangements were made to distribute invitations in each of the sub-Districts. A meeting was held with staff of the District Administration to finalise logistical arrangements including catering, cleaning, etc. A meeting was also held with two of the facilitators to discuss the program for the workshop. Further meetings were held with the facilitators closer to the workshop to finalise arrangements and allocate responsibilities.

Written invitations to attend the workshop, including some 'focus' questions for participants to consider, were sent to over 100 people across Aileu District, including all levels of local administration, sector representatives, and representatives of local NGOs, churches, youth and women's organisations, and to government representatives from Dili.

The workshop was facilitated by a professional East Timorese facilitator, Jose Jaqueline Simplicio da Costa Gusmao, with four assistants from the Aileu District Students Association, who acted as MC, assisted with facilitation and undertook interpreting and note-taking. Two of these, Abilio de Araujo and Afonso Amaral, were former recipients of tertiary scholarships from Friends of Aileu. The other two were Teodoso Mendonca and Cideliza dos Santos

The visitors from Friends of Aileu, and the Volunteer Project Officer, took the role of observers and where requested provided information about the operation of Friends of Aileu in Australia. A copy of the outline program for the Workshop is at Attachment 3.



Banner announcing the Planning Workshop outside the Aileu District Administration office



Cr Alice Pryor addressing the Planning Workshop

The workshop was held in a meeting room at the District Administration building in Aisirimou. It was attended by approximately one hundred people (nearly ninety on the first day and over seventy-five on the second day), with representatives from the District, Sub-District and Suco (village) level and each of the four Sub-Districts. The Minister for State Administration, Sr Arcangelo Leite, had accepted an invitation to attend, but was a last minute apology due to official duties in Dili. A list of workshop participants is at Attachment 4.

Participants at the workshop who were not salaried and who had to travel from remote parts of the District to attend, were paid a small attendance, transport and meal allowance. Lunches, morning and afternoon tea was provided for all participants, catered by the District Administration.

On the first day, the Aileu District Administrator, Sr Martinho Matos, welcomed participants and asked them to identify priorities for the next five years of the Friendship relationship. Cr Alice Pryor, Chair of Friends of Aileu spoke to the participants (through an interpreter) about the support for the Friendship relationship in Australia and the Project Coordinator, Richard Brown spoke about the importance of the contribution of Friends of Aileu's Australian and Timor-Leste partners to the relationship and the significance of the workshop in the development of the relationship.



Workshop participants



Discussion group leader feeding back to the workshop

The participants met in mixed workshop groups to discuss their experience of the past nine years of the Friendship relationship and to develop a vision for the next five years. They agreed on the following 'vision statement' for the Friendship Relationship:

*Developing a stronger and more sustainable international relationship between Aileu and Australia will increase the number of friends and constructive partnerships; these partnerships will help the community of Aileu District to grow in a prosperous and peaceful environment*

They also identified four key objectives for the next five years:

1. *Develop quality human resources (including women's development)*
2. *Develop quality health services*
3. *Improve local production and access to markets*
4. *Improve infrastructure, including water, electricity and communication*

On the second day, participants discussed how these objectives could be achieved. Then they divided into groups according to Sub-Districts and discussed priority activities for the next five years. AVI Country Manager, Glenda Lasslett, and her successor, Martina Shanahan, also addressed the workshop. AVI Office Manager, Deolinda da Cunha also took part of the workshop.

At the end of the workshop, Cr Alice Pryor thanked the participants for their ideas and suggestions, and commented that their enthusiasm and their commitment to the Friendship relationship will motivate their Australian partners to work harder to support the Aileu community.

Sr Abel da Conceicao also thanked participants for their contributions and asked for their patience in relation to developing and implementing the strategy plan. He emphasised that the plan has come from the community, not from government. He also pledged that the Aileu Friendship Commission would operate transparently and ensure that people in need get assistance.



Lead facilitator, Jose Gusmao (r) addressing the workshop, with facilitators Abilio de Araujo and Aphonso Amaral



Incoming AVI Country Manager, Martina Shanahan (r), addressing the workshop, with Glenda Lasslett (l)

The results of the workshop discussions will be considered by the Friendship Commission, which will prepare a draft report, which will be forwarded to the Friends of Aileu Community Committee for comment. The Commission's report will be considered as part of the review of the Friends of Aileu's Strategy Plan, which will be reviewed in early 2010, with the intention of reaching a jointly agreed plan in time for the Friends of Aileu's 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary in May 2010, when it is planned to also sign a further five-year Friendship Agreement with Aileu.

The holding of the Community Planning Workshop marks an important milestone in the development of the Aileu Friendship Commission and the Friendship relationship with Aileu. It has laid a solid base for the future development of the relationship. It also comes at an important time as Aileu District moves towards elected municipal government, which is expected to take place in late 2010.

## Visit to Aileu

While in Aileu, Cr Pryor, Richard Brown and Kate Jeffery, together with Chris Adams, were able to visit some parts of the District and meet with a range of groups and organisations. The following is a summary of these visits and meetings and key outcomes.

### *District Administration*

Discussions were held with the Deputy District Administrator, Sr Abel da Conceicao, and the Chief of Economic and Social Development, Sr Mario Soares, about the employment of another AVI Volunteer, after Chris Adams finishes his assignment at the end of October 2009. They confirmed that they wish to employ another volunteer, with a similar role of advising the District Administration on project management, and seek with funding support from Friends of Aileu. Discussions about employment of another volunteer in Aileu were also held with the AVI Country Manager in Dili, Glenda Lasslett, and her successor, Martina Shanahan.

Discussions were also held about the decentralisation program and the transition to elected municipal government planned for late 2010 in Aileu. The representatives expressed the hope that the Friends of Aileu and Moreland and Hume City Councils would provide advice and support to the District Administration during this process.

### *Besilau Lighting Project*

On 12 July, Richard Brown, Alice Pryor and Chris Adams visited the Besilau Central sub-village area with the coordinator of the Besilau Community Lighting Project Management Committee, Budiman T. Barreto, and technician, Augusto Sarmiento Tilman. They delivered some equipment which had been sent by the Alternative Technology Association, project partners with Moora Moora Community. Detailed discussions were held about progress of the project, equipment requirements, some of the management issues and arrangements for completion of the project. Approximately eighty households already have solar lighting systems installed with ten more awaiting equipment to complete the initial ninety-one funded installations. A further eighty households have been identified as eligible for the solar lighting systems in the Besilau community, and are awaiting the installations, either later this year or in 2010.



Discussing the Besilau Lighting Project, (l-r) Chris Adams, Cr Alice Pryor, Budiman Barreto



(l-r) Sister Dorothy McGowan, Richard Brown, Chris Adams, Sister Susan Gubbins outside the Uma Ita Nian Clinic

### *Uma Ita Nian Clinic*

Two meetings were held with Sister Dorothy McGowan and Sister Susan Gubbins at the Maryknoll Sisters' Uma Ita Nian Clinic. At the first, on 7 July, Richard Brown discussed with them the tertiary scholarship program, a part of which has been administered by the Sisters. They reported that remaining students had either completed their studies, were completing their final thesis or were awaiting graduation. Sister Dorothy noted that students studying mathematics had experienced a shortage of advanced text books, and suggested that some could be donated and perhaps housed in the library at the Aileu Resource and Training Centre

A second meeting was held on 16 July, involving Chris Adams and Kate Jeffery, at which the proposed 'Better Health through Improved Agriculture and Nutrition' project was discussed. It was agreed that a small nutrition project, involving the production of soymilk, could be funded by Friends of Aileu from funds donated by Kangan Batman TAFE, subject to ratification by the friends of Aileu Community Committee. A detailed project proposal will be prepared by Kate Jeffery, in consultation with Chris Adams, and a summary report provided for the information of the Aileu Friendship Commission and the Friends of Aileu Community Committee.

There was also discussion of the proposed study tour by Dr Martin Hall to investigate the dental health needs of the Aileu community, which has been supported by Friends of Aileu

### *Aileu Resource and Training Centre*

Two meetings were held with the Director of the Aileu Resource and Training Centre, Sra Maria Diamantina Martins. On 7 July, Richard Brown had a briefing on the Centre's current programs, including computer studies, women's development, literacy and civic education, and the operation of the small public library, which is run by the Ministry of Education. She advised that the Centre's programs would be reviewed, following the return from overseas of Sister Rosalva Sandi. It was expected that the proposed English Language Training Project would also be revisited then.

The second meeting, which also included Sr Alice Pryor, was held on 13 July. Sra Diamantina provided a detailed briefing on current activities at the Centre, including the annual 'expo', held on 28 November and featuring items produced by local women's groups, and the annual reading competition on 20 May, which involves all schools in Aileu and is supported by the Asia Foundation.

She referred to the severe space limitations of the current building housing the Centre and outlined a proposal to refurbish a 'pavilion' adjacent to the Centre, for use for training and display purposes, and two shelters next to the nearby sports ground. A detailed plan has been developed for the project, which is expected to cost around \$US25,000.



Sra Diamantina, Richard Brown and staff member outside Aileu Training & Resource Centre



Sra Periera (centre) with members of the Alola Aileu Mothers Support Group team, and (from left) Chris Adams, Cr Alice Pryor & Kate Jeffery

Funding had been sought from UNMIT, but was unavailable. Another project of interest to the Centre, which could provide some of the much-needed additional space for training, is the refurbishment of the large vacant building next to the Government health clinic, which could be used for a range of community purposes. She suggested that this project could be undertaken in stages, with the first stage involving preparation of a plan for the refurbishment.

#### *Alola Foundation Mothers Support Group*

On 16 July, Chris Adams, Richard Brown, Cr Alice Pryor and Kate Jeffery visited the village of Banduato with Isabel Lopes Periera, Field Officer for Aileu District for the Alola Foundation and met with eight members of the Aileu Vila Mothers Support Group. They are local volunteer women, who provide peer support for women in their villages who have just had babies as part of a monitoring mother and child wellbeing. In particular, they promote exclusive breast-feeding and appropriate complementary feeding of young children. The Group provided a briefing on their activities, including coordination with the District Health Service, interactions with organisations such as the Uma Ita Nian Clinic, meetings and issues affecting maternal and child health. They also spoke about the large distances they have to travel on foot to do their work. Merri Community Health Services are funding the work of the Mothers Support Group, through their Memorandum of Understanding with the Alola Foundation. Cr Alice Pryor and Kate Jeffery also had a tour of the Government Health Clinic in Aileu with Sra Periera.

#### *Midwives' Accommodation, Aileu*

Richard Brown, Chris Adams and Cr Alice Pryor visited the building, located behind the Government Health Clinic, which is being rehabilitated for use as accommodation by midwives working at the clinic. The renovation has been funded by the Campaspe East Timor Association in Friendship (CETAF), using a grant from the Shire of Campaspe, and by Merri Community Health Services. A delegation from Australia is planning to visit Aileu for the opening of the building in September.





Renovations under way on midwives' accommodation in Aileu



New maternity ward being built at the Aileu District Health Clinic

### *Visit to Laulara and Remexio*

On 12 July Chris Adams, Richard Brown and Cr Alice Pryor, visited the village centres of Laulara and Remexio. The local priest, Padre David, was absent from the Remexio village, however they were shown around the church and later met with Padre David at the Aileu planning workshop, where he actively participated on both days. The Kangaroo Valley Friends of Remexio have a strong working relationship with Padre David and are planning to undertake a solar domestic lighting project in the Sub-District, at Fadabloco village, similar to the Besilau Lighting Project.

### *FOSCACA Youth Group*

On 16 July, Chris Adams, Richard Brown, and Cr Alice Pryor visited a training workshop run by the Dili-based, local NGO, FKSH (Feto iha Kbit Hamutuuk or '*Women have capacity working together*'), with the FOSCACA youth group, at the invitation of their leader Jose Valente. Also present were two representatives from the YWCA in Adelaide, Timorese-born Ana Joaquim Pedruco, and Jackie Kinder, who were conducting a survey of organisations in Timor-Leste working for women's development. The aim of the workshop was to teach local young women how to cook cakes and other products, which could potentially be sold locally.

### *Visit to the Teblor Filial School*

On 16 July, Chris Adams, Richard Brown, Cr Alice Pryor and Kate Jeffery visited the Teblor 'filial' school which is linked to the Daisoli Primary School. Fahan School in Sandy Bay, Tasmania, has a friendship school relationship with Daisoli and had raised funds, which are being used to build additional classrooms at the 'filial' school.

### *Portuguese kindergarten*

On 17 Richard Brown, Chris Adams, Cr Alice Pryor and Kate Jeffery met Clarisse da Silva, a Portuguese volunteer at the ISMAIK boarding accommodation in RSS (Aisirimou, Aileu town), and Sister Mary Anne Dwyer, a Ballarat Mercy Sister, who showed them through the local community kindergarten which she has helped to develop. Clarisse also accompanied them to Dili.



Carpenters constructing roof trusses for new classrooms at Teblor 'filial' school



Timorese staff member reading to children at the kindergarten

### *Lequidoe Sub-District Administration*

On 17 July, on route to Dili, Richard Brown, Chris Adams, Cr Alice Pryor and Kate Jeffery, together with Clarisse da Silva, briefly visited the Sub-District Administration office in Lequidoe and met with the Sub-District Administrator, Sr Domingos Quintao. They advised him of the proposed visit by a representative of the Alternative Technology Association to inspect the solar installation at the office, and the proposed visit by the delegation from Campaspe, which is coming in September to participate in the opening in the midwives' accommodation in Aileu Vila.

### *Centro Produto Local, Aileu*

On 16 July, Richard Brown, Chris Adams and Cr Alice Pryor visited the newly-opened premises on the local food processing cooperative, Centro Produto Local, which produces and packages a range of processed foods, including sun-dried casava and carrot chips, which are sold in shops and supermarkets in Aileu and Dili. They met the project coordinator, Jonison X. Perang, and other staff of CPL. CPL was established with support from World Vision and had recently become an incorporated association.



Staff at the new headquarters of the Centro Produto Local



Cr Alice Pryor (second from left) and Chris Adams, with staff at the CPL office

## Other visits

### *Chega! exhibition*

While in Dili, Richard Brown, Chris Adams and Cr Alice Prior visited the exhibition of the Timor-Leste Commission for Reception, Truth and Reconciliation at its headquarters in the old Balide prison building. The exhibition documents the work of the Commission, which researched the experiences of the Timor-Leste people during the Indonesian occupation from 1974 –1999. They were shown around the exhibition by the Senior Advisor to the Post-CAVR Technical Secretariat, Pat Walsh.

### *Living Memory Project*

On 5 July, Richard Brown and Chris Adams visited a display and video presentation in Dili of the *Living Memory Project (Projetu Hanoin Moris)*, which had been organised in conjunction with the international conferences then taking place on Dili. The Project documents the experiences of Timor-Leste ex-political prisoners and lobbies for provision of welfare and health services for them. They met with the Project's Director, Australian-born journalist and author, Jill Jolliffe. Merri Community Health is one of the organisations supporting the Living Memory Project, and Friends of Aileu has also raised funds for the Project.

Kate Jeffery assisted with the preparation of the exhibition and discussed with Jill Jolliffe her forthcoming visit to Melbourne, including fund-raising events to support the project and the launch of her book 'Balibo' in conjunction with the film of the same name.

On 16 July, Chris Adams, Richard Brown and Kate Jeffery, visited the Living Memory Project office in Balide, saw some of the archival material collected by the Project and met with some of the Project staff.



Pat Walsh introducing the Chega! exhibition to Cr Alice Pryor, Kate Jeffery and Chris Adams



Some of the photographs on display from the archives of the Living Memory Project

### *Alola Foundation*

On July, Chris Adams and Richard Brown visited the Alola Foundation office at the request of the CEO, Anne Finch. They met with the Education Coordinator, Inacia Tamale, and agreed on the text of a letter to be sent

to schools in Aileu, explaining that Alola staff would no longer be visiting schools there as part of the friendship schools program, due to changes in its priorities. Instead, Friends of Aileu will continue to facilitate links between schools in Aileu and schools in Australia to which they have been linked.

On 17 July, Richard Brown, Chris Adams and Cr Alice Pryor visited an exhibition, organised by the Alola Foundation, of traditional woven *tais*, 'The Art of Futus: From Light to Dark', held at the *Casa Europa* building in Dili. There they met the Chair of the Alola Foundation, Kirsty Sword Gusmão.

### *O Mundo Perdido Timor-Leste (Timor Leste's Lost World) Exhibition*

While in Dili, Richard Brown, Chris Adams and Cr Alice Pryor visited the 'Lost World' exhibition at the President's Palace, which includes models and relics of ancient Timor-Leste such as dinosaur skeletons and other items. It was prepared by Part-Vickers-Rich and her colleagues at the Monash Science Centre with support from ConocoPhillips and the Australian defence Forces. It is planned to eventually incorporate the exhibition in the collection of the proposed Timor-Leste National Museum. They also visited a small, 'satellite' educational exhibition which has been displayed at the Aileu Vila Sub-District Administration building, with funding assistance from Friends of Aileu, where it is open to schools and the local community.



Cr Alice Pryor and Richard Brown at the Timor-Leste's Lost World exhibition at the Presidential Palace in Dili



Participants at the Planning Workshop viewing the 'satellite' display in Aileu of Timor-Leste's Lost World exhibition

### *Dare War Memorial and Café*

On 12 July, Chris Adams, Richard Brown and Cr Alice Pryor, visited the memorial at Dare, near Dili, erected by the Australian commandos who went to Timor-Leste in 1942. A display, incorporating a video, has been erected in a café, built to commemorate the relationship between the Australians and their Timorese companions.

### *Ministry of State Administration*

On 10 July, Richard Brown and Chris Adams met with Sr Miguel Carvalho, Director of Local Government and Territorial Administration in the Ministry of State Administration and Territorial Management, to discuss the

progress of a proposal to develop a training strategy to support the establishment of elected municipal government in Timor-Leste. The proposal was a response to a request made to the VLGA in 2008 by the Minister, Sr Arcangelo Leite. Richard Brown is currently the Chair of the VLGA Timor-Leste Working Group.

## Nation-building Conference

On 8-10 July, Richard Brown attended a conference on '*Nation-building across urban and rural Timor-Leste*'. Organised by RMIT University in conjunction with the East Timor NGO Forum, Australian Volunteers International, Caritas Australia and Charles Darwin University, it was held at the St John Paul II Campus in Comoro, Dili.

The conference was designed to reflect on the past ten years on 'nation-building' in Timor Leste and features a number of academic presentations as well as contributions by people from all of the sub-Districts. The conference was opened by the Vice Prime Minister, Sr Jose Luis Guterres, who emphasised the importance of 'civil society' organisations to the development of Timor-Leste

The Aileu Deputy District Administrator, Sr Abel da Conceicao and Chris Adams and also attended the conference, as did several other Aileu District representatives, including speakers Sra Olandina Mendonca do Rego (from the ATRC), and Camilio de Costa Barros (Youth Centre), and participants, Abilio de Araujo (Aileu University Students Association), Victor Naciamento de Araujo (Coordinator Aileu District Youth Council), Suryeka Soares, (youth representative) and Emilia de Araujo (OMT, national women's organisation).

The Aileu Friendship Commission supported the organisers of the Conference with a transport allowance of \$US13 each for participants from Aileu. The two speakers from Aileu were supported by the organisers with training in making presentations and some direct costs associated with their participation.



Vice-Prime Minister, Sr Jose Luis Guterres, opens the 'Nation-building' conference



Aileu Deputy District Administrator, Sr Abel da Conceicao, speaking at the Development Discussion Group at the conference

A strong theme at the conference was the contrast between the different rates of development which have taken place in the capital Dili and the rural areas, where most of the population lives. Among the issues which were highlighted were the continuing lack of access to basic services, such

as health, education, water and sanitation, transport and electric power in rural areas.

Other speakers dealt with issues such as the proposed reform of the security forces, the difficulty of reconciling traditional and western notions of justice and the roles of traditional and appointed/elected leaders, the lack of recognition of young people who were members of the 'clandestine movement', the need for a Government response to the CAVR's 'Chega!' report, the value of local 'peace-building' initiatives, the challenge of decentralisation, how to deal with corruption and the issue of food security.

A feature of the conference was the large number of participants from the rural areas. Opportunities were provided in each conference session for them to question speakers and present their views.

The conference included a series of discussion groups on particular themes, such as development, justice, governance, gender, etc. Each discussion group identified the key issues in their particular area of interest and produced one or more recommendations to the Timor-Leste National Government.

Richard Brown attended the development discussion group, which identified deficiencies in infrastructure a major barrier to development in Timor-Leste. It also called for improvements in education, health and environmental management and proposed that there should be higher standards of quality control for infrastructure projects, in order to ensure that their impact is maximised, which in turn requires improved skills at the local level.

Richard Brown described how Friendship relationships have contributed to development in the Districts, and the Deputy District Administrator of Aileu, Sr Abel da Conceicao, outlined how Friends of Aileu have assisted with development there. Richard Brown also distributed copies of a background document, entitled *'Introduction to the Timor-Leste – Australia Friendship Relationships'*, prepared by him for the VLGA in English and Tetum.

The conference also provided an opportunity for him to meet with representatives of other Friendship groups, and of Australian Volunteers International, who were present.

A research report, *'Understanding Community: security and sustainability in four aldeia in Timor-Leste'*, published by the RMIT Globalism Research Centre, was launched at the conference. A copy of the report (in English and in Tetum) is available for loan from Richard Brown.

The proceedings of the conference will be published in due course by the conference organisers.

## Appendix 1

## Visit to Timor-Leste by Richard Brown, 4-18 July 2009 - Program

| Date         | Activity   |
|--------------|--|
| Fri 3 July   | Travel Melbourne - Dili  |
| Sat 4 July   | Visit 'Lost Worlds' exhibition, Presidential Palace, Dili<br>Visit Living Memory Project display, Vila Verde, Dili<br>Visit Post-CAVR Technical Secretariat, Balide, Dili<br>Travel Dili - Aileu |
| Sun 5 July   | Meeting with Mario Soares  |
| Mon 6 July   | Meetings with District Administrator, UNPOL Commander, Mario Soares, Sr Abel da Conceicao<br>Meetings with workshop facilitators and Commission members  |
| Tues 7 July  | Meeting at District Administration<br>Meeting at Aileu Resource & Training Centre<br>Travel Aileu-Dili<br>Meeting at Alola Foundation  |
| Wed 8 July   | Attended 'Nation-building' conference  |
| Thur 9 July  | Attended 'Nation-building' conference  |
| Fri 10 July  | Attended 'Nation-building' conference<br>Meeting with Sr Miguel Carvalho, Ministry of State Administration   |
| Sat 11 July  | Met Cr Alice Pryor<br>Visited 'Lost Worlds' exhibition, Presidential Palace<br>Visited tais market<br>Visited Alola Foundation shop<br>Attended opening of <i>tais</i> exhibition at Casa Europa |
| Sun 12 July  | Visited Aria Branca<br>Visited memorial café at Dare<br>Travel Dili-Aileu<br>Visited church at Remexio<br>Meeting at Besilau village re lighting project   |
| Mon 13 July  | Meeting at Uma Ita Nian Clinic (Maryknoll Sisters)<br>Meeting at Aileu Resource & Training Centre  |
| Tues 14 July | Attended Planning Workshop, District Administration  |
| Wed 15 July  | Attended Planning Workshop, District Administration  |
| Thur 16 July | Visited FOSCACA youth group training project<br>Meeting with Alola Mothers Support Group coordinator and team<br>Visited 'Daisoli/Teblor 'filial' school<br>Meeting with Maryknoll Sisters       |
| Fri 17 July  | Travel Aileu - Dili<br>Visited Lequidoe sub-District Administration office<br>Visited Chega! Exhibition, Balide<br>Visited Alola Foundation shop<br>Visited Kor Timor shop                       |
| Sat 17 July  | Travel Dili- Melbourne   |

## Appendix 2

Visit to Timor-Leste by Richard Brown, 4-18 July 2009

People met during the visit included:

Sr Abel da Conceicao, Deputy District Administrator  
 Chris Adams, Friends of Aileu-AVIO Volunteer Project Officer  
 Sr Augusto Sarmiento Tilman, Technician, Besilau Community Lighting Project  
 Anne Finch, CEO, Alola Foundation  
 Sr Budiman T Barreto, Coordinator, Besilau Community Lighting Project Management Committee  
 Clarissa da Silva, volunteer, Aisirimou Kindergarten  
 Sra Deolinda da Cunha, Office Manager, Dili  
 Sr Domingos Quintao, Sub District Administrator, Lequidoe  
 Sister Dorothy McGowan, Sisters of Maryknoll, Aileu  
 Sra Inacia Tamale, Education Coordinator, Alola Foundation  
 Sra Isabel Lopes Periera, Field Officer Aileu District, Alola Foundation  
 Women's Jill Jolliffe, Director, Living Memory Project  
 Sr Jonnison X Perang, Project Coordinator, Centro Produto Local, Aileu  
 Sr Jose Jaquelino Simplicio da Costa Gusmao, Facilitator, Community Planning Workshop  
 Sr Jose Valente, FOSCACA Youth Group  
 Kirsty Sword Gusmao, Chair, Alola Foundation  
 Glenda Lasslett, Country Manager for Timor-Leste, Australian Volunteers International  
 Sra Maria Diamantina Martins, Director, Aileu Resource & Training Centre  
 Sr Mario Soares, Chefe Economic & Social Development, Aileu  
 Martina Shanahan, Country Manager for Timor-Leste, Australian Volunteers International (incoming)  
 Sr Martinho Matos, District Administrator, Aileu  
 Sister Mary Anne Dwyer, Mercy Sisters, Aileu  
 Sr Miguel Carvalho, Director of Local Government & territorial Administration, Timor-Leste Ministry of State Administration  
 Sister Susan Gubbins, Sisters of Maryknoll, Aileu  
 Pat Walsh, Senior Advisor, Post-CAVR Technical Secretariat



## Appendix 3

Aileu Friendship Commission Community Planning Workshop,  
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## Program

## Day 1

10.00 Welcome, prayer, introduction  
 - Sr Martinho Matos, District Administrator, Aileu  
 - Cr Alice Pryor, Chair Friends of Aileu

10.45 Outline of Workshop – Sr Jose Gusmao, Facilitator

11.00 Morning Tea

Focus Question 1: What does the Friendship relationship mean to you?

11.30 First 9 years of the Aileu friendship relationship –  
 achievements, challenges  
 - Sr Mario Soares, Secretary, Aileu Commission  
 - Richard Brown, Friends of Aileu Project Coordinator

12.15 Discussion groups explore Focus Question 1

13.00 Lunch

Focus Question: Vision - How will the friendship relationship look in  
 future?

14.00 Review of output of discussion of Focus Question 1

14.30 Introduction by Facilitator

15.00 Discussion groups explore Focus Question 2

15.45 Afternoon tea

16.15 Facilitator draws out 5 key aspects of Vision

17.00 Facilitator summarises day (a journey to the future) and  
 explains how Day 2 (back to the present) follows on

Day 2

Directions for the next five years

Focus Question 3 – What do we need to do to achieve the vision?

- 9.00 Facilitator reviews Day 1 and outlines Day 2
- 9.30 Participants in groups explore Focus Question 3
- 10.45 Morning tea
- 11.15 Facilitator helps draw out 5 key aspects of Future Directions
- 12.15 Lunch

Priority activities for the next 2 years

Focus question 4 – How do we get started on the journey?

- 13.00 Instructions by facilitator
- 13.30 Participants in Groups (by Sub-District), explore Focus Question 4
- 14.30 Facilitator draws out 5 key aspects of Priority Activities
- 15.00 Afternoon tea
- 15.30 Facilitator summarise workshop outcomes
- 16.00 Closing address and prayer
  - Sr Abel da Conceicao, Vice President, Aileu Friendship Commission
  - Cr Alice Pryor, Chair, Friends of Aileu

## Appendix 4

Aileu Friendship Commission Community Planning Workshop, 13-15 July 2009

## Participants

| Name                   | Title   |
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| Abel Da Conceição      | Deputy District Administrator & Vice President<br>Aileu Friendship Commission |
| Abilio Alves           | Sub-District Administrator Laulara & Member<br>Aileu Friendship Commission    |
| Abilio Coli            | Chefe Suco Fahisoi (Lequidoe)   |
| Abilio de Araujo       | Facilitator   |
| Abrão Da Costa         | Director EPSP.2 Bereleu   |
| Adelino da Silva P.    | Child Protection Officer, Aileu DNRS-MSS                                      |
| Adolfo Mendonca        | Chefe Suco Tulataqueo (Remexio)   |
| Afonso Amaral          | Facilitator   |
| Agostinha Gomes M.     | SHARE NGO, Aileu  |
| Agusto Seran           | Chefe Suco, Fatubosa (Aileu)  |
| Alberto Barreto        | Public Works Department, Aileu District                                       |
| Alfredo Maurisiu       | Suco Council  |
| Alibere Martins        | Besilau   |
| Alice Pryor            | Chair Friends of Aileu Community Committee<br>& Councillor City of Moreland   |
| Amado de Martins       | Finance Officer District Administration                                       |
| Americo Martins Nunes  | Chefe Aldeia  |
| Antoninho Mauluta      | Commander PNTL Aileu District   |
| Antonino da Cruz       | Pastor, Assembly of God Church  |
| Antonino Oscar         | Chefe Aldeia  |
| Armando Guterres       | Chefe Suco Fatisi (Laulara)   |
| Augusto Falcão         | Representative Suco   |
| B. M. Do Resu          | Public Works Department, Aileu District                                       |
| Camilo Da Costa Barros | Timor Leste University Students Council<br>KSUTL                              |
| Carlito de Deus        | Representative of the Catholic Church, Aileu                                  |
| Carlos A. De Araujo    | Sub-District Administrator Remixio  |
| Cedalizia S. D. Santos | Facilitator   |
| Chris Adams            | AVI Project Officer, Aileu  |
| Clotilde M. Fernandes  | Remexio   |
| Crecencia R. Bati      | KELEBAH Cooperative (Local Produce Centre)                                    |
| Deolinda da Cunha      | AVI   |
| Domingos Araujo        | Chefe Suco Talitu (Laulara)   |

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| Domingos Araujo        | Chefe Suco Bandudato Aileu)  |
| Domingos de Araujo     | Chefe Suco Lausi (Aileu)   |
| Domingos do S. Maia    | Chefe Suco Hoholau (Aileu)   |
| Domingos Mota          | Youth representative   |
| Domingos R. Pinheiro   | Chefe Suco Liurai (Aileu)  |
| Domingos Soares        | Chefe Suco Acumau (Remexio)  |
| Domingos Verdial       | Sub-District Administrator Lequidoe &<br>Member Aileu Friendship Commission                      |
| Duarte Fatima Henrique | Chefe Suco Tohumeta (Laulara)  |
| Elitu Rego Mendonca    | Social , Remixio, Ministry of Social Solidarity  |
| Emilia Quintão Falcão  | Student Aileu (Aileu District University<br>Students Association - KEUDA)                        |
| Emilio P. G. Faria     | Fire Brigade, Aileu  |
| Fausto Da C. Mendonca  | Human Resources Officer, Aileu District<br>Admin   |
| Fernando M. De Jesus   | Chefe Suco Selo Malere (Aileu)   |
| Filomena Da Costa      | Student, Catholic Secondary College, Aileu<br>Vila   |
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| Francisco M. Lopes     | Suco Council (Lequidoe)  |
| Frans                  | ?  |
| Glenda Lasslett        | AVI Country Manager  |
| Hermenegildo           | Department of Land and Property, Aileu<br>District   |
| Ilidio Mau-Felo        | Chefe do Suco Aisirimou (Aileu) & Member of<br>the Aileu Friendship Commission                   |
| Inocencio M. Do Rego   | Remexio  |
| Jacinto Mendonca       | Local Government Officer Remixio Sub-<br>District & Member of the Aileu Friendship<br>Commission |
| Januario Rodrigues     | Remixio  |
| Joana Maria Babo       | Chefe Aldeia Hudilaran (Aisirimou, Aileu) &<br>Member Aileu Friendship Commission                |
| Joao Dos Santos        | Director Agriculture Aileu District, MAP   |
| João Martins           | Remixio Sub-District Youth Council   |
| Jonison X. Perang      | Coordinator KELEBAH Cooperative (Local<br>Produce Centre)  |
| Jose da Cruz Amaral    | Inspector of Education Aileu District &<br>Member Aileu Friendship Commission                    |
| Jose J. S. C. Gusmão   | Facilitator  |
| Jose Mau Seran         | Chefe Aldeia (Fatubosa, Aileu)   |
| Jose Valente B. D. C.  | Representative of the Catholic Church &<br>Member Aileu Friendship Commission                    |

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| Kate Jeffery                  | Merri Community Health Service, Friends of Aileu   |
| Leonardo de Jesus             | Chefe Suco Fahisoi (Remixio)   |
| Luis de Araujo                | Chefe Aldeia   |
| Luis Faria Araujo             | Chefe Suco Fahiria (Aileu)   |
| Madalena Da C. F. Borges      | Director, Domin Kindergarten, Aileu  |
| Manuel Quintão                | Chefe Suco Selo Craik (Aileu)  |
| Manuel Sarmiento              | Chefe Suco Madabeno (Laulara)  |
| Marcos Da Costa               | Secretariat of State for Youth and Sport & Member Aileu Friendship Commission                              |
| Maria Diamantina Martins      | Director ARTC & Member Aileu Friendship Commission   |
| Maria Mendonca                | NGO Women have power working together (FKSH)   |
| Mario Antonio Soares          | Chefe Social & Economic Development, Aileu District Administration & Secretary Aileu Friendship Commission |
| Mario Araujo Barreto          | Chefe Aldeia Hularema (Malere, Aileu)  |
| Mario De Jesus De Deus        | Coordinator NGO AMH  |
| Mario Mesquita                | Commander PNTL Aileu Vila  |
| Martina Shanahan              | AVI Country manager (incoming)   |
| Martinho dos Reis Araujo      | Community Development Officer Laulara Sub-District Administration  |
| Martinho Sequeira Alves Matos | District Administrator Aileu & President Aileu Friendship Commission                                       |
| Miguel Moniz Pires            | Superintendent of Education, Aileu District  |
| Moises Carvalho               | Chefe Suco Maumeta (Remixio)   |
| Natalino L. Pereira           | Teacher, Crystal Institute   |
| Natercia de Carvalho          | Plan Aileu   |
| Paulina Das Neves             | Student Government Secondary School, Aileu Vila  |
| Pe. David A. D. Gonçalves     | Remixio Parish Priest  |
| Raimunda De Jesus Tilman      | Agricultural Extension Officer, Aileu District, Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries                      |
| Richard Brown                 | Friends of Aileu Project Coordinator   |
| Saturnino Pacheco             | Youth representative   |
| Sebastião Mauterca            | Deputy Commander Civil Security, Aileu   |
| Serafin dos Santos            | Chefe Suco Fadabloco (Remexio)   |
| Simão Henrique                | Representative   |
| Talo Mendonça Da Costa        | Timorese Red Cross, Aileu  |
| Teodosio Mendonca             | Facilitator  |
| Tomas P. A. Martins           | Chefe Suco Cotolau (Laulara)   |
| Vasco Rosario de Fatima       | Chefe Suco Lahae (Aileu)   |
| Zisto Amaral de Jesus         | Sub-District Administrator Aileu Vila & Member of the Aileu Friendship Commission                          |

