



Timor Leste Vision Annual Report 2015

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Objects of the Association

To work in partnership with the people of Timor Leste to support and strengthen local communities.

All of Timor Leste Vision's operations are designed in accordance with the following Guiding Principles:

- ★ Cultural Awareness: To ensure all projects are respectful, relevant and developed in consultation with local communities.
- ★ Sustainability: To ensure all projects undertaken are sustainable and ongoing; and that commitments are fulfilled by all parties.
- ★ Ethical Practice: To ensure all activities are undertaken in a spirit of fairness and impartiality.
- ★ Accountability: To ensure Timor Leste Vision exercises professionalism, transparency and open communication with all stakeholders.
- ★ Capacity Strengthening: To ensure all projects are designed to empower and develop capacity in local communities.
- ★ Co-Investment: To ensure all activities are undertaken in partnership, with genuine contributions made by all parties, to create joint ownership of projects.

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Chairperson's Report

The past year has been an eventful one for TLV with many achievements to celebrate including the launch of the new website; university graduation of one more TLV scholarship students; and the commencement of the Hatete Water Project. We were also very excited to receive a significant grant from Australian Ethical Investments for the Hatete Water Project. TLV welcomed new members onto the committee and established a new position on the committee, volunteer coordinator, to recognise the importance of recruiting and managing our volunteers. However, 2015 has also been a year of great sadness with the sudden passing of TLV's in-country manager and dear friend Bernardo Alberto Maia (Maun Anau).

Maun Anau was TLV's In-country manager for over 7 years and during that time managed the scholarship program and Biblioteka Ermera partnership. He was instrumental in the establishment of the partnership with the Hatete community and was in the process of setting up the new water project when he tragically drowned on 2 January this year. Shortly after his passing we emailed Friends of TLV with the news and the committee were overwhelmed with the support that we received from Friends of TLV in both Perth and Timor Leste. Since this time, TLV have continued our work to honour Maun Anau. The Hatete Water Project will include a tribute to him, and Maun Anau's family continue to be close friends of many of our committee members and the organisation itself.

Thank you to the whole TLV community for their time, commitment and hard work in support of TLV's work in Timor Leste over the past year. An organisation is only as strong as its members and TLV is very fortunate to have such a dedicated team here in Perth and in Timor Leste. I would especially like to acknowledge Abel Da Costa who quickly stepped into the role of TLV's In-Country Manager earlier this year.

Loran Diak!

Louise Pollard

Chair



Bernardo Alberto Maia (24/02/81 – 02/01/15)

Earlier this year, TLV's In-country Manager and our dear friend Bernardo Alberto Maia, tragically, and suddenly, passed away.

Bernardo (also known as Maun Anau or Arnarldo) became Timor Leste Vision (TLV)'s manager of the Scholarship program in 2007 and since then has passionately worked to support, encourage and advocate for all of the students. He was also responsible for the development and coordination of TLV's latest project, the Hatete Water Project and was very excited to work with members of the Hatete Community to provide them with access to water and sanitation.

Maun Anau worked tirelessly for the benefit of Timorese communities, managing and facilitating projects with TLV and other local and international organisations. Some of you may have also met Maun Anau during a visit to Timor Leste as he was also an experienced tour guide and translator.

The day after Maun Anau passed away, an original TLV Committee member Patrick Fagan and I headed up to Timor to pay our respects, say goodbye and be there to support the family. Both Patrick and I lived in Timor Leste for a number of years and Maun Anau was a close friend to us both.

While in Timor, we also spent time with the TLV students, and together with current TLV Committee members Maria and Abeto (who were already in Timor for Christmas), we worked with friends and colleagues to develop a plan for the future of TLV's projects. Special thanks to Abel Da Costa, Olivia Soares and both their families for their support throughout the week.

Maun Anau had big plans for the future of Timor Leste and although cut short, his legacy was already extensive. The whole TLV committee are committed to honouring his memory and continuing the projects that we have started together.

Rest in Peace Maun Anau (24/02/81 – 02/01/15)

Louise Pollard

Chairperson



Hatete Water and Sanitation Project

Project Team

Fernando Paraguassu, Adalberto Da Costa Nunes, Maria Rosales, Louise Pollard, Joanne Pollard

The Hatete Water and Sanitation Project was established in 2014. Hatete is a remote village located in the mountains of the Ermera district. When setting up the partnership between TLV and the community in July 2014, the Xefe (Leader) of the village emphasised the project's importance "because water is essential in the community's every day life". **Until now, the community has had to walk over an hour to access water.**

The Hatete Water Project's objectives are to:

- Provide clean and sustainable supply of potable water for the Hatete Village;
- Provide adequate basic sanitation for the Hatete Village;
- Community participation during the project in to develop skills within the village population to maintain the water and sanitation system in good working order after the conclusion of the project;
- Training the community to maximise the use of the water and sanitation system and minimise disease and illness.

In designing the implementation of the project and in consultation with both the project coordinators in Timor Leste and the community it was decided that the project would be broken down into 4 phases:

Phase 1 (completed in April 2015): This involved the construction of the water tank near the water source along with an underground shallow system that connected the water source to the tank.

Phase 2 (completed in June 2015): This involved laying 3km of piping connecting the water storage tank near the water source to a second tank built near the village centre.

Phase 3 (due to be completed in November 2015): Additional pipes will be laid and taps will be constructed throughout the village.

Phase 4 (2016): Establishment of public toilets at key points throughout the village such as the school.

TLV have contracted two Timorese water engineers to coordinate the project, Eduardo D. Alves and Mersu Bakhita. **Over 40 community members** have also volunteered their time to help with the construction of the water system.

Two of TLV's committee members Joanne Pollard and Louise Pollard visited the community and the project in July 2015. They were both overwhelmed with the welcome they received and were impressed with the work that has been achieved to date.



"This opportunity (water project) will possibly never come again, and we are committed to ensure its success, so that our children and women will finally get access to clean water without having to walk miles down the hill"

Joao Brites — Catequista



The maintenance team that TLV is training to regularly monitor the water system.



The water source



The walk to the water source an hour away!

Scholarship Program



Back in 2005, when TLV's scholarship program commenced, there was no secondary school in the sub-district of Letefoho and as a result only 6% of boys and 4% of girls from the area had the opportunity to complete senior high school - let alone university! In response to this, TLV started our Scholarship Program and selected students for sponsorships based on their performance in the national examinations whilst ensuring an equal gender balance.

We are very proud to report to our supporters that thanks to their sponsors, Natalino graduated at the end of 2014 and was successfully admitted into the military. An additional three students will also graduate from university at the end of 2015. Four will be continuing with their studies in 2016.

Early in 2014, in response to accommodation shortages in Dili, TLV began the Accommodation Fund to provide financial support for rent, utilities and food allowance to support the students through to graduation. Since this time the students have continued to live in accommodation provided by TLV in Dili. The students are very grateful for the support given to them, and are excited about their future and working in Timor Leste.

Thank you

Betty Harper
Maureen Magee
Denny and Rosie Roberts
John and Margaret Armstrong
David and Silvana Mulroney
Andrew Boldero
Rosemary and Iain Whitelaw
Lynne and Ralph Newton
Mal Simmonds and Christine Weedon
and Keith Hair

for their kindness and generosity in supporting these young Timorese
to study their chosen career and assist Timor Leste.

Thank you

Abel Conceicao, TLV's In-Country Manager,
for his continual support and friendship with the students.

Volunteers

In December 2014, as a result of the annual Strategic Planning Session, a new Volunteer Coordinator role with a focus on recruiting and maintaining TLV's invaluable volunteer base. Jess Ettridge accepted the nomination for this role, and since this time has made a valuable contribution to the organisation.

With Jess engaged as TLV's Volunteer Coordinator, new volunteers have been actively recruited and an induction process has been developed to support new members and supporters of the organisation.

Early in 2015, when she attended an Australian Institute of Community Directors (AICD) event, Jess met and recruited our new Treasurer Cheryl Ashboth, whom has been embraced by the Committee.



Marketing

Marketing Team

Georgia Armstrong (Marketing Coordinator)

Jess Ettridge (Communications Officer)

Mathew de Sousa (Design Officer)

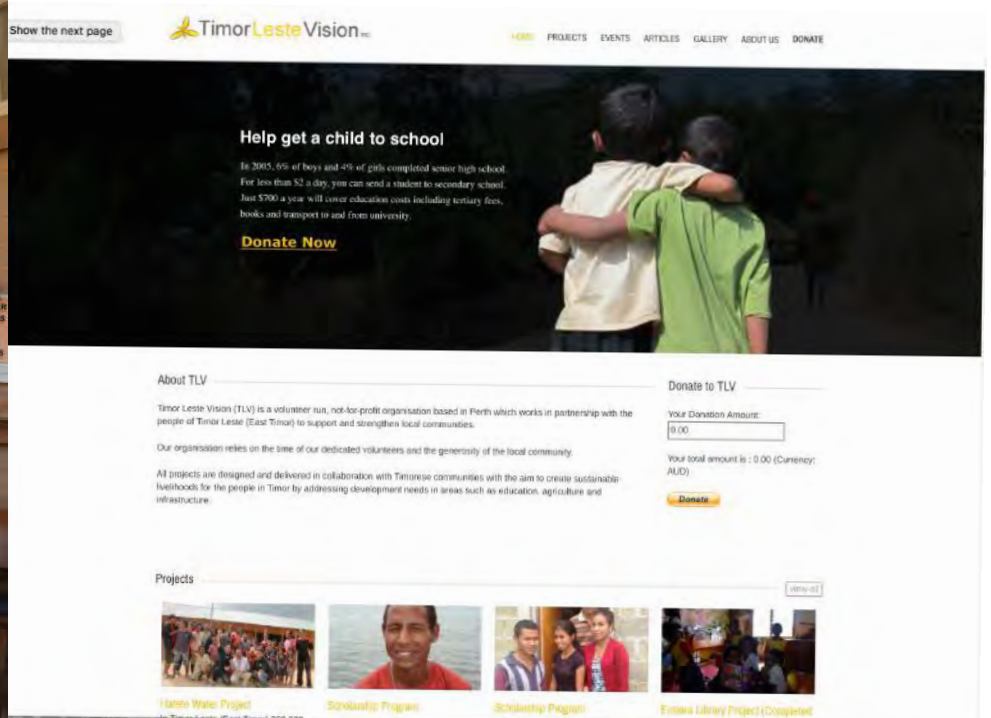
Our marketing team has worked tirelessly throughout this past year on a number of initiatives that have helped promote TLV and foster a community of support throughout Perth.

A dynamic new website was launched that included a new 'look' for TLV which includes current project and event information, an online shopping facility and a photo galley which provides the viewer with a visual representation of the TLV story over the years. The website can be located at www.tlv.org.au.

A new communication strategy was also implemented with a new eNewsletter online tool being utilised to keep in touch with our 333 Friends of TLV.

The new TLV Facebook page was also established and is now posting regular updates to its 192 members on TLV and other Timor Leste news and interest stories.

A TLV banner was produced and is now proudly displayed at all TLV events and activities; and other promotional materials have also been developed including a short video that is now being used to promote the Hatete Water Project.



Our Fundraising Team

Fundraising Team

Silvana Mulroney
Joanne Pollard
Justine Gabriele

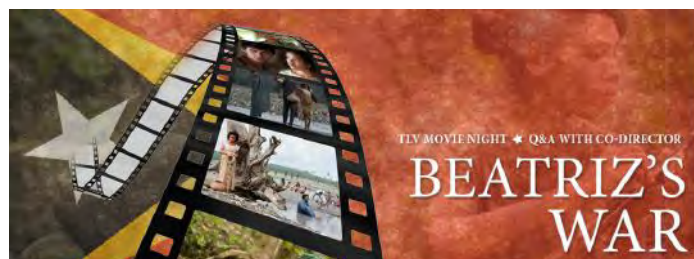
The Fundraising Team has been busy during the 2014 - 2015 year organising a wide range of events to engage a diverse audience. The Annual Quiz Night on 31 October 2014 was a sell-out at the Bendat Parent and Community Centre, Wembley. TLV also hosted the Beatri's War Movie Night which was followed by a Q & A with the films Co-Director Luigi Acquisto. Overall, funds raised by fundraising events amounted to \$14,196 for the year ending 30 June 2015.

TLV was awarded a significant grant from Australian Ethical Investments for the Hatete Water Project. This grant was instrumental in progressing the project and the Committee are grateful to Australian Ethical Investments for their support.

Other fundraising initiatives have included:

- Inaugural Barefoot Bowls was held on 8 March 2015 which was organised by Georgia Armstrong and Kate Griffiths.
- Annual Football Tipping Competition which this year had over 30 competitors.
- Woman in Gold Movie Fundraiser.

The Fundraising team is currently investigating a number of different merchandise items that can be sold on the new website, using the shopping cart function. This includes a range of Timor products and a TLV 2016 calendar.





Thank you to our supporters

Timor Leste Vision sincerely thanks our sponsors and supporters who have made the achievements in Timor Leste possible. Without your assistance, the people of Hatete, Timor Leste, would not be able to receive fresh, clean water or sanitation, and the TLV students would not be receiving an education enabling them to work in their country.

Australian Ethical Investment
Sponsors of students
Kate Griffiths
Donors
Committee members
Friends of TLV

TLV's 2014 - 2015 Committee

Chair	Louise Pollard
Deputy Chair	Georgia Armstrong
Fundraising Officer	Silvana Mulroney / Joanne Pollard
Marketing Coordinator	Georgia Armstrong
Projects Officer	Fernando Paraguassu
Scholarships Program Officer	Louise Pollard / Joanne Pollard
Secretary	Joanne Pollard
Treasurer	Elinor Shaw Cheryl Ashboth
Volunteer Coordinator	Jess Ettridge
General Committee Member	Jess Ettridge Adalberto Da Costa Nunes Maria Rosales Mathew De Sousa



'No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted.'
Aesop