# WET President’s Report

## Annual General Meeting, November 2022

Hello and welcome Water East Timor (WET) members, supporters and friends to our Annual General Meeting for 2022.

To refresh your memory our current Committee of Management (COM) members are as follows: President Ms Greta Perry, Vice President Ms Yve Bayley, Secretary Ms Anne Maree Mugavin, Treasurer Mr Geoffrey Spencer, and general committee members Ms Julie Kean, Dr Michael McCluskey and Eddie De Pina (in Dili, Timor Leste.)

To our fabulous and hard working committee, it has been a pleasure to work and meet with you on a regular basis, your dedication and application to tasks requiring action has made for the smooth and effective running of our association. A huge thank you!!

The COM are continuing to work and focus on formulating the necessary documentation required in order for us to apply to the Australian Charities and Not For Profits Commission (ACNC) and the Australian Tax Office (ATO) for Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) status or tax deductibility status.

It has been a long process requiring much time for our committee to work through all the required documentation however the end result I believe will ensure the viability of WET as all donations to our association will become Tax Deductible by anyone donating to us. We hope to be in a position to be ready to apply by the end of 2022.

### PROJECTS

Our first completed project for 2022 was in the village of Aslan in Western Ermera. The project provided clean running water to approximately 250 people, 50 houses and a school with 120 students.

The second completed project was in the village of Taurema where 280 villagers and 56 houses saw running water piped into their village for the first time!

The next project scheduled for this year (weather permitting as the wet season is descending) is within the village of Asulau where approximately 250 villagers, 50 households and a village school with 120 students will benefit from having clean water piped into their village.

We are fortunate to have committee member Eddie De Pina on the ground identifying rural villages in Timor Leste desperately in need of clean drinking water and sanitation, Eddie provides information to the COM on the identification and logistics of potential projects, along with costings, the number of people within the villages who will benefit from the project. Thought is always given to how to maximise the reach of the project and scope in schools and nearby villages.

### GRANT APPLICATION

Our Treasurer Geoffrey Spencer recently applied for a grant from Wannon Water through their “Ripple Effect” Grant Process and was successful in receiving $1000 which will be put towards the our next project in Asulau. We thank Geoff, Yve, Julie, Anne Maree and Michael for their efforts and contributions towards the grant application and attendance at the Wannon Water presentation.

### TO ALL OUR FABULOUS and LOYAL MEMBERS

A sincere thank you for your continued support renewing your membership, attending our fundraisers etc and assisting us to help others less fortunate than us to live healthier lives!

WET was fortunate and to be the recipient of donations from Frances and Martin Sheehan of Bendigo and the Warrnambool East Rotary Club which we are truly thankful for. These monies have gone towards the Taurema and Asulau village projects.

Onwards and upwards in 2023!