



**Indigo Shire Atauro Island Friendship Incorporated Meeting Minutes:**

<b>DATE:</b>	Wednesday 9 June 2021 at 5:30pm
<b>LOCATION:</b>	Zoom
<b>CHAIR:</b>	Mark Verbaken

<b>ATTENDEES:</b>	Mark Verbaken, Irene Cracknell, Lesley Milne (left 5.50pm), Rob Porter, Libby Hosking, Frances Walsh, Peter Croucher.
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<b>1</b>	<b>Welcome:</b> Mark welcomed all to the meeting;
<b>2</b>	<b>Apologies</b>
<b>3</b>	<p><b>Minutes from previous meeting were read</b> Moved Irene and Seconded Libby.                  Rob mentioned that the emails from Avelino’s were sent around. He said that the main issue is the worrying food supply on the Island and that private boats are being used to transport food supplies.</p> <p>Irene reported the following:                  Barry is stuck in Dili unable to return to Atauro                  At 10am on 15<sup>th</sup> May a local boat from Beloi village sank with 7 men onboard in the Wetar Strait between Dili and Beloi (Atauro) the boat was overloaded. 3 men drowned and 4 men were saved (all were from Beloi)                  Bags of rice, cooking oil &amp; noodles are being sourced through the local kiosks (to support their businesses) food will be distributed by the Atauro Island administrator to all districts on Atauro.                  A record is being kept of the families who receive both the masks and the food. Photos will be sent in due course.</p> <p>Nuni is on maternity leave, there has been a problem with her pregnancy, but to date Irene doesn’t have an update.                  Triponio Verdail is acting in Nuni’s place while she is on leave</p> <p>At this stage there is nothing to report from Marcelo, as far as Irene is aware he is still stuck in Dili unable to return to Atauro</p> <p>The Committee congratulated and thanked Irene for keeping in contact and keeping us up to date.</p>
<b>4</b>	<p><b>Finance Report:</b> Food Relief money \$1000 &amp; HIAM Health \$1125.00 have both been paid. Total of <b>\$24,155.72</b> as of 9 June 2021.                  We discussed how we could minimise our costs in transferring money.</p>



	<p>Irene will ask Christine Perkins – accountant at Alola. Libby will check with Friends of Lacluta to see how they transfer money.</p>
<b>5</b>	<b>Student Scholarships:</b>
	<p>Irene reported the following: Permission was given to Alola to purchase computers for Ratna, Martino &amp; Crizanio</p> <p><b><u>Ratna de Ajauro</u></b> – Attended on-line classes in 2020 during Covid 19  <b><u>Germano de Araujo</u></b> – Graduated 25<sup>th</sup> May 2021 (see photo below)  <b><u>Martino Soares</u></b>: attended practical in slaughterhouse in Tibar for 2 months – in 2021 he will focus on writing theses  <b><u>Crizanio Soares</u></b>: Attended on-line classes in 2020 during Covid 19  <b><u>Herminia Soares</u></b>: has completed Certificate 2 training at Tibar and plans to continue Certificate 3 at ETDA – she was unable to go to Alola to present planning for 2021  <b><u>Josefino Gusmao</u></b>: : Attended on-line classes in 2020 during Covid 19  <b><u>Anabela Cute</u></b>: Attended on-line classes in 2020 during Covid 19</p> <p>Irene to ask Triponi (new Alola contact ) for the details of Eva and Juvinals' courses who are the 2 new students for 2021.</p>
<b>6.</b>	<b>Acknowledgement of Country</b>
	<p>At the AGM it was suggested that we have an Acknowledgement of Country at the beginning of each meeting:</p> <p>In the spirit of reconciliation ISAFI acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of country on which we meet, and their connections to land, sea and community. We pay our respects to their Elders past and present and extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples today.</p> <p>Some members thought the above Acknowledgement of Country was too long. Mark will collate other Acknowledgements of Country which committee members will email to him before the next meeting.</p>
<b>7.</b>	<b>\$500 for masks:</b> Boneca are making 500 masks for \$1 US each – they will be distributed by the island administrator to all the districts on Atauro Boneca have asked for \$500 from our Committee. Frances moved that the \$500 be reimbursed to Irene. Seconded: everyone.



**8. General Business:**

Jenny Ryder to be invited to the August committee meeting. Frances moved that we commence the process of inviting Jenny Ryder to join our committee Seconded Mark. Irene will get Jenny's email address.

Also to continue the conversation with Carmel ? who has also expressed interest in joining our Committee. Lesley might follow this up as she works with her.

Rob asked if everyone wanted to receive the emails which he gets about Timor Leste. The Committee decided that he could send the ones he thought were most relevant to our Committee.

Mark suggested that we link up with the other 2 friend's groups in the North East to share information. Possible topics for discussion could be –incorporation – community organisation, Council representation on their Committee, what does Council do for their Committee, finances.

It was decided Indigo Shire Atauro Island Friendship Incorporated Committee would invite the Friends of Lacluta Wangaratta, Friends of Vienali to a meeting later in the year.

Libby will email both Secretaries with an invite.

Meeting closed: 6.31pm

Next meeting: August 10. 5.30pm at Frances Walsh home.