



Water East Timor Inc.

WATER EAST TIMOR INC. AGM

At the Water East Timor AGM held in November 2025, President Liz Waters thanked the committee, members, and supporters for their ongoing contributions and assistance. The 2024/25 year saw significant achievements, with the following highlights:

COMMITTEE MEMBERS 25/26

- **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**
- **Chris Smith, Committee member**

We welcome Chris as a new member and look forward to having her on board.

PROJECTS:

- Assistance provided to Bakhita Centre for vehicle maintenance. Cost: \$4,100
- In August 2024, the HatuBulico Senior Secondary School project was completed. A spring head in the valley two kilometres above the village was tapped. Pipe was run from the spring to storage tanks, and further piping connected these tanks to the school, church, presbytery, boarding houses, and a school kitchen. Cost: \$18,500.
- Renovation of four community toilets and showers used by HatuBulico boarding house students was completed in October 2025. Cost: \$1,300
- Funded by Water East Timor donations and Warrnambool East Rotary.
- At St. Agostinho Senior Secondary School Bobonaro, the Bakhita water team constructed a new purpose-built toilet block adjacent to the existing school building. This block includes eight private toilet cubicles (four female, three male, and one VIP staff and visitors) and handwashing facilities. The design enhances privacy with lockable doors, safety lighting, and separation of male and female sections. Cost: \$14,800 Funded by Wannon Water Ripple Effect Grant, WET Inc. donations and Warrnambool East Rotary.

VISIT TO TIMOR-LESTE AUGUST 2025



It had been several years since any committee members had been able to visit Timor-Leste, primarily due to the COVID-19 pandemic and its restrictions. Therefore, we were delighted when Liz Waters, Miles Coverdale, Yve and Noel Bayley were able to travel to Timor-Leste in August. We had the pleasure of exploring the beautiful and rugged country and inspecting some of the projects we had funded over the past few years.

We were guided by Eddie de Pina and Amino Salsinha from the Bakhita Centre. Despite the incredibly rough roads and remoteness of the villages, their exceptional driving skills belied the challenges. We visited HatuBulico, Letefoho, Asulau, and Bobonaro. It was heartwarming to witness the positive impact our teams' work is having.

However, we also identified some significant challenges, particularly in maintaining and caring for the facilities and supporting the Bakhita team, with the transporting of materials to remote villages.



HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND BEST WISHES FOR 2026

The Water East Timor Committee of Management would like to thank our members and donors for your ongoing support for our work in Timor-Leste. Your contributions have made a profound impact on the lives of many.

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