



Water East Timor Inc.

WET Inc. C.O.M. UPDATE

At the Water East Timor AGM held in Nov. 2024 outgoing President Miles Coverdale thanked the committee, members & supporters for their ongoing contributions and assistance. Much was achieved in the 2023/24 year with the following highlights

PROJECTS:

- The completion of a water system to the remote village of Asulau, costing \$26,000 and benefitting 1,400 villagers, 214 households and 220 school students.
- The commencement of work at Hatu-Builico Senior Secondary School to provide fresh water to the school precinct including 2 boarding houses, a community centre, church and administration building

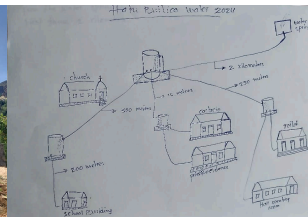
FUND RAISING

- A successful year with over \$10,000 raised from 2 Bunnings sausage sizzles, an open garden, the Artists' Society awards night catering & ticket sales and the Water of Life event featuring Kirsty Sword Gusmao, Paulie Stewart, Gil Santos (Dili Allstars) & local Timorese musicians

DEVELOPMENTS

- Persistent & lengthy efforts by committee member Julie Kean paid off when WET Inc. officially gained DGR status endorsement in February 2024. This means all donations over \$2 can be receipted for use as a tax deduction
- The amazing work of Secretary Mabel Mitchell has enabled WET Inc. to electronically house all documents. Mabel uploaded all digital & hardcopies of documents, stretching back to the early 2,000's
- Over the year the committee has undertaken strategic planning, financial budgeting, policy & procedure reviews and engaged Green Graphics, a web designer to update the website & logo

PROJECTS



HATU-BUILICO SENIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL STAGE ONE COMPLETED

The scope of this project was to 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 officer. The Boarding Houses have 19 girls & 20 boys. The kitchens in the boarding houses were without running water and the electrical wiring needed attention

WHAT WAS INVOLVED IN THE PROJECT ?

- Enhancing an existing concrete weir at a perennial spring
- Piping bulk water by gravity half a km to the school using 50mm poly pipe
- Installing 2 x 5200 litre tanks on prepared concrete foundations
- Installing a 24mm poly pipe reticulation system to 4 x 3200 litre holding tanks and then to 20 water point (taps) around the campus
- Repairs & tyres to transport vehicles to achieve a level of road worthiness



WHAT WAS THE OUTCOME OF THE PROJECT ?

- School students, staff and the local community have equitable access to a clean, reliable water supply for cooking, drinking and hand washing
- An improved level of school attendance is expected owing to a lower water-borne illness rate and less time required to source & carry water
- The project was completed in 8 weeks and under budget at US \$15,057 Approx Aus \$23,000

A HELPING HAND

A NSW NGO Blue Mountains Together for Timor (BMT4T) have been supporting the community of Hatu-Builico for several years and built a primary school (100 students & 5 teachers) in the small nearby village of Taureme. Severe storm damage blew the school water tank from its stand. As the Bahkita water team were working close by, WET Inc., along with an anonymous donor funded a new 500 litre capacity tank. This was delivered and installed by the water team

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DONATIONS

- Donations received for the financial year were just over \$16,000 and we were able to use an additional \$12,000 Rotary donation that had been previously earmarked for the reconstruction of a donated water tank from Pt. Fairy Hospital. Delayed access to the donated tank resulted in that project's deferral

WET Inc. 24/25 COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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| • Liz Waters | President |
| • Miles Coverdale | Vice President |
| • Mabel Mitchell | Secretary |
| • Yve Bayley | Treasurer |
| • Geoff Spencer | Project Co-ordinator |
| • Eddie De Pina | In Country Projects |
| • Julie Kean | Committee member |
| • Gabrielle Lewis | Committee member |
| • Denise Madden | Committee member |

We welcome Gabrielle & Denise as new committee members and look forward to having them as part of the team

WATER EAST TIMOR 's NEW WEBSITE

www.watereasttimor.org

Please take a look & tell us what you think

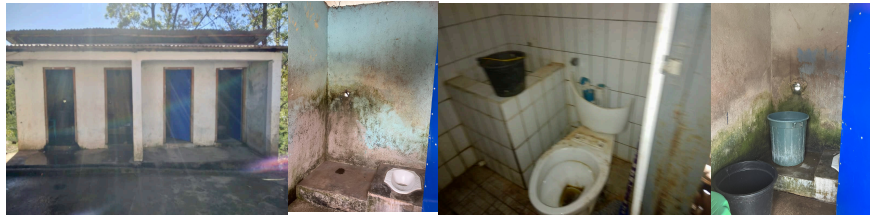


ELIZABETH O'CALLAGHAN MEMORIAL

We were very saddened to hear of the passing of life member, Elizabeth O'Callaghan. Elizabeth attended the first meeting of Water East Timor in 2012 and pledged a very generous donation annually. She was true to her word. Water East Timor committee members have been touched by her generosity and her trust in the vision we have to deliver clean water to rural villages in Timor Leste. We can report that we have been able to uphold Elizabeth's trust and thousands of people's lives have been made easier by access to clean water and toilets. A memorial plaque will be placed at Hatu-Builico Senior School Timor-Leste

HATU-BUILICO SENIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL STAGE TWO CURRENT PROJECT

Now the school has a reliable source of water WET Inc. will fund the refurbishment of 6 toilet cubicles at Hatu-Builico Senior Secondary School using left over funds from the water reticulation project stage one, together with a further contribution of approximately US \$1500. (\$2300 AUS)



ST. AGOSTINHO SENIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL BOBONARO CURRENT PROJECT

The scope of this project is the provision of a new purpose built toilet block adjacent to the existing school building. Eight private toilet cubicles (6F 2M) 2 urinals & hand washing facilities. The school has 163 students and 17 staff. Currently they share the limited toilet facilities with the nearby pre secondary school. A dedicated water supply from a close by spring will be used. Estimated cost \$A14,000



FUNDRAISING & DONATIONS

WATER EASTTIMOR'S 4th BUNNINGS SAUSAGE SIZZLE FUNDRAISER SUNDAY 16th MARCH 2025

Bunnings Sausage Sizzles have been a great way to raise funds for water and sanitation projects in remote areas in Timor-Leste.

Organiser Miles Coverdale expressed his gratitude to Bunnings for making this opportunity available and for the kind support provided by a number of Warrnambool businesses including Materia's Fruit and Vegetable store, Baker's Delight Koroit St, Your Regional Butcher at Gateway Plaza, Woolworth's Supermarkets at Dennington, Norfolk Plaza and Gateway as well as Coles Supermarkets in Lava St and at Northpoint. The funds from this event will directly support the installation of 2 sanitation systems at secondary schools in the central and western highlands of Timor-Leste

Please support us by buying a sausage or making a donation

All donations \$2.00 and over are tax deductible

WEBSITE LAUNCH FRIDAY 23rd MAY 2025

We are having a party to launch our new website. Please keep the date free. We would love you to come. More details soon!

WARRNAMBOOL & DISTRICT ARTISTS' SOCIETY AWARDS NIGHT FRIDAY 4th JULY 2025

Water East Timor sells tickets and caters for this annual event. Contact us if you can help with sales or catering

YVE's BIG BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

The first water project in Timor-Leste 20 years ago was part funded by a birthday celebration. In January Yve had another 'big birthday'. Friends & family once again were 'incredible generous', and more than \$12,000 was raised towards our next water project in rural Timor-Leste. Thank you all so much!

