

**Minutes for Indigo/Atauro Friendship Committee meeting Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup>  
April 4.30pm**

**At Porter's Place, 9 Glasgow St, Rutherglen**

**1. Welcome** - Rob welcomed all members.

**2 Apologies** – Lesley Milne, Jess Johnson, Jenny O'Connor.

**Minutes** – NB . Nuni's Aloa 2016 report was attached to the last lot of minutes

**3. Business Arising from last Minutes**

**Fundraising Update**

The Rutherglen February month of activities concluded post our last meeting It was a fantastic effort to raise approximately \$4000. Well done to all concerned.

Wonderful donations towards the composting toilet program from the Kiewa/Tangambalanga Lions Club, Rutherglen Knights of the Southern Cross, Rutherglen High School Year 9 program, CRABS (Rutherglen cyclists) and maybe Fahan school in Tasmania. To date nearly \$3000 has been donated.

**Library Books**

Indigo's donations have landed in Dili and are currently being unpacked by the Reading Room in Dili. Feedback will follow.

**Local Government Network meeting held on March 29<sup>th</sup>**

A report was sent from Nick Oats

Peter enquired about the visit from the Timorese waste management group and the Balibo House development .

Peter expressed a willingness to attend partnership meetings.

**Action**

Rob to send 2017 meeting dates to Peter.

Rob/Chariperson to write to Mark Florence and Jenny O'Connor regarding Indigo Council hosting a dinner in late July (26<sup>th</sup> or 27<sup>th</sup>) which IAFC members could attend . The letter will express our desire to strengthen our friendship with Timor Leste.

**Minutes from last meeting were moved by Peter and Seconded Irene.**

## **Treasurer's Report-**

At the end of March a Balance of \$5774.09 was reached after paying \$4200.22 to Alola, which is the second instalment. This takes us up to June.

Donations are continuing and regular donors are paying. Turnbulls and Knopers etc.

AustTimorFN membership fee is \$50.

**Irene moved and Mark seconded that we join this network.**

**Treasurers report was moved by Irene and seconded by Frances.**

A further donation of \$10,000 will be received in the future from the Folk, Rhythm and Life Folk Festival organisers - the Skirmer family in Eldorado.

Libby will write with IAFC banking details and thank them for their generous donation.

## **4. Project reports**

**Students –**

### **Graduation and other student Gifts**

Vicki Knopers is putting together a small gift for her student to be taken to TL by Irene and Libby. Irene has asked the Corowa Rotary for first aid kits for each student. It was felt that it would be unfair for some students to receive a gift and not others.

### **Student Information Flow**

Libby will be Vicki Knopers liason while Lesley is away. Irene is also in contact with Vicki.

### **Action:**

Irene and Libby will make a proforma about the information which might be appropriate for students to provide their sponsors. This information would come via the Committee and be forwarded to sponsors.

Rob will provide the Proforma and questions which has been used before.

Irene and Libby will ask Nuni if it is possible to provide a transcript of students results.

## **Students for 2018**

Frances moved that she will contact Marcello and ask if there are students who wish to do vocational studies next year. Seconded Peter

After much discussion, the number of students we sponsor in 2018 will be finalised at the next meeting. Some members thought that we could sponsor 4 students as we missed a year, while others thought we could begin to sponsor 2 again this year.

## **New Sponsorship**

The Skirmer family will provide \$5000 in 2017 for student sponsorship. This will mean all students have individual sponsors for 2017.

## **Action**

Rob to prepare table showing student, sponsor, institution, course and year. This will assist with planning student numbers in 2018.

## **Composting Toilets-**

Frances has contacted Marcello, who has asked IAFG to help build between 9 and 12 composting toilets. Frances has spoken to Marcello about the IAFG funding the toilets, and that these funds come from our Committee and not the Shire. Frances suggested that Atauro communities might use some of their local funds to help with the construction of new toilets. Marcelo is to take this suggestion to Roman Luan and Chefes.

## **Sponsorship of toilets**

Our group would like to thank the 2017 sponsors include: K/T Lions, Junior Council, RHS year 9, CRABS and maybe Fahan school in Tasmania.

## **New Sponsor**

The Skirmer family have pledged \$5000 towards the toilet program in 2017. We thank them very much for their generous donation.

Sponsors to be recognised with plaques on the toilets and these photos to be passed onto sponsors.

## **Action:**

**Frances moved that the treasurer will transfer A\$5000 for composting toilets to the Dili ANZ bank account. Seconded by Mark.**

Frances to contact Marcelo with names of sponsors to be recognised and to pass on photos when she receives them.

Rob will send the toilet report to Libby, which then can be passed onto the Skirmer family.

## **5. General Business:**

### **Brochure:**

The committee thanked Lesley for her hard work in getting the brochure finalised.

Some changes were suggested - omitting some of the information on the Indigo Shire.

It was decided that we would print 100 in English, and 30 in Tetun .

### **Action:**

Rob to contact Jess with suggested editing and a request for 100 copies.  
Lucy Barton to be contacted regarding Tetun translation.

**Timor/Leste waste disposal visit:** Date has changed to Wed. July 26<sup>th</sup> and Thurs 27<sup>th</sup> See notes in Business Arising.

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**Irene and Libby's visit** to Timor Leste/Atauro in June. Libby will visit Tiba College. Irene to take more seeds for Rosario. 2 computers for students from RHS are on the way.

Libby has some donations for schools/kindergartens. Libby and Irene to discuss 2018 student scholarships with Marcelo.

### **Action:**

Rob will contact Nick Oats re liaison between Tiba college and Libby.  
Irene to get more seeds – Rotary are possible donors.

**Annual Meeting** date is Wed 9<sup>th</sup> August . This year we will have the AGM at 4.30 pm. Followed by the general committee meeting at 5.30pm where Irene and Libby will report on their recent visit.

**Friends of Laculta** have organised a fundraising film(Toe the Line) on May 8<sup>th</sup> at 6.30pm. Frances will post the information on Atua Island Friendship Committee's site, Libby will organise tickets for Mark, Rob, and Ro.

**Next meeting - 14 th June at 4.00pm at 33 Huon Rd, Tangambalanga.**