



# Friends of Baguia

Timor Leste  
Newsletter 5 : August 2006

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## COMING EVENTS for your diary

### Film Night Fundraiser "One Cup"

Sat 19th August - 6.30 to 9pm

We are delighted that Dom Allen will join us to introduce his film and to answer questions afterwards. This short documentary film by Dom Allen offers a rare insight into the struggles of coffee farmers in East Timor.

"One Cup" will be screened at Erwin Rado Cinema, 211 Johnston St, Fitzroy. Tickets are \$12 (including finger food) and light refreshments will be available. **Tickets must be booked!**

Enquires: Derarca on 0412 761 763  
[derarca@mira.net](mailto:derarca@mira.net)

*All proceeds from the night go directly to support our projects in Baguia.*

### Next Committee Meeting:

Wed 30th August - 6.15 to 8.15 pm

Upstairs Meeting room at the Malvern Library, High St, Malvern. *All Supporters are most welcome to attend.*

### Malvern Women's Day

Want to learn more about the women of Baguia? And at the same time attend workshops on everything from belly-dancing to financial planning? Derarca will be the guest speaker at this all-day event on October 15<sup>th</sup> at Phoenix Park. Bookings essential - contact Judy on 9563 6448.

### CONTACTS for FRIENDS of BAGUIA

**PRESIDENT:** Derarca O'Mahony 0412 761 763  
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*"Bondia" is Tetum for "Good morning" (Portuguese: Bon = good & Dia = day). Official languages in Timor Leste are Portuguese and Tetum.*

## WINE - Place an order now!

Our wine range includes Shiraz and Sauvignon Blanc, along with Cabernet Sauvignon and Chardonnay. These new wines are excellent quality and represent great value at only \$95 per mixed dozen (\$7.90 per bottle!).

We strongly encourage supporters and their friends to place an order, as this is a great way to support our work in Baguia.

Proceeds from these sales go directly to our projects in Baguia. **Wine enquires and forms: Contact Adrienne or Gaye on (03) 9822 1867.**

## **PEOPLE WANTED!**

### Committee / Supporters

People to help in **Fundraising and Publicity**. For details contact Adrienne on (03) 9822 1867. You don't need previous experience - just lots of enthusiasm to join a fun team!

### Newsletter:

Someone to help preparation. Contact Alister Sholl on 95718213 or [sholl@melbpc.org.au](mailto:sholl@melbpc.org.au)

**THANK YOU** to **Raema Ford** (the talented daughter of our Treasurer) who is currently building a website for Friends of Baguia. We are really excited at the prospect of joining cyberspace! Stay tuned for details of our "www" in the near future!

Council's continuing help in supporting the operations of the group is greatly appreciated.



## RECENT EVENTS

### **Funds sent to East Timor!**

Baguia have confirmed that they received our first transfer of funds to East Timor. Due to the conflict in May there was a delay in the monies getting to Baguia. We received "thanks" from several people in Baguia who are really thrilled to see this commitment to their community from Australia.

In total **Aust\$4,500** was provided to Baguia. This money has been used for the following projects:

1. 37 Junior High School Scholarships for 2006.
2. Salaries for two Osso Huna Teachers - Jan to June 2006.
3. Bread for Orphanage - Jan to June 2006.
4. Three Women's Literacy Programs.
5. Concrete for Rufagua Primary School floor.

**MANY THANKS TO OUR SUPPORTERS**  
**and COMMITTEE FOR ALL THEIR GREAT**  
**WORK IN RAISING THESE FUNDS!**

### **Armadale Primary School**

*By Susan Cosgrave*

Armadale primary school teacher Amanda Tiller contacted Friends of Baguia with a request to come and talk to the Grade 3 and 4 students about East Timor and in particular about Baguia.

Susan Cosgrave who has been involved with Friends of Baguia since inception, visited the school bearing posters of Baguia. During her discussion on Baguia, the children were interested to discover that many children who live in Baguia walk from between one and two hours a day to attend school. In response to this, the students decided that they are going to do some activities centered on learning more about East Timor, and perhaps to do a walkathon to support some of the projects currently promoted through Friends of Baguia.

In an effort to improve cultural understanding between our countries the students might also write simple letters with some drawings to children in Baguia. Before doing this the Armadale students will learn some words in Tetum so they can use these on their drawings.

September 13th is earmarked as a day for focusing on activities promoting diversity in our

world, and the students at Armadale will ensure their focus is on East Timor.

### **Malvern Rotary**

Derarca O'Mahony did a presentation to a luncheon meeting of the Rotary Club of Malvern on July 12th to introduce them to the work being done by the Friends group in Baguia. There were many questions after her talk, indicating an interest in the situation in Timor. Malvern Rotary will give consideration to providing support in the future for the people in Baguia District.



Derarca with President Ray Orr of Malvern Rotary

### **VLGA Forum "Focus on Friendship"**

The Victorian Local Governance Association has actively supported the Friendship Group movement since 1999. The Friends of Baguia Committee members were well represented at the recent VLGA forum on 8th July, where the VLGA and over 20 individual groups reaffirmed their commitment to a continuing programme of friendship in their respective areas.

### **Friendship Conference in Dili**

A **Friendship Groups Conference** was to be held in Dili this month. Due to the conflict in May the VLGA has deferred this event.

**Please pass this newsletter on to any friends who may be interested.**

### **NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS:**

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