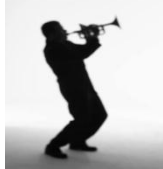


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BREAKING NEWS!!!!



Rotarian Education Training (RET) is currently negotiating an agreement with Woodside Energy Limited on behalf of Sunrise Joint Venture Participants (SunriseJVP) to support the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) Timor Leste Program in 2012.



Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) Timor Leste The second successful RYLA Program was held in Dili from 8 to 15 August 2011. The future is very bright for the 85 participants and facilitators. Many alumni from both years have gone on to join Rotaract, Rotary. Many are more committed to engaging in community service, employment and further education both in Timor Leste and overseas. See future publications for their stories.

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards 2012 - Timor Leste 2012

The Timor Leste RYLA Facilitator team led by Eddie Pinto and Fina Soriano is working hard to prepare for RYLA Timor Leste in September. Four RYLArians from Sydney will be in regular contact with the facilitators and be at Dare as mentors for RYLA Timor Leste 2012.



Casa de Retiro St Ignatio, Dare



2 to 8 September 2012 * Applications open shortly

CONTACTS: Eddie Pinto at dolilli04@hotmail.com or ryla.timorleste@gmail.com

or Angelo Raveane in Sydney at angelo@hotline.net.au



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District 9680

RAWCS Project 67

Rotarians Education & Training (RET) in Timor Leste

The RAWCS Project 67 team has been working with the Rotary Club of Dili in East Timor and District 9500 and to establish a Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) program since 2008. The concept of RET came about when we understood that our support for this young nation could be just so much more effective if our efforts to assist the people of East Timor were coordinated. How much more effective could we be if we connect rather than many Rotary groups working in isolation. Also, working together across the six **Rotary International Foundation areas of Focus** – Peace and Conflict Resolution or Prevention, Water and Sanitation, Maternal and Child Health, Basic Education and Literacy, Disease Prevention and Treatment, Economic and Community Development programs we can significantly increase our ability to “**make a difference**” to the lives of people in Timor Leste. *This Newsletter is intended as a vehicle to provide:*

- *Progress reports of our RET projects in Timor Leste*
- *An opportunity for other Rotarians to share their projects in Timor Leste*

Your interest, feedback and contributions are warmly welcomed. In future it is intended to provide news updates three times a year – April, July and October.

A new Partnership with Macquarie University ...

Theo Glockemann and senior Rotary officers have been meeting with Pro-Vice Chancellor Professor Gail Whiteford and her team at Macquarie University to develop some exciting programs. One project is a mentoring system where Macquarie students will be linked up with University students in Dili as part of their degree program – **watch out for exciting new developments in this project!**

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Teachers for Timor The Rotary Club of Glenhaven

has continued to work with Australian Catholic University (ACU), through the Institute for Advancing Community Engagement (IACE), to support the successful 'Teachers for Timor' project. Catholic Teachers College, Baucau's **Director Br Fons van Rooij** has thanked Rotary, saying that the funds and long term support enable the college to continue providing quality primary teachers for the young people of East Timor.

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The Biblioteka Ermera - Dan and Beth Gilfillen spoke about this wonderful Library Project to the District 9680 Conference in Wollongong on Sunday 18 March 28, 2012

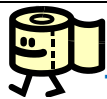


Theme - creating a window to other worlds through access to books.

Ermera is an area the size of the Blue Mountains without a single bookshop. This library provides the chance for all citizens to get close to books and gain information and education.

Statistics regarding literacy are sometimes misleading: sometimes they just mean that community members can all recognize and write their own name. **Funding** - There are 130,000 people in the district of Ermera but many cannot access the new libraries. Lack of money, roads and transport are the cause. Four more library sub branches are planned over the next three years. Dan made a powerful plea for Rotary Clubs to consider a long term approach by **pledging regular donations**. Once the library is established it is hoped that management will be taken up by the National Library of East Timor.

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TOILETS IN SCHOOLS

A new approach to establishing toilets in all schools in Timor Leste is being discussed by our **RET** Team with advice and support from other organisations such as the Timor Leste Department of Education, Mana Kirsty Sword Gusmao's Education Ambassador Program, Emergency Architects Australia and Rotary Action Groups. We are keen to link with the many groups already working in Timor Leste. We want to meet others and share our Rotary knowledge and experience in Water & Sanitation developed through management of projects around the world.

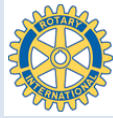
Rotary Clubs will be invited to assist – **Watch out for developments!**

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HEALTH MATTERS: A new committee led by Ian Bittner with a small committee is following up with support for a range of Health needs. Ian and his team have access to equipment and expertise to share.

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INVITATION: *Attend the University of Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains East Timor Sisters Inaugural NSW Timor-Leste Forum:*

“Building Collaborative Partnerships”

Hear from Kirsty Sword Gusmao, former First Lady of Timor-Leste and UN Goodwill Ambassador, and Ambassador Abel Guterres and attend the presentations and workshops - with an education theme. The aim of the forum is to provide an opportunity for members of friendship and support groups to be informed, learn from one another, discuss some of the dilemmas and develop stronger networks.

Date: Saturday 14th July, 2012.

Time: 9am—5pm

Venue: University of Western Sydney, Parramatta Campus.

On-line registrations open May 21st, 2012

Contacts: Mary Waterford - 0403 257 519 or
Suzie van Opdorp - 0415 689 935 or suzie.vanopdorp@gmail.com.

INVITATION: Visit Rotary's distribution centre and perhaps help pack a container at:



Donations in Kind (DIK)

Dates: Saturday 4th and 11th August, 2012

Times: between 9am and 12 noon

Address: 2-6 Colyton Rd. Minchinbury (Adjacent to McDonalds Restaurant)

The equipment that is most needed includes such items as:

- **Educational equipment** - school desks and chairs and other educational item, etc.
- **Health** related items - hospital equipment, beds, bedside tables, instruments, linen, etc.

Check with Miriam regarding the suitability of equipment and for a suitable time for delivery.

Contact: Miriam Jacka at donationsinkind@rotarydistrict9680.org to book your visit.

Other Useful Contacts: Rotary District 9680, Rotary Club of Dili, ProjectLINK, Rotary Action Groups, Rotary Australian World Community Service (RAWCS) Projects website

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Mid July for the next edition.