

Water East Timor Inc.

WET Inc. C.O.M. UPDATE

Under the direction of Miles Coverdale and Julie Kean the C.O.M is reviewing and updating the 2024-2026 Strategic Plan. Highlights include: Funding at least one WASH project per year in rural Timor-Leste. Continuing our partnership with Bakhita Centre and Warrnambool East Rotary in planning, implementing and financing the projects. Enabling community involvement, fostering learning, seeking feedback and review. Increasing the number and broadening the skill base of our C.O.M. Setting annual budget and fundraising targets.

TAX DEDUCTIBILITY

Water East Timor was endorsed as a deductible gift recipient (DGR) in February 2024. This means donations over \$2.00 can be claimed as a tax deduction. The ATO required a separate bank account to be opened for receipt of donations.

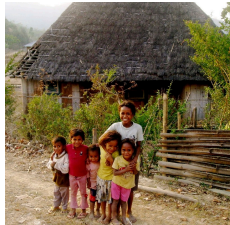
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All donations go direct to projects

A small amount can make a huge difference to the lives of many



\$2 per metre
Poly Pipe



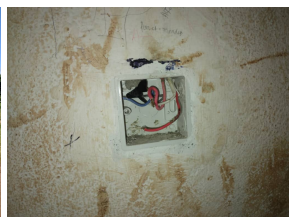
\$100 Water to
One Household

PROJECTS



HATU-BUILICO SENIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL

This project will provide running water to the school, girls and boys boarding houses, church, meeting hall & administration building. The school has 148 students (80 girls & 68 boys), 14 teachers, 4 trainee teachers & one security staff. The Boarding Houses have 19 girls & 20 boys. The kitchens in the boarding houses have no running water and the wiring needs attention.



To undertake this project, water will be sourced from a perennial spring. Tapping into the existing concrete construction, poly-pipe of various diameters will be used to take water to two 5,200 litre supply tanks and three 3,200 litre holding tanks and then to about 30 standing tap points at the school precinct.



Hatu-Builico sits at an altitude of 2,400 metres above sea level on the shoulder of the highest peak in Timor-Leste, Mt Ramelau (2,900 metres) Tourism is increasing as Hatu-Builico is one of the popular starting points to climb Mt Ramelau. There is no public transport to Hatu-Builico, and Maubuisse the closest town, is 28kms away.

One challenge for this project will be transporting materials. Road conditions are poor and Hatu-Builico is in a remote location. The project is estimated to cost \$25,000 and should commence early August. Bakhita staff have repaired vehicles and renewed tyres in preparation for use on the project. This cost around \$4,500 has been allowed for in the budget.

The Benefits: Clean water on tap for 200 students & staff living & working in Hatu-Builico church & school precinct . 6,000 residents living in Hatu-Builico will have access to safe water when using the meeting hall, church and administration building.

FAREWELL AND THANKS

After many years of serving on our committee Michael McCluskey is taking a well earned break. Thanks Michael for your help & media expertise. We miss you already.

VACANT C.O.M POSITIONS

Our committee is small & has done an amazing job planning, fundraising and implementing projects. If you would like to help us we would love to have you on board. Please contact a committee member or email Mabel at watereasttimor@gmail.com

MEMBERSHIP IS DUE

All of our donations go directly to projects and we are all volunteers. Our membership of \$30 p.a. helps cover costs such as insurance. Our members are our livelihood. Please consider renewing or joining. For membership forms email watereasttimor@gmail.com Please include your surname as payment reference

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CASH FOR BOTTLES & CANS



Help the environment & help Water East Timor Inc. When you return your drink containers, use our zone ID



Your donations will go directly to Water East Timor. We are registered in zones West & North <https://cdsvic.org.au/>

You can download the Container Deposit Scheme CDS Vic app for your area to find refund points and how to donate by setting Water East Timor as your payout.

Barcode for West where the funds go to our current project. Hatu-Builico Senior School.



PORT FAIRYTANKS

Pt Fairy Hospital have advised that the decommissioning of their water tank will not happen this year as hoped. The \$12,000 allocated to Water East Timor for this purpose has been redirected to our current project at Hatu-Builico with the agreement of Warrnambool East Rotary.

FUNDRAISING & DONATIONS 2023-2024

Water East Timor would like to thank our members & supporters for their very generous assistance this financial year. Donations received were \$16,400; thanks to generous individuals and Warrnambool East Rotary who has been a donation partner for all our 15 projects. Thanks also to our committee members, local businesses, friends and supporters who contributed to our fundraising events. \$10,500 was raised from our six fundraisers. These included three Bunnings sausage sizzles, an open garden, our 'Water of Life' event, featuring Kirsty Sword Gusmao, Paulie Stewart and Gil Santos, and catering for Warrnambool & District Artists Society Awards night. As reported below our success relies on help from many.

Water East Timor Inc. Raises Over \$1400 at Bunnings Sausage Sizzle

Water East Timor Inc. was very pleased with the success of its recent fundraising event, a Bunnings Sausage Sizzle. Thanks to the generous support of the local community, the event raised over \$1400 to support vital water projects in East Timor including the current project at Hatu-Builico in the Western Highlands of Timor Leste.

The event saw 5 committee members and 5 supportive volunteers gather to raise funds for WET Inc. operations and its current water project This is the 3rd sausage sizzle fund raiser that WET Inc has run since August last year. In total approximately \$4200 has been raised from these events. WET Inc is grateful for the support provided by Bunnings in hosting this community fund raising opportunity.

Organiser Miles Coverdale expressed his gratitude also for the kind support provided by a number of Warrnambool businesses in providing food and donations. This help was crucial in delivering a profitable result he said.

Warrnambool businesses included: Materia's Fruit and Vegetable store, Baker's Delight Koroit St, Woolworth's Supermarkets at Dennington, Norfolk Plaza and Gateway, as well as Coles Supermarkets at Lava St and Northpoint.

All these businesses were so willing to help and did appreciate the work being done by WET Inc."Fortunately the weather was fine and members and volunteers had a great opportunity to get together in a fun fund raising activity as well as spread the word about the work WET Inc ,does" he added.

Water East Timor Inc. is dedicated to improving access to clean water in Timor-Leste through sustainable projects and community engagement. The funds from this event will directly support the installation and maintenance of water systems, bringing life-changing improvements to countless families.

Warrnambool Timorese Community Thank you!

Thanks to our friends from Timor-Leste living in Warrnambool for your help with our fundraisers. To the fabulous musicians who performed at the 'Water of Life' event & to David & Valantine our judges for the Water East Timor Award at Warrnambool Artists Society Annual Awards night. The prize went to Ricky Schembri and was chosen because it represented the challenge in getting water to farmland and villages in TL and showed how water could bring productivity to the land.



Mabel Mitchell, Murray Murfett Peter Newell & Dennis Farley at Bunnings Sausage Sizzle



Ricky's prize included handmade Timorese Tais & membership to WET Inc.