



Welcome valued Water East Timor (WET) members to our final newsletter for 2019.

Our association has had a rewarding and productive year of which all WET members should feel immensely proud, in providing a large number of East Timorese villagers with access to safe drinking water and improved sanitation assisting them to live a healthier life.

### **SECOND WATER PROJECT for 2019**

We reported in our first newsletter of 2019 a water project was undertaken successfully and completed in the village of Palaca. We now share news of our SECOND water project for 2019 in a village 9 kilometres south east of Letefoho called Lacau an area where WET has worked in before and including the Letefoho Senior High School WET was involved with. There are approximately 1000 villagers in five locations in the Lacau project who will be supplied with water and also a school with 280 students. The project was identified by our contact Eddie De Pina who heads the Bahkita Water Team in Timor Leste, Eddie and his team have gained their skills and knowledge (under the guidance of Andy Graham and other plumbers from Warrnambool) over the years to enable them to undertake water projects independently and guide the villagers assisting them. During the time of Andy and Daryl Lewis's visit in April 2019 they reported that there was a very good spring which has not been affected by the dry within reasonable distance from the village. It was decided to use one of the large water tanks previously shipped over as the main supply, with smaller tanks supplying the school and the 5 areas of the greater village. The project commenced in September 2019 and is being undertaken in a similar way to previous WET projects. The main costs are the purchasing of materials, poly pipe, tanks, tap stands, cement, sand and the transportation of them. The location and area of the project is mountainous and road conditions poor which adds to the cost of transport substantially. The project commenced with the construction of a dam around the spring (photos describing the process) and the assembly of the second water tank which was donated from Moyne Health and its liner from Aquamate. Andy and Daryl during their visit in April taught the Bahkita water team how to assemble one of the tanks. The tank assembled at Lacau is the first they have undertaken on their own and appears to have gone well!!

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Eddie reports that they are reaching the end of the dry but there is still plenty of water in the spring. The community at Lacau have worked very well with the Bahkita water team and an additional village nearby has been added to the project making it 6 villages to be serviced by this water system. The additional village has 21 houses with up to 150 villagers who have never had water in their village before! The Bahkita Water Team have worked hard to complete the project and are close to finishing before the wet season arrives.



## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Our recent Annual General Meeting held in October saw all members on the Committee of Management for 2018/2019 re-elected for another term providing WET with continuity in implementing our recently formulated Strategic Plan for 2020/2021. The re-elected committee of management members are:

President- Greta Perry. Vice President- Yve Bayley. Secretary- Anne Maree Mugavin. Treasurer- Mark Taylor. Committee Members- Julie Kean, Jenith Jesuthasan and Michael Bellamy

## WET Strategic Plan 2019-2021

### Our purpose

To partner with Timorese for sustainable development of water and sanitation infrastructure in rural Timor-Leste

### Our vision

Improved life outcomes for the people of rural villages in Timor-Leste through improved access to clean water and sanitation

### Our two-year focus

Funding and practical support for one WASH project per year in a rural village in Timor-Leste

#	Goal	Action (What will we do?)	Measure (How will we know if we have succeeded?)
1	Contribute to improved water, sanitation and hygiene in rural Timor-Leste	1. Fund one WASH project per year in rural areas	Written report and financial records presented to Committee of Management
		2. Strengthen partnership with Catholic Archdiocese and Bakhita Centre as WET's in-country partners	MOU signed with Archdiocese and Bakhita Centre
		3. Continue to collaborate on WASH projects with Rotary East Warrnambool	MOU signed with Rotary East Warrnambool
		4. Collaborate with other WASH actors in Timor-Leste to achieve WET aims	Demonstrated networking with other funding agencies to ensure there is a clear understanding of each agency's involvement
		5. Ensure that a needs analysis is undertaken for any potential projects, and projects are prioritised according to set criteria	Projects are matched to, and utilise, the skills of local workers Projects are completed within available WET funds.
2	Develop the capacity of rural communities to build and maintain improved water,	1. Ensure that local villagers are strongly involved in the selection, construction and maintenance of WASH projects	Active participation by villagers in WET projects

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	sanitation and hygiene infrastructure	2. Seek feedback from local communities regarding implementation of WASH projects	Continuous improvement process implemented based on feedback
		3. Build sustainability strategies into all WASH project planning	WET-funded projects sustained by villages for at least 2 years
		4. Explore further training strategies for rural Timorese in health and sanitation infrastructure and project management	Training opportunity provided in-country or in Australia within 2 years
3	Strengthen WET's capacity to support WASH projects	1. Comply with ACNC registration requirements	All ACNC compliance requirements met
		2. Ensure appropriately skilled and enthusiastic members of the Committee of Management	CoM ensures that WET 2-year plan is implemented
		3. Develop policies and procedures and risk mitigation strategies to facilitate the work of WET	Policies and procedures meet ACNC compliance requirements and provide appropriate guidance and operational framework for WET activities
		4. Raise WET's public profile to optimise fund-raising	Minimum of two newsletters per year Regular updating of WET website Regular updating of WET Facebook page Membership increased to 100 within 2 years
		5. Attract sufficient funds to support one WASH project each year	At least \$10 K raised each year through fund-raising, grants and donations to support WET projects
		6. Ensure that funds raised are spent in a timely fashion on appropriate projects	75% of funds raised are allocated for a project within 12 months of receipt
4	Ensure value-for-money in implementation of WASH projects	1. Ensure WET financial policies and procedures are in place	CoM provides oversight of all financial commitments and transactions
		2. Project plan in place for all WET supported projects	Project plan signed off by CoM and in-country partners
		3. Procure project goods and services in Timor-Leste where possible	At least 75% of project goods and services procured locally
		4. Provide transparent reporting of all project expenses	Expense reports provided to WET CoM and project progress reports included in WET newsletters

## FRESH MARKET PRESENCE at LAKE PERTOBE:

Our Secretary Anne Maree Mugavin and President Greta Perry were at the Fresh Market on November 17 to introduce our association (WET) to the good people of Warrnambool. A table with photographs showcasing past and current projects undertaken in Timor Leste were displayed and information packs on hand outlining who we are and what we do. This information was given to people who displayed interest in the work we do and a number of generous individuals made donations which we gratefully accepted, we also gained additional memberships.

**SPEAKING of MEMBERSHIPS** here's a thought!! 💡 Consider giving something different, ethical and meaningful this Christmas. Why not buy a friend, partner, colleague, member of the family (or a Kris Kringle) a WET membership for Christmas. Contact our Secretary Anne Maree Mugavin via email [watereasttimor@gmail.com](mailto:watereasttimor@gmail.com) for memberships and we'll get the membership paperwork to you in no time!! If you would like to become more involved in WET consider coming onto our committee of management OR become a member of a "Focus Group". We would like to hear from you. Send us an email and we shall get back to you with further details.



*The Committee of Management would like to wish every member and supporter and their family a joyous and safe Christmas and look forward to touching base with you in 2020.*

We can tell you that you're in for a Fundraising treat in 2020!

