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THANK YOU

As the financial year draws to a close, we want to express thanks to our members, donors and supporters for their continued interest and invaluable contributions to Water East Timor's work in Timor-Leste.

We hope you will continue to support us in bringing clean water and improved sanitation to rural villages in Timor-Leste.

Members and prospective members are reminded that an annual fee of \$30 is due on 1 July 2026. For bank details please visit our website www.watereasttimor.org or contact Mabel at watereasttimor@gmail.com

All donations directly fund projects and committee members are all volunteers, so membership dues are used to pay costs such as insurance and website management.



FUNDRAISING

In March 2026, we partnered with Lian Huisi Timor to support their event Festa Timor at the 2026 Pt. Fairy Folk Festival. Lian Huisi Timor had secured a funding grant to showcase Timor-Leste's music, dance, storytelling, food and beverages.

Our small fundraising team truly excelled. They not only sold tickets for our raffle, raising just shy of \$1,000, but also supported the Lian Huisi team at the food tent. There, they served free Timor-Leste-style food and drinks.

We're incredibly grateful to the businesses who generously donated our raffle prizes: Clifftop Apartments Portland, Clock by the Bay Restaurant Portland, Pronto Fine Food Warrnambool and Tendril Wine Store Warrnambool.

PROJECTS



HatuBuilico and Bobonaro

This year we completed two in-county projects. We revamped four community showers and toilets at HatuBuilico, used by boarding house students. This was possible thanks to our previous work there, which had increased the community centre's water supply.

Our major project was constructing a purpose-built toilet block at St Agostinho Senior Secondary School in Bobonaro. It included four female cubicles, three male cubicles and a VIP cubicle for staff and visitors. Handwashing facilities were also provided. Enhanced privacy and safety features included lockable doors, safety lighting and separate male and female sections.

Water East Timor donors, Warrnambool East Rotary and a Wannon Water Ripple Effect grant funded these projects. We thank you very much.

A visitor from Timor-Leste: Amino Salsinha



Our final project for the 25/26 year was made possible by grants from the O'Toole Foundation and Gall Family Foundation philanthropic trusts managed by Sinclair Wilson, a Warrnambool accounting firm. This funding, along with generous support from South West TAFE, Westvic Staffing Solutions, Wannon Water, Warrnambool East Rotary, St John Primary School Dennington, local and district farmers, Father Lawrie O'Toole, the Timor-Leste community in Warrnambool and members of Water East Timor, enabled us to

organise a ten-day Planning and Capacity Building Programme visit, for Amino Salsinha.

St. Bahkita Mission and Community Centre, situated near Eraulo in Timor Leste's mountainous Ermera province, serves as Water East Timor's country partner. This community-focused mission has developed to provide support in health, education, and water and sanitation infrastructure to regional towns and villages.



Chris Smith and Denise Madden Water East Timor Committee Members, at Timor Festa Port Fairy 2026.



On Father's Day, Sunday September 6th 2026 Water East Timor will be selling sausages at Bunnings Warrnambool. It's a great opportunity to celebrate Dad with a sausage and contribute to bringing clean water to rural villages in Timor-Leste.

If you can help with ingredients, cooking or serving, please contact us at watereasttimor@gmail.com

Come and say hello and buy a sausage or two!

Amino, 42, is married to Ines and they have three sons aged 11, seven and 18 months. He has worked at the Bakhita Centre since 2010 specialising in mechanics, building construction and plumbing. Ines handles the accounts and general running of the centre.

Amino is a key member of the Bakhita Water and Sanitation Team, playing a vital role in our projects. He's responsible for costings purchasing materials and managing on-site work. As the lead construction supervisor he oversees most on-site activities and consistently delivers excellent results.

The Bakhita Water and Sanitation Team receives financial support from Water East Timor Inc. They also benefit from technical and logistical assistance from the Water East Timor Inc. Executive Committee of Management as needed. East Warrnambool Rotary has been a longstanding financial and technical supporter of Water East Timor projects.

By participating in the Water East Timor Planning and Capacity Building Programme, Amino will gain a sense of how training in technical skills, particularly those in Plumbing is conducted in Australia. These enhanced capabilities will not only strengthen the effectiveness of the Bakhita Water and Sanitation Team but also ensure greater impact and sustainability for both our organisations' ongoing efforts in rural communities. Water East Timor Inc. views Amino's visit to Australia as a vital chance to strengthen our partnership, support professional growth and further our joint mission to enhance water and sanitation in Timor-Leste.

Amino will be in Australia and primarily in Warrnambool from the 17th to the 28th June. During this time we will discuss with Amino and commence planning our 26/27 project.

If you don't get a chance to see Amino during the week he will be presenting the Water East Timor Award at the Warrnambool and District Artists Award night Friday June 26. Please support us by purchasing a ticket and come and say hello.

WARRNAMBOOL & DISTRICT ARTISTS SOCIETY ANNUAL AWARDS EXHIBITION



For many years, the Warrnambool & District Artist Society has asked Water East Timor to provide food for their Annual Awards Exhibition Opening Night. We are delighted to be the chosen caterers once again. It's a fantastic night to view local artists' work while enjoying a glass of wine and delicious finger foods. Every ticket purchase directly supports the work of Water East Timor.

For ticket information, please contact Mabel at watereasttimor@gmail.com or phone 0429 626 020

Some of our usual caterers aren't available this year, so if you could help us out with a plate or two of finger food, it would be fantastic. Please contact Mabel if you can assist.