

**Report on a visit to Melbourne  
by Sr Mario Soares and Sr Camilo da  
Costa, 21 July - 4 August 2014, and the  
'Working Together With Timor-Leste:  
The Next 10 Years' Conference & Expo  
25-26 July 2014**

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## **Background**

On 9 December 2013, the Chair of the Friends of Aileu Community Committee, on behalf of Moreland and Hume Councils invited the Aileu District Administration to send a representative to the conference on local development in Timor-Leste proposed to be held in Melbourne in March 2014. The visit also provided an opportunity for the representative to meet with Councillors and staff from Moreland and Hume and representatives of partner organisations.

The District Administrator of Aileu nominated the District Development Officer, Sr Mario Soares, to represent the District at the conference. Subsequently, the conference was postponed till 24-16 July 2014. Meanwhile, the Community Development Officer in the Aileu Vila Sub-District Administration, Sr Camilo da Costa, on 8 April 2014, requested support from Moreland and Hume Councils to visit Melbourne to attend the conference as a professional development opportunity, which was agreed to.

The two representatives arrived in Melbourne on Monday 21 July. A program for the visit was prepared by the East Timor Project Coordinator, who accompanied them to most of their meetings and other activities in Melbourne (see Attachment 1).

During the visit they were accommodated by Friends of Aileu members, Glenyys and Graham Romanes, Anne and Gary Jungwirth and Jenny Drysdale. Camilo da Costa also stayed at Mt Franklin on 2 August with Gaynor Atkin from the Macedon Ranges Friends of Lolotoe. Thanks are due to these people and their families for their generous assistance.

The following is an outline of the main activities undertaken during the visit. A list of people they met is at Attachment 2.

The second part of the report concerns the 'Working Together With Timor-Leste: The Next 10 Years conference and expo, which was held at the Darebin Arts & Entertainment Centre from 24-26 July, and which sponsored by Hume and Moreland Councils.

### **Part 1. The Visit**

#### Moreland City Council

On 22 July, Sr Soares and Sr da Costa visited Moreland City Council, and met with the Mayor, Cr Lambros Tapinos. They presented Cr Tapinos with a ceremonial *tais* and a handmade toy crocodile, as symbols of the Friendship relationship with Aileu. Cr Tapinos presented Sr Soares with one of two laptop computers donated to the Aileu District by Moreland Council.

The visitors met with the Director of Social Development, Andrew Day, who gave a brief outline of the demography of Moreland and described the role of the Social Development Department in providing policy advice to Council and delivering services to the community.

They also met with the Unit Manager of Community Development and Social Planning, Nalika Peiris, and there was a discussion about the different approaches used in Moreland and in Aileu to social planning.



**The Mayor of Moreland, Cr Lambros Tapinos, presenting the visitors with a laptop computer**



**Nalika Peiris with Sr Mario Soares**

On 31 July, Sr da Costa visited the Moreland Deport in Hadfield and met with Mike Rowell, Environment Education Officer. They discussed approaches to waste management in Moreland and In Aileu, and Mike offered to put Sr da Costa in contact with indigenous communities which face similar challenges to rural communities in Timor-Leste in the management of waste.

#### Hume City Council.

On 28 July, Sr Soares and Sr da Costa met with the Hume Director of City Communities, Margarita Caddick. She described the demography of the City of Hume and outlined the role of the Council in planning and providing services to the community. In response to the visitor's description of the measures taken to manage waste in Aileu District, she described approaches taken by Council to environmental education.

Later, the visitors met with the Manager of Social Development, Felicity Leahy, who outlined the role of the Community Capacity Building and Social Planning Units in the department and the role of community consultation in planning policy and services in Hume. The visitors also outlined the plans for decentralisation and establishing elected local government in Aileu.

The visitors also went to the Broadmeadows Community Hub and met with the Coordinator, Kelly Alexander. She described the use of the Hub by local community groups and as location for the provision of a range of services by community organisations.



**Margarita Caddick meeting with the two visitors**



**Cr Patsikatheodorou and Cr Nunn with the visitors**

They also visited the Craigieburn Global Learning Centre and inspected the library and the Gee Lee-Wik Doleen Gallery.

In the evening of 28 July, the visitors had dinner with Hume Councillors and managers, where they made a presentation of a ceremonial woven *tais* scarf and a toy crocodile symbolising the Friendship Relationship to the Mayor, Cr Casey Nunn. Later, they attended the Council meeting, where they heard the Councillor responsible for the East Timor Partnership Project, and the Chair of the Friends of Aileu Community Committee, Cr Helen Patsikatheodorou give a report on her recent visit to Timor-Leste and saw a video about the visit.

#### Meetings with partner organisations.

On 23 July, Sr Soares and Sr da Costa met with the CEO of Merri Community Health Services, Nigel Fidgeon. The visitors expressed their appreciation of the support for community health services in Aileu provided by Merri, particularly the funding of the Laulara Birthing Centre. Nigel Fidgeon confirmed his organisation's ongoing support for Aileu.

They also met with the CEO, Demos Krouskos and staff of North Richmond Community Health Ltd. They thanked the organisation for its support of the Aileu Oral Health Program. The Manager of Oral Health, Dr Martin Hall, confirmed that the project team plan to visit Aileu again in September 2014 to continue working with the local dental staff on the oral health awareness program in schools. He was also in contact with two Australian dentists who will visit Aileu at the same time and provide clinics for the local community. The CEO outlined a proposal for an oral health prevention campaign for the whole of the Aileu District, which is being supported by the wife of the Timor-Leste President, and requested support from the Aileu District Administration and the Friends of Aileu.

On 23 July, the visitors met with the CEO of the Alternative Technology Association, Donna Luckman, who outlined arrangements for the proposed audit of the Besilau Village Lighting System requested by the Friends of Aileu which it proposes to undertake in association with the Timor-Leste training organisation, CNEFP.

On 28 July, Sr Soares and Sr da Costa visited Meadows Primary School and met with the Partnerships Coordinator, Maureen Leahy. Meadows Primary is linked to Malere Primary School in Aileu District and contributed to an exhibition of children's art from the two schools held during 2014 Harmony Week at the Hume Global Learning Centre.

On 30 July, they visited Brunswick Northwest Primary School and met students who are involved in the 'Kids-to-Kids' support program, which links to the Sarlala Primary School in Aileu. They met with the teacher who oversees the program, Andrew Lang, and answered questions from the students about life in Aileu.

On 30 July, they visited the Greenvale Rotary Club with Gary Jungwirth. Greenvale Rotary is linked to the Aileu Rotaract Club and the members of Greenvale Rotary pledged support for comment development projects undertaken by the Rotaract club members.

On 1 August, Sr Soares went to Inverloch with Gary Jungwirth and on 3 August, participated in a fundraising lunch organised by the Bass Coast Friends of Laulara in aid of the Laulara Birthing Centre.





**Sr Mario Soares with Merri Community Health Services CEO, Nigel Fidgeon**



**With the Kids-to-Kids group at Brunswick North West Primary**

On 2 August Sr da Costa accompanied Richard Brown to a community dinner organised by the Melbourne East Timor Activity Centre in Richmond, where he met members of the Melbourne East Timorese community.

#### Other activities

'Working Together with Timor-Leste' conference. On 25 and 26 July, Sr Soares and Sr da Costa participated as delegates in the 'Working Together With Timor-Leste: The Next 10 Years' conference and expo, held at the Darebin Arts and Entertainment Centre. They also attended the conference dinner on 25 July. Their participation at the conference was funded by the Friends of Aileu. See also the report on the conference, below.

Visit to Victorian Parliament. On 24 July, Sr Soares and Sr da Costa joined a number of other East Timor delegates to the development conference on a tour of the Victorian Parliament, led by the secretary of the Victorian Parliamentary Friends of Timor-Leste, Judith Graley MP.

CERES Environment Park. On 29 July, they visited the CERES Environment Park in Brunswick and inspected facilities for sustainable energy production and environmental education.

Macedon Ranges Friends of Lolotoe. On 2 and 3 August, Sr da Costa visited members of the friendship group, the Friends of Lolotoe, who he had met three years earlier while on a Victorian Government training program.

Farewell Party. On 31 July, Sr Soares and Sr da Costa attended a farewell party, hosted by Cr Patsikatheodorou and Cr Tapinos and the Friends of Aileu, at the Wild Timor Coffee Café in Coburg.

Among the other activities they undertook during the visit were a dinner with a men's group at the invitation of Graham Romanes and a private dinner hosted by Hume Councillors, Cr Helen Patsikatheodorou and Cr Vic Dougall. They also met with East Timorese friends living in Melbourne and went on a shopping expedition to the Queen Victoria Market.

## Outcomes

The visit to Melbourne by the two representatives from Aileu District helped to further build the relationship between the District and Moreland and Hume Councils and their partners. It also provided an opportunity to discuss the projects in Aileu which are supported by the Friends of Aileu and to discuss plans for their future development.

The visit, particularly their participation in the conference, provided a valuable professional development opportunity for both visitors, enabling them to extend their contacts with representatives of Timor-Leste government and non-government organisations and to develop a better understanding of Local Government and the friendship groups in Australia.

The visit provided a firm basis for the review of the friendship agreement between the two Councils and the Aileu District Administration, as well as the agreements with other project partners, which are due in 2015.

## Part 2. The Conference

The 'Working Together for Timor-Leste: The Next 10 Years' conference and expo was held at the Darebin Arts and Entertainment Centre on 25-26 July 2014. It was attended by over two hundred and seventy delegates, representing the National Government, District Administrations and local and non-government organisations (NGOs), from Timor-Leste and the Australian Federal, State and local governments, local governments, international and local NGOs, service clubs, education institutions, Friendship groups and students from Australia. It was largest international conference on development in Timor-Leste ever held.

The conference was auspiced by the Victorian Local Governance Association (VLGA), which hosted a similar conference at the same venue in 2003. The other partner organisations responsible for organising the conference were Victoria University, Oxfam Australia, Australian Volunteers International and the Australia Timor-Leste Friendship Network. The East Timor Project Officer, Richard Brown, as a member of the VLGA Timor-Leste Advisory Group, convened the Working Group which organised the conference and expo.

The conference had a number of sponsors including Hume and Moreland City Councils. They included the Commonwealth Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, the Victorian Government, Bank mecu, Taking-Off Tours, Gibson and Gunson Lawyers, Community Housing Limited, and local governments including Darebin City Council, Leichardt City Council, Mansfield Shire Council, the City of Port Phillip, Ballarat City Council and Mornington Peninsula Shire Council. Darebin Council also provided the venue free of charge and hosted a VIP reception on 24 July.



Sr Mario Soares (c) registering for the conference



Delegates listening to a presentation

Moreland and Hume Councils and the Friends of Aileu were well represented at the conference. The official delegates for Moreland and Hume Councils were Cr Lambros Tapinos and Cr Helen Patsikatheodorou. The East Timor Project Officer also attended as a delegate as part of his work role. Cr Tapinos and the East Timor Project facilitated two of the conference sessions. The two visitors from Aileu District, Sr Mario Soares and Sr Camilo da Costa were funded to participate in the conference by the Friends of Aileu and also attended the conference dinner. Friends of Aileu Community Committee members Jeff Tyson, Kate Jeffery, Chris Adams, and Glenys Romanes attended as delegates at the own expense. A number of Friends of Aileu members and staff from Moreland and Hume Councils helped staff the Friends of Aileu information stand at the expo, which was held on 25-26 July as part of the conference.



**Cr Tapinos facilitating the opening session of the conference**



**Sr Agio Pereira delivering the keynote address**

The main focus of the conference was development at the local District level, and the role that Australian organisations, particularly the local Friendship groups, can play over the next decade. The keynote address was given by the Timor-Leste Minister of State and President of the Council of Ministers, Sr Agio Pereira. The conference heard from a range of other speakers, including senior Timor-Leste Government spokespeople, representatives of the Australian and Victorian Government, speakers from Timor-Leste and Australian NGOs, universities and friendship groups. An outline of the conference program is at Attachment 3.

The conference heard a detailed description of the Timor-Leste Governments plans for decentralisation and the establishment of elected local government. This includes the plan to appoint District-level 'managers' before the end of 2014, who will begin the process of re-organising the administration at the local level, prior to holding elections for a 'municipal assembly', headed by an elected 'municipal president', expected to take place in 2017.

Based on the previous, successful program of assistance to the National government and District- level administrations by the Victorian State and Local Governments, the Timor-Leste

National Government is looking towards Victorian Local Governments to assist with the training of local officials during the transition process. A number of Victorian Local Governments signed a draft 'municipal agreement' at the conference, which confirmed their commitment, while other local governments, including Hume and Moreland, have indicated that they need to further consider the request before making a long-term commitment.

The conference also heard about the National Government's program of funding for infrastructure projects at the village level, which has been part-funded by the Australian Government aid program. Again, the National Government representatives called on Local Government friendship groups to assist this program in any way they can.

Delegates to the conference spent considerable time discussing what they saw as the key issues facing the new nation and identifying some of areas for assistance. Among the challenges and opportunities identified were:

- better collaboration and information-sharing between groups working with Timor-Leste, especially the friendship groups,
- involving Australian groups in developing early childhood education
- development of 'social enterprises' in Timor-Leste,
- empowering women, particularly to engage in economic activity
- support for improved teacher training and resourcing of schools, particularly libraries
- fostering local tourism
- maintenance of cultural heritage and
- career paths for young people,
- environmental sustainability including waste management,
- learning the Tetum language (for Australians), and
- a more equitable share of the oil and gas revenue from the deposits in the Timor Sea.

One of the discussion groups, which included both of the visitors from Aileu District, discussed the possibility of establishing kitchen gardens in schools and developing a program which involves the students in growing and cooking their own food, while learning about the principles of environmental sustainability in the classroom. It was reported that a demonstration 'permaculture' garden will be established in Aileu District for teachers and students to use as a model.



**Sr Agio Pereira (c) at the launch of the *Chega!* Report, with Richard Brown (r) and facilitator, Chris Dureau**



**The Friends of Aileu stand at the expo**



One of the presentations during the conference, in a session devoted to models of best practice in community development, was on the Aileu Oral Health Program, which attracted considerable interest among other delegates. The leader of the project team, Dr Martin Hall, the Manager of Oral Health at Richmond Community Health, spoke about working with the local dental staff on the program of oral health awareness in local primary schools and the impact it has had in the wider community. He described the project as providing a model of preventative health care which could be taken up at the local level throughout Timor-Leste.

A special event which took place during the conference was the international launch, by Sr Agio Pereira, of a new guide to the English language edition of the 'Report of the Commission of Reception, Truth and Reconciliation in Timor-Leste', known as the *Chega!* report. Copies of the guide were distributed to the Australian Friendship groups present at the conference.

### Conference Resolutions.

The conference considered a statement on behalf of all delegates, which was passed at the final plenary, as follows:

Conference delegates committed to:

Working with the communities and government of Timor-Leste to assist the country's process of decentralisation.

275 Friends, 3 levels of Australian and Timor-Leste government:

Agreed to work together to promote participation in decision-making and better distributing the benefits of development to Timor-Leste's more remote rural areas.

The conference highlighted:

A shared commitment to strengthening and deepening Timor-Leste's process of democratisation and identified how Australian communities, councils and government could assist with that process.

The conference delegates called on:

The Victorian Local Government Minister to work closely with relevant local government and Friendship groups, including the Timor-Leste Friendship Network, in the development and implementation of the assistance program.

The conference delegates addressed:

- How to strengthen and further develop the existing cooperation with local communities in Timor-Leste
- assist with education
- health care
- and sustainable agriculture
- gender equity

Timor Sea:

The conference delegates also expressed strong support for a just resolution the dispute between Timor-Leste over setting boundaries in the Timor Sea and the allocation of resources that would flow from that.

Principles which inform friendship:

- mutual respect
- Timor-Leste-led decision making
- long-term commitment and sustainability.

The conference delegates also passed a resolution regarding the proposed 'municipal assistance program', as follows:

This conference:

1. Requests the Timor-Leste Ministry of State Administration to clarify the Timor-Leste National; Government's view of the future role of Australian Friendship groups in relation to the proposed 'municipal assistance' program
2. Requests Local Government Victoria to liaise with Local Governments where Friendship groups exist, with Friendship groups and with the Australian Timor-Leste Friendship Network in the development and implementation of the proposed program of 'municipal assistance'

And finally, the conference delegates passed a resolution about the Timor Oil and Gas issue:

This conference calls on the Australian Government:

1. To give up its unlawful and unjust claim to a continental shelf boundary north of the median line between Australia and Timor-Leste, and adhere to the principles of UN Convention of the law of the sea.
2. To support, impartially and fairly, the immediate commencement of negotiations to settle the eastern and western boundaries of the Timor Gap between Australia, Timor-Leste and Indonesia.

### Outcomes.

The conference, and the associated expo, was very successful in enabling the delegates to meet many other people committed to working with Timor-Leste, to share information and ideas and to plan follow-up activities. Moreland and Hume Councils and the Friends of Aileu were well represented and there was considerable interest in the work that is being done with project partners in Aileu District, particularly in the areas of education and training and community health. The conference provided a professional development opportunity for the two representatives from Aileu and an excellent networking opportunity for the East Timor Project Officer and other members of the Friends of Aileu Community Committee, which should prove of long-term benefit to the East Timor Partnership Project.

**Attachment 1.**

**FRIENDS OF AILEU – VISIT BY SR MARIO SOARES & SR CAMILO DA COSTA,  
21 JULY 2014 – 4 AUGUST 2014**

**PROGRAM**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Activity</b>
Monday 21 July	Arr Mel 11.30pm
Tuesday 22 July	11.00am – Meeting with Moreland Mayor, Cr Lambros Tapinos (R Brown), 90 Bell Street Coburg 11.30 – Meeting with Andrew Day, Director Community Development, Moreland Council (R Brown) 2.00pm – Meeting with Nalika Peiris, Moreland Unit Manager Community Development and Social Planning (R Brown) 7.00pm - Men’s Group Dinner with Graham Romanes
Wednesday 23 July	10am – Meeting with Nigel Fidgeon, Merri Community Health Services, (R Brown) 12.30 – Meeting with Dr Martin Hall, North Richmond Community Health, 32 Lennox Street, North Richmond (R Brown) 2.30pm – Meeting with Donna Luckman, Alternative Technology Association, (R Brown) 7.00pm - Dinner with Cr Helen Patsikatheodorou & Cr Vic Dougall
Thursday 24 July	10.15am - Morning tea with Victorian Parliamentary Friends of Timor-Leste at Parliament House, City (R Brown)
Friday 25 July	Conference, Preston
Saturday 26 July	Conference, Preston 7pm – 10pm - Conference dinner
Sunday 27 July	Rest day
Monday 28 July	11am – Meeting with Hume Director of City Communities, Margarita Caddick (R Brown) 1pm – Meeting with Hume Manager Social Development, Felicity Leahy (R Brown) 2pm – Visit to Broadmeadows Community Hub (R Brown) 2.30pm – Visit to Meadows Primary, meeting with Maureen Leahy 3pm – Visit Craigieburn Global Learning centre, view aboriginal art exhibition (R Brown) 6pm – Dinner with Hume Councillors & managers (R Brown) 7pm – Hume City Council meeting, Hume Global Learning Centre (R Brown)
Tuesday 29 July	9.30aam - Mario & Camilo to dental check-up (NRCH) 12.00pm – Visit CERES Environment Park pm - Mario to Comedy Festival with Gary Jungwirth
Wednesday 30 July	10.am – Camilo visit Melbourne Museum 2.30pm – Meeting with Kid-to-Kids group, Brunswick North West Primary (R Brown) 7.00pm –Greenvale Rotary Club meeting (Gary Jungwirth)

Thursday 31 July	11.00am - Camilo meeting with Mike Rowell, Moreland Waste Projects Officer 7pm – Farewell party, Wild Timor Coffee Cafe, Coburg
Friday 1 August	Mario to Inverloch (Bass Coast Shire) with Gary Jungwirth Camilo – Visit Enviroshop Camilo to Melbourne East Timor Activities Centre dinner, Richmond (R Brown)
Saturday 2 August	Camilo to Mt Franklin with Gaynor Atkin Mario to fundraiser for Bass Coast Friends of Laulara (G Jungwirth)
Sunday 3 August	Mario returns from Inverloch & Camilo returns from Mt Franklin
Monday 4 August	Dep Mel 6.00am



## **Attachment 2.**

### **Visit by Sr Mario Soares and Sr Camilo da Costa – People met during the visit**

**(TBA)**

Andrew Day, Director Social Development, Moreland City Council

Andrew Lang, teacher, Brunswick Northwest Primary School

Cr Casey Nunn, mayor, City of Hume

Demos Krouskos, CEO, North Richmond Community Health Ltd

Donna Luckman, CEO, Alternative Technology Association

Felicity Leahy, Manager Social Development, Hume City Council

Gary Jungwirth, East Timor Project officer, VLGA

Gaynor Atkin, member, Macedon Ranges Friends of Lolotoe

Graham & Glenyys Romanes, members, Friends of Aileu Community Committee

Cr Helen Patsikatheodorou (Hume), Chair friends of Aileu Community Committee

Judith Graley MP, Secretary, Victorian Parliamentary Friends of Timor-Leste

Kelly Alexander, Coordinator, Broadmeadows Community Hub

Cr Lambros Tapinos, Mayor, City of Moreland

Dr Martin Hall, Manager Oral Health, North Richmond Community Health Ltd

Margarita Caddick, Director City Communities, Hume City Council

Mike Rowell, Waste Management Officer, Moreland City Council

Nalika Peiris, Unit Manager Social Policy and Planning, Moreland City Council

Nigel Fidgeon, CEO, Merri Community Health Services

Sally Vong, Practice Nurse, North Richmond Community Health Ltd

### Attachment 3.

## **‘WORKING TOGETHER WITH TIMOR-LESTE: THE NEXT 10 YEARS’ CONFERENCE & EXPO, DAREBIN ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT CENTRE, PRESTON, 24-26 JULY 2014**

### PROGRAM

#### Friday 25 July

- 8.00am Conference registration, tea and coffee (Expo open)
- 9.00am Introduction – Cr Lambros Tapinos, Board Member, Victorian Local Governance Association (Facilitator)  
Welcome to Country – Wurundjeri Elder  
Welcome – Cr Gaetano Greco, Darebin Mayor  
Welcome – H.E. Abel Guterres, Timor-Leste Ambassador of Timor-Leste to Australia
- 9.20am Welcome and presentation of report - Hon Tim Bull MP, Victorian Minister for Local Government,
- 9.30am Keynote address – Sr Agio Pereira, Minister of State and President of the Timor-Leste Council of Ministers
- 10.00am Presentation by Senator Hon Brett Mason, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Foreign Affairs
- 10.15am Local government assistance program signing ceremony
- 10.30am Morning Tea
- 11.00am *‘Decentralisation and local development in Timor-Leste: The National Government’s perspective’* (Facilitator: Richard Brown)  
Presentation and panel discussion  
Speakers:  
Sr Samuel Mendonça, Secretary of State for Local Development  
Sr Abilio Caetano, Director General for Decentralisation  
Sr Miguel Carvalho, Director General for Local Development
- 12.30pm Lunch, (including 1.00pm launch, by Sr Agio Pereira, of the English language edition of the *Report of the Commission for Reception, Truth and Reconciliation in Timor-Leste*)
- 1.30pm *‘Opportunities in development at the District level’* - ‘open space’ process. (Facilitator: Fran Woodruff)
- 2.30pm Small group discussion of ‘opportunities for development’ by theme (including afternoon tea break at 3.00pm)

- 3.30pm Plenary – including report back from small groups (Facilitator: Fran Woodruff)
- 4.30pm *‘Opportunities for partnership’* – Presentation by Dr Helen Szoke, Chief Executive, Oxfam Australia
- 5.00pm *‘District level initiatives’* (Parallel sessions)
- Session 1: *Models of appropriate technology* (Facilitator: Cr Steve Staikos)  
Sustainable agriculture – Ego Lemos, Director, Permatil  
Community-Led Total Sanitation – Peter Dwan, WASH Consultant
- Session 2: *Models of community empowerment* (Facilitator: Christine Perkins)  
Community housing – Steve Bevington, CEO, Community Housing Ltd  
Financial inclusion – Angelo Moniz Jong, Credit Union Foundation Australia (CUFA) (Timor-Leste), Country Manager  
Engaging women in development – Dr Ann Wigglesworth, Marcelina de Conceicao
- Session 3 *Local Education*  
Rural School Development Program – Jenny Coles
- 6.00pm Bar, entertainment (The Mystic Trio)
- 7.00pm Conference Dinner  
- 10.00pm

(Expo closes at 6pm)

### **Saturday 26 July**

- 8.00am Registration, tea & coffee (Expo open)
- 9.00am Summary of issues from previous day
- 9.15am *‘Opportunities for partnership’* (Facilitator: Rae Kingsbury, Honorary Consul for Timor-Leste)  
Speakers:  
Allaster Cox, First Assistant Secretary, South-East Asia Division, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade  
Dr Helen Hill, Victoria University  
Cathy Molnar, Country Manager -Timor-Leste, Australian Volunteers International  
Derarca O’Mahony, National Convenor, Australia Timor-Leste Friendship Network
- 10.30am Morning tea

- 11.00am      *'Seeking effective models of supporting community development'* (Parallel sessions)
- Session 1:    *Friendship relationships (Facilitator: Pat Jessen)*  
 Baucau village model – Christopher Dureau, Friends of Baucau, Regina da Sousa, Sub-District Administrator, Baucau Sub-District  
 Cova Lima Community Centre – Eugenio da Souza, Chair, Cova Lima Community Committee
- Session 2:    *Projects (Facilitator: Jan Trezise)*  
 Aileu Oral Health Project – Dr Martin Hall, North Richmond Community Health  
 Ermera Friendship Schools Project – Victoria Spicer-Stuart, Beaconhills College, Sr Antonio Marcal, Hatolia Schools
- Session 3:    *Social enterprises and other initiatives (Facilitator: Chris Adams)*  
 WithOneSeed – Andrew Mahar, Co-Founder WithOneSeed  
 Rotary Donations-In-Kind – Peter Clements, Melbourne Rotary
- 12.30pm      Lunch
- 1.30pm        *'What have we learned and how can we apply it? Small group discussion of priority areas for future action and issues to be addressed in draft Conference Statement – reports provided to Drafting Group*
- 2.30pm        Networking break, including afternoon tea
- 3.30pm        Final Plenary - *'The way forward: how can we work together in the next 10 years?'* (Facilitator: Dr Andrew Hollows, CEO,Victorian Local Governance Association). Including presentation and discussion of the Conference Statement and any other recommendations.
- 4.30pm        Conference close

(Expo closes at 6pm)