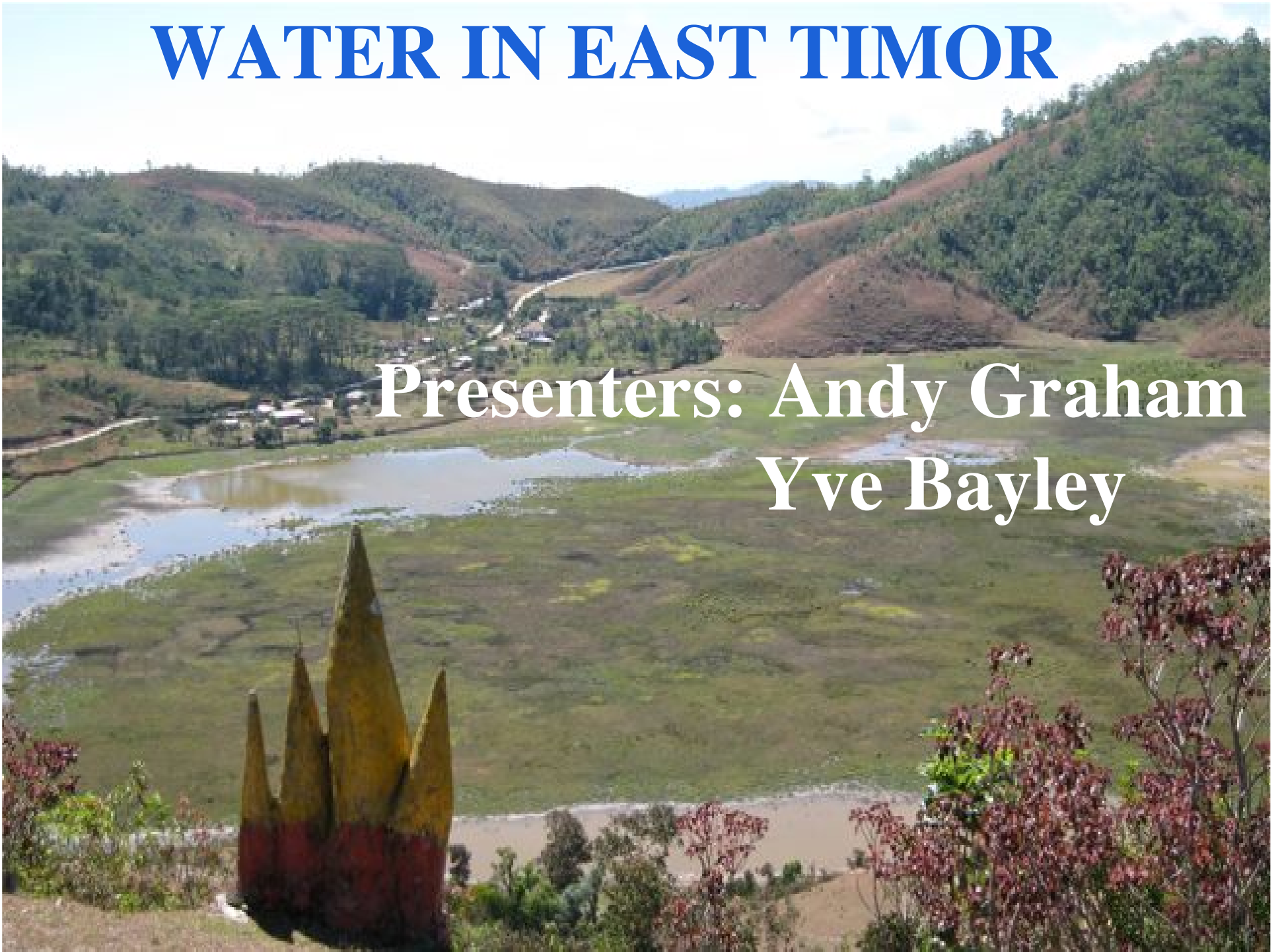


WATER IN EAST TIMOR

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The story begins with a journey to East Timor



East Timor

- is one of our closest neighbours
- is one of the world's newest nations, gaining independence in 1999
- has a population of 1.2 million with 41% below the age of 15 years
- is one of the poorest nations in the world, with enormous problems in health care, nutrition & sanitation

A visit to Bakhita Medical Centre in the village of Eraulo

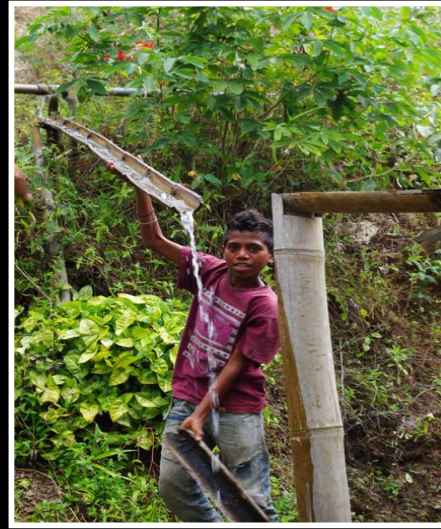


Bahkita Centre

- **Timorese Initiated Community Centre**
- **Provides education (language, computer skills, sewing, hygiene)**
- **Health..ambulance, clinic service, primary care, vaccinations, visiting dental care**
- **Supported by Australian funding but moving to establish economic independence with vegetables, chickens & coffee**
- **Managed by a very special Timorese man Eddie De Pina**



The need becomes evident



- **With the realisation that access to clean safe water was limited in rural East Timor**
- **Many children walk kilometres to collect water for the household before going to school**
- **Almost one in two of the rural population of East Timor lack access to clean water.**
- **WHO estimates 88% of diarrhea is attributed to unsafe water supply**
- **21% of the population have access to good toilets**

The plan takes shape

- With the mention of a spring owned by the Chief which may be accessible for the village water supply
- A big birthday & generous friends & family
- The skills of Bob Handby
- Support from Warrnambool East Rotary
- Some generous tradies who didn't mind a bit of hard work



The job gets underway

Eraulo village water goes from this -



To This

The first pipeline brings clean safe water to 400 villagers



Eraulo villagers extend the pipeline



So now

1200 people have clean safe water & no-one walks far to a tap



The Pipeline lives on

- A small stipend is paid to a trained community member to maintain the system and teach others
- The community has selected members male & female to act as water carers. They inspect the system regularly and report problems and repair needs
- The community has collected a sum of money from each household to ensure the water continues to flow



With the assistance of Warrnambool East Rotary other water projects are undertaken at Letefoho to take the water supply from this -



To This



With the assistance of Warrnambool East Rotary other water projects are undertaken at Fatubulu to take the water supply from this -



To This



Where to from here?

The road isn't always easy



**Four villages in the Eraulo district
identified as needing water**

The Future

Form an association Water East Timor (WET) to plan, develop, fund & undertake water projects in East Timor



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