



2015 Alternative Leavers

will be stepping out of their comfort zone and spending 10-12 days helping in community building projects on Atauro Island in Timor-Leste

We believe this will be a peak life experience for all involved.

Timor-Leste is a country with strong historic links to Australia. It also has a varied and tumultuous past, the lowest GDP per capita in Asia, and about 75% unemployment.

Few communities in rural areas have access to clean water, sanitation, health services and education.

And yet, Timor-Leste is still a beautiful country with a rich culture.

If you have any queries, or wish to register the closing date is 4th May 2015 please contact:
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This project has been led by The Rotary Club of Margaret River over the last three years. Here are some comments from last year's students:

"The East Timor trip was nothing less than amazing" – Madeline McAuliffe

"I loved it there and I would recommend to anyone in a heart-beat." Peter Ladd-McGovern

"I've had the best time of my life!" Katie Jupp



The Rotary Club of Margaret River
Lions Clubs of Margaret River, Leeuwin and Cowaramup

Alternative Leavers Week 2015

An adventure of a lifetime



Celebrate the completion of your final year at school with the

Journey of a Lifetime.

During "Leavers Week" in 2015, young people will be celebrating in many different ways. Rotary Club of Margaret River and the Lions Clubs of Margaret River, Leeuwin and Cowaramup challenge you to celebrate Leavers Week with a life changing experience that will last much longer than just a week. As a Year 12 student and resident of the Shire of Augusta/Margaret River, you are invited to join a select team that will engage in a variety of community building activities in a rural village in Atauro Island in Timor Leste (East Timor).

The Alternative LEAVERS week 2015 will have a life changing impact upon you and those you meet.

What can I expect?

The overall goal of this initiative is to create a unique opportunity for young people to:

- Contribute to an under-developed country
- Experience cross-cultural awareness
- Set personal challenges
- Learn new life skills
- Build strong friendships
- Make a genuinely positive difference in people's lives
- Have fun
- Think and act like global citizens

Who will be going?

The 2015 team will include eleven select Year 12 school leavers from the Shire of Augusta/Margaret River, one student leader, and three adult leaders.

What is the cost?

Fundraising and sponsorship keeps the cost of this trip to a minimum. Total cost per student is \$1,350.

What will we be doing?

Some of the projects may include:

- Repairing medical or education facilities
- Provide drinking water and sanitation
- Provide tuition on using computers
- Visit an orphanage or school with supplies and gifts
- Teaching English
- Crop and tree planting

Call Terry on 0428 909 198 if you want further information