

## **FRIENDS OF AILEU STRATEGY PLAN 2020**

### **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 share stories, culture, insights, information, expertise and resources with our friends and partners in Aileu and Timor-Leste, working with our two Councils, local community organisations and other partners to contribute to a more sustainable and healthy future for Aileu.

### **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 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, especially supporting the activities of women and youth, and vulnerable groups such as the disabled.

#### **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.



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## OBJECTIVES

The objectives to achieve these Goals, and to work towards our Vision, are outlined below. The actual to be undertaken will be expressed in more detail in the Annual Action Plan.

### **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

#### **Objectives**

- 1.1 Provide opportunities for community members and staff of the Moreland and Hume City Councils to involve themselves in and support the friendship relationship
- 1.2 Collaborate with the Australian East Timorese community and organisations and Timor-Leste students in activities of mutual interest
- 1.3 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, especially supporting vulnerable groups such as women and youth.

#### **Objectives**

- 2.1 Provide organisational and professional development support for the Aileu Municipal Administration as it develops more effective delivery of services and moves towards responsible local government
- 2.2 Provide organisational support for the Aileu Friendship Commission, to assist it to develop its accountability and sustainability
- 2.3 Provide organisational and professional development support for Aileu non-government and community organisations to assist them to operate more sustainably.

### **Strategy Plan Goal 3 - Programs and Projects:**

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

#### **Objectives**

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

### **Objectives**

- 4.1 Work with the Moreland and Hume City Councils to maintain and implement the East Timor Partnership Project, including operating appropriate governance and reporting mechanisms
- 4.2 Collaborate with schools, community and educational organisations and local governments that have friendship relationships with Aileu and its communities to develop mutual support mechanisms
- 4.3 Collaborate with other community groups and local governments on Timor-Leste friendship relationships and cooperation goals and objectives, including through the Australia Timor-Leste Friendship Network and the Local Government Timor-Leste Partnership Network
- 4.4 Develop partnerships with Australian organisations that can contribute to the friendship relationship with Aileu and to the objectives that Friends of Aileu supports.

## **Strategy Plan Goal 5 – Accountability, Capabilities and Resources:**

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

### **Objectives**

- 5.1 Enhance community and staff participation in Friends of Aileu Community Committee meetings and Friends of Aileu's activities
- 5.2 Develop Friends of Aileu's communications capacity and effectiveness
- 5.3 Develop and diversify Friends of Aileu's fundraising capacity
- 5.4 Organise events and conduct other activities that support the friendship relationship with Aileu and the achievement of Friends of Aileu's goals
- 5.5 Participate in other community activities that promote Friends of Aileu
- 5.6 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 objectives of Friends of Aileu
- 5.7 Provide reports on Friends of Aileu's objectives targeted to recipients needs and preferences.

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