



# 2017 Annual Report



# Our Objects

To undertake charitable projects to provide relief of poverty or distress to people in need in Timor Leste.

## Our Guiding Principles

<b>Cultural Awareness</b>	All activities are respectful, relevant and developed in consultation with local communities.
<b>Sustainability</b>	All activities are sustainable in that the benefits from the Association's activities should continue on after the activities have ceased.
<b>Ethical Practice</b>	All activities are in accordance with ethical best practice.
<b>Accountability</b>	All activities will be undertaken professionally and transparently and there will be open communication with all stakeholders.
<b>Capacity Strengthening</b>	All activities will empower and develop capacity in local communities.
<b>Co-Investment</b>	All activities are undertaken in partnership with local Timor Leste individuals and/or organisations, with genuine contributions made by all parties, to create joint ownership of projects.

## Incorporated and charitable status

Date of Incorporation - 1st August 2005

ABN Number - 20 906 576 604

Registered charity with the ACNC since 3 December 2012

Registered with the Department of Commerce - Licence No. 20800

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## News from our Chair Adalberto Da Costa Nunes

Building on the successful year of 2016, beginning of this year the TLV committee celebrated the commissioning of the Hatete Water Project. The infrastructure was formally handed over by the newly formed TLV Timor committee to the community leaders, Hatete primary school and maintenance crews.

During 2017, TLV has also expanded our project sites to the municipalities in eastern parts of the country. This was marked by undertaking Funar water project in the municipality of Manatuto, 120km east of Dili. This is a significant and exciting step to build more partnerships to remote communities in all parts of Timor Leste.

Another exciting step; TLV Timor are in the midst of preparing an application to formally become a Non-Government Organisation (NGO) in Timor. This will transform and provide opportunities for TLV Timor to raise funds and undertake more collaboration with local and international NGO's in Timor.

Special thanks to Jessica Volich who stepped down in the first half of the year as TLV Australia chair-person. During her tenure, she made a significant contribution on governance and, together with Joanne Pollard and Louise Pollard, successfully submitted the Overseas Aid

Gift Deduction Scheme (OAGDS). This will enable TLV to issue tax deductible, receipts for donations to our overseas aid activities.

Jessica Ettridge, TLV's Volunteer Coordinator, advised that she would not seek re-election into the Executive Committee this year. Over the years Jessica had established and improved TLV's volunteer base and assisted in the production of newsletters. Another special thanks to Cheryl Ashboth who will also step down from Executive Committee. She has served as financial officer for three years and brought valuable experience during that period. Both their contributions are highly valued and while they will be missed, we are grateful that they choose to stay involved with TLV.

On behalf of the TLV Executive Committee I would like to thank all of the TLV's volunteers and supporters for their passion, time, and commitment in helping delivering the strong outcomes this year.

Finally, TLV is proud to announce that Tiu Domingos Oliveira has gladly accepted to be appointed as TLV's patron. Tiu Domingos is a well-respected figure among Timorese communities in Australia and in Timor. His insight, connections and understanding of Timorese culture will be invaluable to TLV in the coming future.



**“352,000 people in Timor-Leste do not have clean water.**

**663,000 people in Timor-Leste do not have a decent toilet.**

**70 children under five die a year due to diarrhoeal diseases caused by poor water and sanitation in Timor-Leste.”  
WaterAid**

The most **exciting** development for volunteers in 2017 has been the establishment of a strong volunteer base for our branch in Timor Leste. The committee in Timor Leste mirrors the structure of our Management Committee in Australia, which allows for **collaboration and mentoring**. We look forward to seeing this continue to grow.

**We** welcomed a new Marketing Officer in 2017, Eric Afonso, who has a Timorese background and is **passionate** about keeping young Timorese people in Perth connected with their culture. We also welcomed Mike Jansen, who is the reporting Officer for our Community Projects, and in particular, the establishment of the Sister Schools Project.

This year we farewell Cheryl Ashboth our wonderful Treasurer and will welcome Felicia Wong into this role.

We also farewelled Jessica Volich our Chair, who relocated to Chile with her family this year. Abeto Nunes kindly stepped up to act in this role and will continue to lead us in this role in 2018.

The TLV Team are **100% Volunteers** and their hard work makes our fundraising and projects possible – thank you all for another fantastic and committed year.

We look forward to what the new year brings!

Jess Ettridge, Volunteer Coordinator





# Projects - Infrastructure

## Funar Water Project

The Funar Water and Sanitation Project was introduced to TLV in 2016. The project is located in Funar, a small and remote village in the Municipality (district) Manatuto, situated at around 120km to the East of Dili.

The Funar Project objectives and benefits:

- Provide clean and sustainable supply of potable water, and adequate basic sanitation for the Funar community and two primary schools.
- Develop community skills to maintain the water and sanitation system in good working order after the conclusion of the project.

Project Implementation and Progress:

The project has been divided into three phases as follows:

- Phase 1 (completed 2016): - Funar Water Supply Reinstatement  
This includes replacing any defective stand-pipe taps; testing each stand pipe for adequate water flow and fixing blockage/leaking pipes.
- Phase 2 (completed in 2017) - Funar lower and upper primary School Toilets.

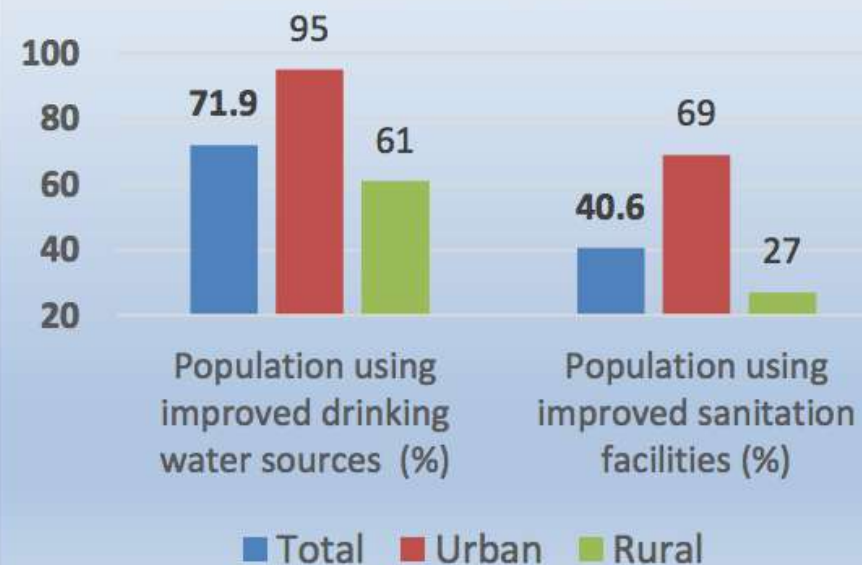
The scope includes building new toilet on each school based on PLAN International designs, which were implemented in similar conditions in rural areas of Timor. This is for the community to be able to service and upkeep the toilets when the project is completed.

- Phase 3 (in progress) - Water tank at Lower School and Upper School.  
Installing new tanks at each school to collect rainwater. The two tanks are donated by Christian Brothers in Perth. The final phase has been temporarily delayed due to heavy rain, which does not permit the transportation of the tanks to Funar.



## Access to Water and Sanitation

(Source: JPM UNICEF WHO 2015)



# Rialeco Water Project

Rialeco is a **new water project** that was commenced by the newly formed TLV project team in Timor Leste. It is in its initial stage of defining the details of the project scope and discussion with community leaders. From the preliminary survey from TLV Timor, the general scope is to re-instate existing infrastructure and provide sanitation, building new toilets at the primary school.

Rialeco is situated in the Municipality of Ainaro and is one of many isolated villages. Due the damages of water supply and piping system, the village **does not have access to fresh, clean and portable water**. The closest water source is 3kms away. There are 60 families in Rialeco, which consists of 420 community members (310 adults and 110 children).

This project was identified when members of the broader community contacted TLV Timor and outlined what was needed in the Ainaro District. It was followed by a survey from the project team to further identify and hold initial discussions with the community leaders. The community representatives agreed and committed to contribute throughout each phase of the project.



## Abel Da Costa Concecao, Chair of TLV in Timor Leste says:

*"Most Australians would not believe that to their north, an hour flight away, in Timor-Leste, people would have to struggle so hard just to get clean water to serve their needs. That is the reality many Timorese families are facing every day".*

*The remote village of Rialeco came to the attention of TLV when the TLV team in Timor was contacted by Elders in the District of Ainaro, where Rialeco is situated, informing us of the dire situation and urgent need for assistance to meet the supply of fresh water.*

*Rialeco, would benefit tremendously by this project. There are 64 families in Rialeco, which consist of 420 community members (310 adults and 110 children). **Upon successful completion this project would source fresh water to the entire 64 families and a school village.***

*Many diseases, specially skin disease in children related to the use of water from the river would be gone, communities would not have to walk distances in hours to get clean water, school children can have water for their toilets, agricultural crops can be grown. This water project is a life-changing project that can benefit many people."*

# Projects - Community

At the 2015/16 Annual General Meeting, TLV decided to establish a Communities committee (Communities) to progress a Sister School relationship between schools in Perth and Timor Leste. To this end, the inaugural meeting of Communities was held in February 2017 to develop the Communities Strategic Plan and establish its operating protocols for the year.

The meeting was held to take advantage of Michella Guterres presence in Perth so that Michella was able to provide a Timor Leste perspective for decisions made at the meeting. It was decided that the Communities focus would be on educational development in disadvantaged communities. It was also decided that in addition to the development of Sister School relationships, there should also be activities to provide much needed school resources to schools in remote towns in collaboration with the Infrastructure activities of TLV. Communities also decided that if school resources could be sourced within Timor Leste, then funding would be made available for purchases so as to benefit the Timor economy. However, there are surplus school resources, such as furniture, books and stationery, musical instruments, sporting goods and computing equipment, available from schools in Perth which could also be collected and sent to schools in Timor.

**1. Provision of School Resources** - Communities was active in February/ March with collection of surplus school uniforms, computing equipment and musical instruments from four schools. Michella indicated the uniforms would be beneficial to schools in Hatete where TLV completed a water sanitation project early in the year. These school resources were packaged and taken to the Containers for Timor project and loaded into a shipping container for transport to Timor. The Containers for Timor project is a Rotary initiative which organises shipment of fully loaded containers to Dili.

TLV contributed \$1500 in payment for space in this particular container. TLV also sent \$500 to TLV Timor to meet the costs for the distribution of the school resources from Dili to the remote school communities.

**2. Sister School Relationship** - At its February meeting, Communities decided that a Sister School relationship would have more relevance for high school students. Also, in consultation with TLV Timor members, it was decided that TLV Timor would seek and select a Timor school in close proximity to Dili so that TLV Timor members could monitor the progress of the relationship and if necessary be closely involved to ensure success.

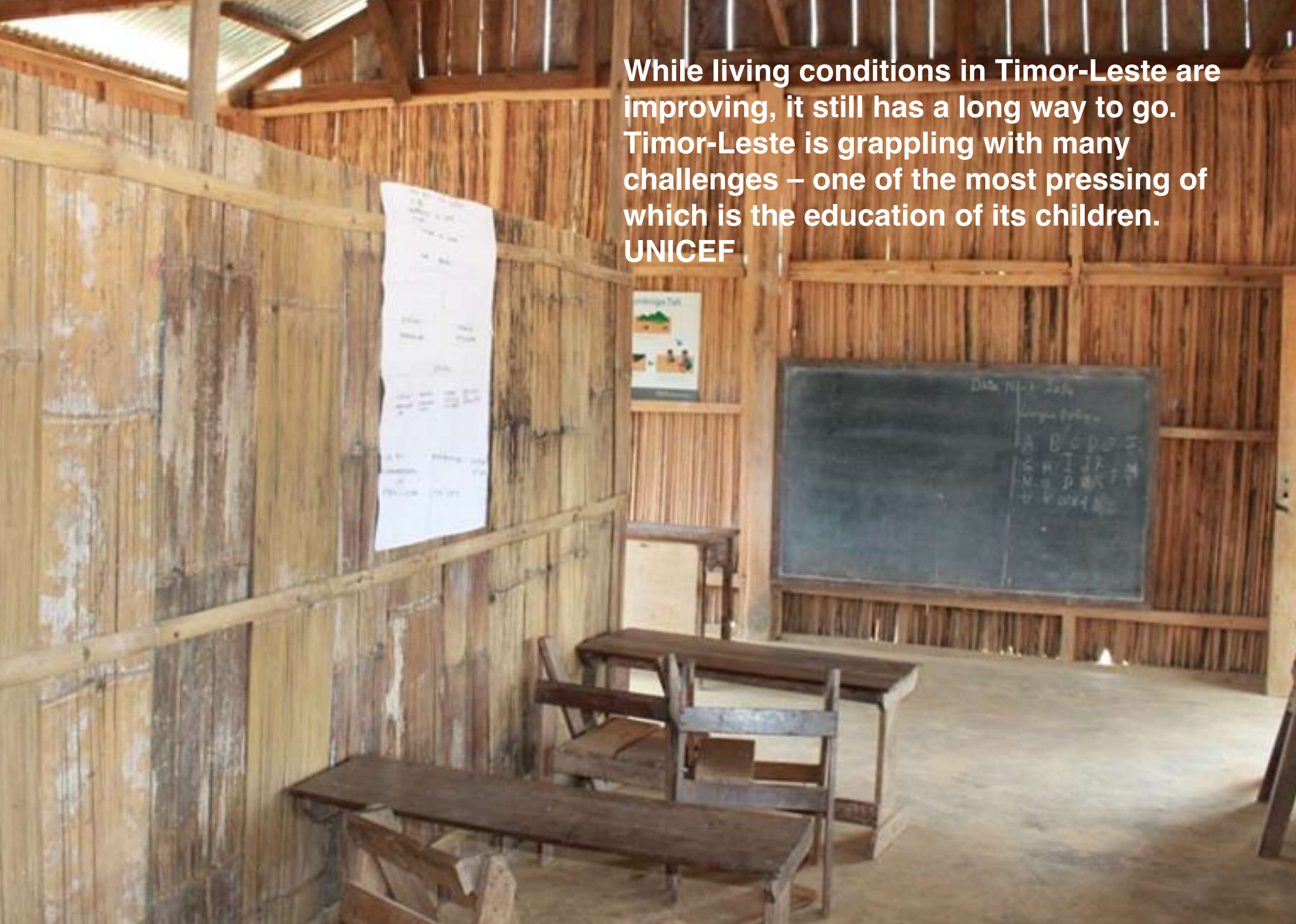
In Perth, Newman College was approached to be the first school in Perth to participate in this new initiative. Newman was selected as the school is part of the Marist Brothers fraternity. The Marist Brothers have a significant presence in Timor Leste with a teacher training college in Bacau. They are also expecting to develop a high school in Timor Leste within the next 2 years. Preliminary discussions were held with the leadership of Newman outlining the vision of the sister school relationship. Discussions continue to progress with a view to reaching agreement later in the year so that the project can commence in 2018.

**3. Fundraising** - Communities decided that both the provision of school resources and the development of the sister school relationship would need financial support and not be a burden on TLV's fundraising for other projects. To this end, it was decided that the Communities projects should be funded through fundraising activities other than what TLV were already doing. Accordingly, two new fundraising activities were undertaken with the sale of Fremantle Chocolates at Easter and Father's Day and the inaugural Christmas in July dinner. Both activities were successful and raised in excess of \$1700.

Many thanks to the owners of Fremantle Chocolates and Osteria Café in Nedlands for their support in these activities. Both businesses have indicated their continuing future support for Communities fundraising activities. Mike Jansen - Communities Coordinator - Sister School Project



**While living conditions in Timor-Leste are improving, it still has a long way to go. Timor-Leste is grappling with many challenges – one of the most pressing of which is the education of its children. UNICEF**





# Fundraising

The fundraising team have been working hard in the 2016 - 2017 financial year. The figure reflected in the Annual Report is lower than usual due to the main fundraiser of the year, the Quiz Night, being held in the 2016 and 2018 Financial Years. However, a variety of activities were held throughout the 2016 - 2017 year.

**A MASSIVE thank you** to all the organisers of the events held. They are a lot of work, and the effort into each event is appreciated so much by all.

**A MASSIVE thank you also** to Mathew DeSousa too, for the development of our design work for our events, it is always first-class and very professional.

**Annual Football Tipping** - Stephen Pollard, Denny Roberts and Chris Morgan coordinated the annual tipping and raised over \$1000.00. Lots of comments were received from tippers how much they enjoyed the fun of the competition and the banter held between the coordinators.

**Barefoot Bowls** - Georgia Armstrong and Kate Griffiths held the annual Barefoot Bowls event in March 2017. It was an awesome event and a lot of fun with about 60 participants. Our Marketing Officer, Eric, came first and showed such a talent

for bowling!

**Hidden Figures Movie Fundraisier** - Approximately 100 people came to the movie fundraiser at the Luna Paradiso on 17 February. A great movie.

**EY Ethical Shopping Day** - Friday 25 November. TLV were invited to show our merchandise items at the inaugural Ethical Shopping Day in the city. Jill Griffiths and Joanne Pollard managed the store on the day.

**Fashion Show** - 1 August 2016 - Silvana Mulroney of the Fundraising Team organised a fashion show at the Dalkeith Nedlands Bowling Club. Thankyou to Silvana and the Potter Gold Brigal Couture and Alterations for their support. Beautiful clothing and a lovely way to spend the afternoon!

**Melbourne Cup Lunch** - Cheryl Ashboth kindly organised a Melbourne Cup Lunch on 1 November at the Pepper Wine Bar in Applecross. A fun time was had by all with loads of prizes given!

**Trailer Raffle** - Brian Vawser of Midland Trailers very kindly donated a Trailer for a raffle. Raffle tickets were sold at workplaces and a shopping centre and a very lucky person was the recipient of a first class trailer.



# Many many thanks for your support!

This work would not happen without the  
support that you give ■

Armstrong Family

Brian and Julie Vawser

Cheryl Ashboth

Clive Rawson

David and Silvana Mulroney

Denny and Rosie Roberts

Ernst and Young

Georgia Armstrong

Jill and Graham Griffiths

John Carey MLA

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