

WATER EAST TIMOR THE IDEA BEGINS

- In 2004 with a visit to Bakhita Medical Centre in the village of Eraulo East Timor



WATER EAST TIMOR THE IDEA IS FORMED

- During a health education class with locals on the need for basic hygiene to reduce & prevent illness, particularly in children.
- WHO estimates 88% of diarrhea is attributed to unsafe water supply.



WATER EAST TIMOR 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
- The skills of Bob Handby
- Support from Warrnambool East Rotary
- Some generous tradies who didn't mind a bit of hard work



WATER EAST TIMOR 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 Timor Leste lack access to clean water.
- 21% have access to good toilets

WATER EAST TIMOR THE JOB GETS UNDERWAY

- The first pipeline brings clean safe water to 400 villagers



WATER EAST TIMOR THE PIPELINE IS EXTENDED

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



WATER EAST TIMOR 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



WATER EAST TIMOR WHERE TO FROM HERE?

- Four villages in the Eraulo district identified as needing water
- Incorporate WET
 - Establish a Management Committee
 - A set of goals & strategies
 - A fund raising plan
 - A project plan