

## **Minutes of Indigo Atauro Friendship Committee Meeting:**

11 October 19 Harris St, Rutherglen.

**Present:** Rob Porter, Irene Cracknell, Frances Walsh, Peter Croucher, Lesley Milne, Jenny OConnor, Libby Hosking (Minutes)

**Apologies:** Mark Verbaken

Rob welcomed Jenny to our Committee meeting. Jenny thanked the Committee for the work that we do. She also apologised for the clash of other meeting times that she has as part of her duties as Mayor

The Committee acknowledged that it is difficult but appreciate her involvement.

**Minutes of previous meeting** were moved by Frances, Seconded Lesley.

**Business Arsing:**

**Forum Contact:**

The Committee's annual report was sent to Derarca OMahony of AUSTimor FN and requested that a copy be sent to the Friendship Liaison officer in Dili. We also requested a copy of the minutes of the June education forum. So far no reply.

October 24<sup>th</sup> is the next scheduled Local Government Timor Network meeting in Melbourne.

October 28<sup>th</sup> is the next Forum at the Shire Hall in Kyneton. We may find out more at this forum.

**Action:** Rob will investigate and ask about : the structures of other friendship groups and whether they are Section 86 committees or how they are organised, details of other Friendship group scholarship programs, and the accreditation of Universities and Colleges in Timor Leste.

**Student Sponsorship:** Letters were sent to all the sponsors with information about their student – the Knopers, Turnbolls, Uniting Church, Skirmer family, Hosking/Taylor family and Indigo Shire.

The shire, through Gerry Smith were to organise an article on Marcelina and student scholarship program. Thanks to Irene and Lesley for providing information.

**Action:** Rob to follow this up.

**Timor Leste Waste Management Delegation:** Mark sent a report about the visit of the delegation from Timor Leste on Waste Management .

Irene, Lesley, Frances and Mark attended this successful event.

**Who is Who Document:**

**Action:** Rob will follow up the Who Is Who document with Jess as some members didn't receive the email. Corrections or additions most welcome.

**Tetun Pamphlet** – the translated document to be forwarded to Jess so that she can make minor format alterations and print 50 copies.

## Correspondence:

1. Lacluta Frienship Group reports on their visit to Timor Leste
2. Greg Pinkerton's emails regarding Committee review (circulated separately)
3. Marcelo's email regarding toilets and student assistance.

### 1. Lacluta Friendship Group:

**Action:** Libby will send a thankyou email to Andy Kimber thanking him for his recent report regarding their visit to Timor Leste which coincided with Irene and Libby's visit.

#### The following is Marcelo's email

*Hi Frances and Irene, I just want to inform you that now I'm start building 6 toilet but not yet finish and now I'm start to think about new students selection next month for 2018. I'll try to announce for public specially for trade to see how they interest. Do you have any suggestion ?*

*I want to ask some things, in Roman Luan office we have a problem with toilet so we need to rehabilitate the toilet but we don't have any funding so if possible I want to use some money from toilet project to support rehabilitate the toilet.*

*Another things is have One students from Makili village come to meet me and ask for my support to find some sponsor for him because he is final students for petroleum engineering in DIT but now he has to stop for a while to find money to finalize his study.*

*He already stop last year to looking for money but still difficult for him to get money. His father work as security with small salary but difficult to support his son. To finalize his study cost about 1.500 dollars or more so if you have some one want to support him, it will be fantastic because he is a good person and clever and really need to finalize his study. I just try to find solution for him but its depend on the possibilities.*

*This is his detail information : Name : Recardo Pacheco Noronha*

*Place Date of bird : Atauro, 29 - 1 - 1990*

*Course he attend : Petroleum Engineering at DIT (final students)*

*Address : Makili Village sub District Atauro*

*If have any support he will finish and graduate next year.*

*If have some one interest to support him please give me information. Thank you so much and hope have some interest.*

*Marcelo Belo Soares*

## Finance Report:

Irene presented a finance report that showed a balance of \$15192.92. She requested permission for transfers to Alola ( \$3050) for student payments and Marcelo for toilet construction..

The report was accepted and permission given.

Moved Frances and seconded Peter

## **General Business:**

### **Student Scholarship Program:**

The following recommendations are from Irene and Libby's original report and previously listed for the August meeting

- **Mature Age students should be eligible for scholarships**

Clearly many of our current students are older than recent secondary school graduates.

**Action:**The process by which scholarships are awarded to Atauro residents who are older needs to be clarified with Marcelo.

- **Students should be able to make submissions to Alola/IAFC for extra funding**

A motion in relation to providing scholarship students with computers was moved:

**We budget for 3 computers a year with appropriate software.**

**The Budget will be around A\$4500 but will depend on the student's course.**

Moved Lesley. Seconded Irene. The motion was accepted

- **Students should develop stronger connections to the Atauro community via contracts and community support.**

To build clarity for students about IAFC and what is provided through the Scholarship Program a student contract should be developed. There was considerable discussion on what to include.

**Action:** Libby/Lesley will draft a contract/agreement re student guidelines for students outlining their responsibilities, entitlements etc which will be translated into Tetun. This would be signed by student, their family, Alola, their course via the course administrator.

- **Alola's management system**

**Action:** Irene will ask Nuni as to her expectations of Alola's role in managing our students.

Lesley mentioned that we should ask other friendship groups about accreditation of tertiary programs.

**Action:** Rob could investigate this at the upcoming meeting in Kyneton.

- **Marcelo's request** for funding for a final year Petroleum Engineering student

**Action:**Frances to investigate possible sponsors and let Marcelo know by December.

The Committee will investigate whether or not there are student scholarships being offered by the Government to Atauro residents. Joana Mott and Nick Oats maybe able to source this information as well as information about institution accreditation.

**Committee Review - Greg Pinkerton's email:** Greg from the Indigo Shire, has sent an email to the Committee outlining areas of the review of Indigo Shire Committees that particularly impact on the IAFC.

Jenny spoke about the formal process which is occurring in Council at the moment and the structure and appropriateness of individual committees.

She was keen to stress that the Council wanted to ease the work load of Committees while at the same time making sure that the type of committee was the most appropriate given our uniqueness. A review is underway for all committees in the Shire and will occur over the coming months.

**Action:** Rob to contact Greg Pinkerton and inform him of the discussion so far

During the December meeting we will discuss this review in more detail about whether or not we should continue to be a Section 86 public liability insurance, tax deductibility, recruitment, administrative support, foundation documents, constitution,

### **Composting Toilet program**

- The number to be built – 7

Marcelo is planning 6 plus one for Roman Luan = 7 @700AUD equals \$4900

Permission to upgrade the Roman Luan toilet as part of the program was granted.

**Action : Frances to let Marcelo know.**

- Locations – how are they chosen? Are they in the optimal position?
- Plaques and record of donations

The program was discussed and will continue at the next meeting.

**Action :** Frances and Rob to gather historical information regarding toilet locations ,donors and their recognition and future priority lists for next meeting.

**Herculano's request for funding for Pradet computer program** for students in Makili was briefly discussed and will be discussed further at the next meeting.

**Action ;** Information regarding programs to be circulated.

Meeting Closed 7.01

**Next meeting at the Barnawatha Hotel on December 13<sup>th</sup> at 5.00pm ,Dinner to follow.**