

Mornington Peninsula Friends of Lospalos

Annual General Meeting - Sunday 17 September 2017

To provide an update to Mornington Peninsula Friends of Lospalos (FOLP) stakeholders on the activities of the Committee for the 2016 – 2017 financial year.

The FOLP Committee established in 2001, is a Section 86 Committee of the Mornington Peninsula Shire Council. As a Section 86 Committee, a report is required annually on the activities of the friendship group following the Committees Annual General Meeting (AGM).

On Sunday, 17 September the Committee undertook to conduct its 2017 AGM. Committee members and friends attended the event held at the Mornington Library. Councillors Hugh Fraser and Sam Hearn were also in attendance.

The FOLP is a voluntary committee with community members elected each year to the Executive. Together the elected Executive and Council appointed representatives (Councillors Fraser and Hearn) form the Executive Committee.

FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES

During the past year, Mornington Peninsula FOLP held a number of fundraising activities to support capacity building projects, identified and approved by the Commission in Lospalos as being a priority for the region.

The committee fundraises with the support of its friends and members. The FOLP Committee held four major events over the course of the past year. These activities include a:

1. Barefoot bowling event at the Sorrento Bowling Club
2. Art exhibition titled 'Standing in The Gap' featuring works by artist Lindy Yeates
3. Film screening of the documentary film 'Time to Draw the Line' directed by human rights lawyer and activist Janelle Saffin, in partnership with Padua College, and
4. Talk by Professor Michael Leach on the recent Parliamentary Elections in Timor-Leste.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

The chairperson's report was delivered by Ms. Xiao Li Ma on behalf of outgoing chair Mr. Tim Rodgers, who was an apology. Ms. Ma spoke of the projects funded in 2017, of the friendship between Mornington Peninsula FOLP and Lospalos, Timor-Leste, and of the groups recent trip to Lospalos as Parliamentary Observers.

TREASURERS REPORT

Ms. Debbie Allum delivered the treasurer's report on behalf of outgoing treasurer Ms. Linda Wimetal, who was an apology. Ms. Allum tabled the FOLP Financial Report for the 2016-2017 financial year. It was reported that as of the 30 June 2017, the FOLP operating budget remains \$5,403.87 in surplus.

THE YEAR AHEAD

Within the next 12 months, Mornington Peninsula FOLP will be focusing on fundraising activities to help construct a library at the Trinta de Agosto School in the Lospalos friendship district of Fuiloro Village. In addition to fundraising, the committee will also be actively working to increase the FOLP membership group.

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

In accordance with the procedures of the AGM, all positions on the committee were declared open. Mr. Tim Rodgers who had been chair since 2012 decided not to contest the election. Mr. Rodgers was thanked for his contributions by all who were present. Councillor Hugh Fraser remains the councillor representative with the following persons duly elected.

Executive Members:

Xiao Li Ma	Chairperson
Graham Pittock	Deputy Chair
Debbie Allum	Secretary
Linda Wimetel	Treasurer
Cate Macmillan	Fundraising Convener

General Members:

Ollie Wimetel
Wayne Ashdown
Nic Kirkman
Mark Stirling

XIAO LI MA

(Chairperson, Mornington Peninsula Friends of Lospalos)
10 October 2017

GHFriends of Lospalos

Chairperson's Report

AGM Sept 2017

Introduction

- The Friends of Lospalos provide funding for a Focal Point Worker, Fredy Sampaio, who is line managed by the President of the Commission, Sr Domingos dos Santos Seura. Mr Sampaio support the community of Lospalos and the volunteer Commission to identify and prioritise projects His excellent work has resulted in increased communication within the Friendship Network, which is driving the need for increased fundraising from our committee.

Projects Supported and Celebrated

- Renovations at Central Basic School at Maluro village as they had sustained considerable flood damage and building deterioration.
- English language advanced course for adults
- Baucau Teachers College – sponsorship of two students to become Primary school teachers
- Building a public toilet at the Municipal Administration Office outside to enable people from all 10 villages to utilise as they visit.
- Digging a well at the Municipal Administration Office to support the new toilet and enable the 40 staff at the office to have sufficient safe water throughout the week

Significant Achievements

- Film night 'Time to Draw the Line', jointly run with Padua College- great to partner with students who are committed and inspired, presented by Janelle Saffin who held a Q&A session. About 50 people came, great enthusiasm
- Media coverage of Election Observer role, organised by Cr Hugh Fraser, which provides community education.
- Fundraising endeavours - coffee sales, trade table- Timorese handmade goods, Barefoot bowls event with live auction, Sponsorship through local artist, Nic Kirkman, Main St market, donations, memberships, wine drives, raffles.
- Election Observer role 2017
- Inauguration ceremonies in Lospalos for both the Moti Lori bridge completion and the Maluro school renovations
- Commission meetings - with Election Observer's cohort Aug 2017 and secretary's visit Sept 2016.

Challenges

- Fundraising significant amounts is difficult for this small committee whilst project requests are getting higher as Timorese see results and are supported by the Focal Point worker to develop submissions.
- Funding to create a small library room in Trinta de Agosto sub village, Fuiloro village, at a school for over 600 students is the current major project.

Appreciation

It is acknowledged that the Mornington Peninsula Shire is very supportive of the work of the friends of Lospalos, and my thanks go to the hard working volunteers who enable this friendship network to operate. The hospitality of the Commission and Timorese as members of the friendship network have visited, has been remarkable and valued.

Cr Tim Rogers

Chairperson

Mornington Peninsula Friends of Lospalos								
Financial Report for the period 1/7/16 to 30/6/17								
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	Fundraising Trust	Handcrafts Trust	Coffee Trust	CBA 1.	CBA 2.	Cash Float	Total	
	\$	\$	\$	\$		\$	\$	\$
Op bal 1/7/16	\$ 5,415.42	\$ 1,421.86	\$ 2,372.42	\$ 2,187.40	\$ 4,277.77	\$ 50.00	\$ 15,724.87	
Income								
Memberships, donations and fundraising	5,525.00			11,189.97			16,714.97	
Bank Interest				0.10			0.10	
Ritchies Com Benefit Card				265.95			265.95	
Prospect Wine Fundraiser				1,698.55			1,698.55	
Sales-handcrafts		510.00					510.00	
Sales- external coffee			2,181.00				2,181.00	
Sales-internal coffee			2,819.80				2,819.80	
MP Shire Grant				6,000.00			6,000.00	
Mayoral Ball Donation				6,000.00			6,000.00	
Shopmate				98.23			98.23	
Transfer between bank accounts				4,270.00	- 4,270.00		-	
Transfer from Shire Coffee CBA 1.			- 2,640.00	2,640.00			-	
Transfer from Shire Fundraising to CBA1	- 7,695.00			7,695.00			-	
Transfer from Shire Handcrafts to CBA 1		- 1,931.00		1,931.00			-	
Total	-\$ 2,170.00	-\$ 1,421.00	\$ 2,360.80	\$ 41,788.80	-\$ 4,270.00	\$ -	\$ 36,288.60	
Expenses								
Sec/Committee Expenses							-	
Bank Charges/ Int transfer fees				110.00			110.00	
Purchases - Coffee			3,160.36				3,160.36	
Purchases - Handcrafts							-	
Reimbursements							-	
Aus Timor Friendship Network Membership				50.00			50.00	
Reimbursement for fundraising costs				118.00			118.00	
Fundraising - Sorrento Bowls Club				200.00				
Projects							-	
Moto Lorit Bridge Project \$5132 USD, Focal Point Salary x 6 months \$1800 USD, Bank Fee \$20 USD, Total \$6952 USD				9,638.15			9,638.15	
Marist Bros Teacher Training Sponsorships				3,600.00				
12 months Internet \$1200 USD, Commission Budget \$1078 USD, Bank Fee \$10, Total \$2298 USD				3,286.14			3,286.14	
Toilet and Well Project \$11500 USD				16,176.68				
Maluro School staff resource room renovation \$5477 USD				7,671.94			7,671.94	
Focal Point Salary x 6 months \$1800 USD				2,598.33			2,598.33	
Sub Total of Projects Expenditure	-	-	-	-	-	-	23,194.56	
Total	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,160.36	\$ 43,449.24	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 46,609.60	
Cl bal 30/6/17	\$ 3,245.42	\$ 0.86	\$ 1,572.86	\$ 526.96	\$ 7.77	\$ 50.00	\$ 5,403.87	

MORNINGTON PENINSULA FRIENDS OF LOSPALOS

Report of the Friends of Lospalos visit to Timor Leste 16 to 30 July 2017

1. Between 16-30 July 2017 a team of nine members of the Mornington Peninsula Friends of Lospalos visited Timor Leste with the aim of strengthening friendship relationships between Lospalos and Mornington Peninsula communities.
2. The aims of the visit were two fold. First, to participate in the VLGA Election Observer Mission to the Timor Leste Parliamentary elections held on 22 July 2017. Equally importantly, to visit community projects previously funded and proposed to be funded by the Friends and meet with the Friends of Lospalos Commission, local officials and community members in Lospalos sub-district. This would provide an excellent opportunity for team members to learn and experience more of the country, culture and people of Timor Leste with the aim of strengthening our mutual ties and friendship relationships.
3. The Friends' team was led by Tim Rodgers (Friends of Lospalos Chairperson) and included Linda, Ollie and Mandy Wimetel, Graham Pittock, Lucy Rodgers, Xiaoli Ma, Bill Christopherson and Mark Stirling. The in-country visit was facilitated by Freddy Sampiao (Friends' Coordinator). Linda Wimetel played a key role in planning for and managing the logistics for the visit. Mandy Wimetel kindly arranged two introductory lessons in the local language Tetum to prepare the team for the visit.
4. The program for the visit (attached) included several days in Dili to attend the election observer mission briefings, to observe political rallies and preparations for the election between the 17 and 19 July. The team then travelled overland from Dili to the Lospalos sub-district to observe the parliamentary elections there, visit our project sites and hold meetings with Commission members between 20 and 25 July. There were and self-guided visits within Timor Leste to meet Timorese friends between 26 and 30 July.

Election observer mission.

5. The Friends' team acted as election observers between 18-23 July. This entailed briefings on the elections and the role of election observers provided by Professor Damien Kingsbury, the attendance at political rallies in Dili, a meeting with the STAE Director in Lospalos and observation of the distribution of polling station materials on the eve of the election. The team then proceeded to observation of the operation of the polling stations on elections day. Six polling sites in Lospalos sub district were visited by the team and later in the tallying and tabulation of votes and announcement of results.
6. The main observations of the team were that the elections were well organized, prepared and managed by STAE. Voting was undertaken in a peaceful and orderly manner and communities appeared to be involved in and immensely proud of the electoral process. Vote counting and tabulation was undertaken by the proper authorities in a transparent manner.
7. The election results appeared to be accepted by communities and party scrutineers and the entire process was undertaken in a way that enabled community participation and demonstrated transparency. Although the national result remained uncertain for several days, peace and calm prevailed in the Lospalos area.
8. The Friends' team was very impressed by the process and public acceptance of the local result.

Mornington Peninsula Friends of Lospalos project site visits.

9. The Friends of Lospalos Commission arranged an excellent program of project site visits to inaugurate recently completed projects and to engage with beneficiary communities. Inaugurations of these projects and community celebrations were held at the Maluro School Teacher Resource Centre (Lore 2), Moto Lori Bridge (on the outskirts of Lospalos town), and the new public well and toilet block at the Lospalos Administrative post. The Friends team were impressed by the quality of the completed projects, the fact that they were largely completed on time and within budget, and that they all appear to be valued and appreciated by community members.
10. The Friends' group also visited Cakavai community to better understand the cause of its water shortages, what needs to be done there, and the feasibility of the Friends' support for this project. A visit was undertaken to the spring. Cakavai currently has a broken down piped system and proposed the further development of the spring source and renewed piped supply system to the local community. The complexity and scale of this proposal is beyond the capacities of the Friends. This was extensively discussed with both the community of Cakavai and the Friends of Lospalos Commission.

Meeting with Friends of Lospalos Commission.

11. On 24 July 2017 a meeting was held between the Friends team and Commission to review progress of our relationship and projects and to discuss future plans. Tim Rodgers (Friends' Chairperson) thanked the Commission for the excellent arrangements for the visit and congratulated local government, STAE and communities on the successful conduct of the elections. He went on to say that the FoL group was pleased and proud of the progress made in implementing high quality, community valued projects formally presented and shared the letter from the Mornington Peninsula Shire Mayor Cr Colomb to the Commission.
12. The Commission President expressed its reciprocal appreciation for the friendship and support for our project development initiatives in the Lospalos sub district. He emphasized the importance of sustaining and deepening friendships and urged the Friends to consider ways to support tourism development, further micro projects of the nature already delivered by the Friends, and people-to-people exchanges to enhance our mutual understanding and mutual local skills.

Final observations

13. Overall observations are that our Friends of Lospalos partnership is healthy, valued by both partners and producing good results. The Commission is physically located within and enjoys an excellent relationship with local government officials and leaders. The Friends' funded development projects respond to community demand, are well implemented and of good quality.
14. The Friends' Focal Point Freddy Sampiao has grown in confidence and capability and maintains excellent relations with Commission members and communities and the Friends of Lospalos. The operations and the delivery of the Friends projects look to be sound, transparent and there was no indication of misuse of funds or the relationship. Importantly the Focal Point and Commission members are very open to discussion on strengths and weaknesses and to advice as to how the friendship and development projects could be strengthened.

Some recommendations

15. During the visit a number of recommendations were discussed, but not finalized and agreed upon. These include the following matters, which require further discussion following the group's return to the Mornington Peninsula:

- a. Encourage and strengthen Freddy's role and capacities to monitor, report and document project implementation. Two assignments were discussed: firstly, interview Moto Lori community members to learn and document how the construction of the foot-bridge has improved the lives of community members, that is, children getting to school, people getting to the clinic, goods to market, and so forth. Secondly, interview graduates of Marist Teacher Training program (11) to confirm how many are teaching: teaching in schools of the Lospalos community and what difference the opportunity to train as a teacher has made in their lives. What lessons can be learned from this experience?
- b. Provide clear guidance to the Commission on project resources the Friends' can make available for 2017-18 and invite the Commission's submission of proposals.
- c. Give more attention to people-to-people initiatives. Three opportunities were discussed: First, arrange an art exchange between two primary schools - one in Lospalos and one in Mornington Peninsula Shire (Xiaoli Ma); secondly, explore interest and potential for undertaking a second phase of Mr and Mrs Ball's reading glasses project previously undertaken by Friends; and thirdly, explore possibility of arranging a carpentry mentorship for two young Timorese studying carpentry at Lospalos technical college (Tim Rodgers).
- d. Consider how the Friends could contribute to tourism development in Lospalos. It would be useful to meet with Mornington Peninsula Tourism Association to gain their ideas and advice on what could be done and resources available to support this.

Immediate follow up

16. The following actions are suggested to follow up on the visit (next 30 days):

- a. letter of thanks from the Friends to Commission and Freddy.
- b. prepare and present a Visit Report to Council.
- c. assemble photos and post selection to Facebook and Website.
- d. request Freddy to obtain thank you letter from Moto Lori Bridge community which could be shared with donor along with a brief report on completion of the project and photos.
- e. The Friends' Committee to discuss this Visit Report, and agree key findings, recommendations and follow up actions (including key actions to strengthen the friendship and advance community projects over the coming year).

22 August 2017



Minutes

Mornington Peninsula Friends of Lospalos Annual General Meeting 15th Nov 2018, 6.30pm
Mornington Peninsula Shire Offices Mornington

1. Welcome and Apologies

The AGM of the Mornington Peninsula Friends of Lospalos was called to order at 6.30pm on Thursday 15th November 2018 in the Mornington Peninsula Shire Office, Queen St. Mornington by Xiao Li Ma, Chairperson.

Present

Cr Hugh Fraser, Xiao Li Ma, Wayne Ashdown, Ollie and Linda Wimetel, Debbie Allum

Apologies

Nic Kirkman, Graham Pittock, Mark Stirling

2. Confirmation of Minutes AGM 2017

Proposed – Xiao Li Ma

2nded – Wayne Ashdown

Carried

3. Chairperson's Report

Xiao Li presented a report of the achievements and challenges for FOLP

See attached

Proposed – Wayne Ashdown

2nded – Ollie Wimetel

Carried

4. Trip report 2018 – Cr Hugh Fraser

Cr Fraser presented an excellent description of the 2018 Timor Leste visit, undertaken by himself, Tim Rodgers and Xiao Li Ma. The continued friendship commitment with the Commission is highly valued.

See attached

5. Treasurers Report

Presented by Treasurer, Linda Wimetel – see attached

Proposed- Xiao Li Ma

2nded – Debbie Allum

Carried.

6. Election of Office Bearers

All executive committee members stood down and nominations were called for. The following executive committee were elected for 2018/19:-

Chairperson – Xiao Li Ma

Deputy Chairperson – Graham Pittock

Treasurer – Linda Wimetel

Secretary – Debbie Allum

Fundraising Convener – Cate Macmillan

General Committee Members – Wayne Ashdown, Ollie Wimetel

FRIENDS OF LOSPALOS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING NOVEMBER 2018

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Introduction

- The Mornington Peninsula Friends of Lospalos (FOLP) established in 2001 is a Section 86 Committee of the Mornington Peninsula Shire Council (MPSC).
- FOLP wishes to acknowledge and thank all its members for their continued support of FOLP relationship activities, delivered in partnership with Losplaos, Timor-Leste.
- FOLP wishes to thank Mornington Peninsula Shire Council for its continued support of friendship relationship activities.
- The FOLP Committee constitutes of voluntary community members elected each year to the Executive and a Council appointed representative, Councillor Hugh Fraser. The Committee also receives support from Councillors Sam Hern and Julie Morris.
- FOLP members work to fundraise for projects to support the community of Lospalos, projects which have been identified by Commission members in Losplaos.
- To facilitate communication between FOLP and the Commission, FOLP provides funding for a Focal Point Worker, Fredy Sampaio, who is line managed by the President of the Commission, Sr Domingos dos Santos Seuira.
- FOLP gives thanks to the friendship offered by not only the Commission but people of Lospalos.

Projects Supported

- Funding to construct a Library resource room delivered in the 2017/18 Financial Year. This project is located at the Trinta de Agosto school in Losplaos. The project will enable students to have a dedicated place from where they can borrow books and other educational materials to support their learning.

Significant Achievements

- Friends of Lospalos participated in the Timor-Leste Parliamentary Elections in May 2018 as official election observers.
- Council delegate to FOLP, Councillor Hugh Fraser, FOLP Chairperson, Xiao Li Ma, and immediate past Chair Councillor Tim Rodgers attended the inauguration of the Library project at the Trinta de Agosto school in the sub-village of Fuiloro in Lospalos.
- It has been exciting to have had two students sponsored by FOLP to attend the Marista University of Baucau graduate this year with a Degree in Teaching.

- Fantastic fundraising event with guest speaker Peter McMullin at the Safety Beach Yacht in May 2018 received over \$2,700. FOLP wishes to thank RPPP and Mornington Peninsula Shire for its in-kind support. Funding generated from this event will go towards the purchase of equipment to resource an English language project benefiting 50 youths in Lospalos.
- Joint event with Padua in September 2018 to screen the film, Abdul and Jose. The event was opened by Mayor Councillor Bryan Payne and consisted of presentations from Padua students on their recent trip to Timor-Leste.
- Grant submission lodged by FOLP Treasurer Linda Wimetel to Australian Aid Friendship Grants. If successful, the funds will help support much needed future projects in Lospalos.
- Establishment of a dedicated FOLP YouTube channel to further promote friendship activities.

Challenges

- Fundraising activities on a large scale can be difficult to coordinate due to the small number of committee members.

Conclusion

- Despite some challenges, Mornington Peninsula Friends of Lospalos have achieved a significant amount of work this year. I wish to congratulate everyone for contributions made. The achievement to date reflects the dedication and love of all committee members for none of this would be possible today.

Xiao Li Ma

Chairperson

Friends of Lospalos Mornington Peninsula

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Financial Report for the period 1/07/17 to 30/06/18						
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		Timor Trust	CBA 1.	CBA 2.	Cash Float	Total
		\$	\$		\$	\$
Op bal 1/07/17		\$ 4,819.14	\$ 526.96	\$ 7.77	\$ 50.00	\$ 5,403.87
Income	Memberships, donations and fundraising	2,764.00	5,789.30			8,553.30
	Bank Interest	-				-
	Ritchies Com Benefit Card	-	270.86			270.86
	Shopnate	-	141.44			141.44
	Sales-handcrafts	50.00				50.00
	Sales- external coffee	1,454.00	470.00			1,924.00
	Sales-internal coffee	902.00				902.00
	Prospect Wines Fundraising	-	420.30			420.30
	MP Shire Annual Grant	-	9,000.00			9,000.00
	Transfer of funds between accounts	- 6,000.00	6,000.00			-
		-				-
Total	Income	- 830.00	\$ 22,091.90	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 21,261.90
Expenses	Sec Expenses					-
	Bank Charges/ Int transfer fees		36.00			36.00
	Purchases - Coffee	3,545.45				3,545.45
	Fundraising Costs - Venue Hire		80.00			80.00
	Fundraising Costs - Catering		925.00			925.00
	Reimbursements for Tais Purchases from Timor		187.85			187.85
	Focal Point Salary		6,209.59			6,209.59
	Projects					
	Library Room Construction - Trinta de Agosto School		7,480.31			7,480.31
						-
	Sub Total of Projects Expenditure	-	7,480.31	-	-	7,480.31
Total	Expenditure	\$ 3,545.45	\$ 14,918.75	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 18,464.20
Cl bal 30/06/18		\$ 443.69	\$ 7,700.11	\$ 7.77	\$ 50.00	\$ 8,201.57

REPORT ON FRIENDS OF LOSPALOS VISIT TO TIMOR-LESTE, DILI AND LOSPALOS 6-16 May 2018.

Mornington Peninsula Friends of Lospalos, Friends Chair Xaio Li and immediate past Chair former councillor Tim Rodgers and Cr Hugh Fraser Council Delegate to Friends of Lospalos - visited Timor- Leste between 6 and 16 May 2018 as official observers to the Timor Leste Parliamentary Elections on 12 May 2018 election. The visit was also to inaugurate together with the Lautem Postu Administrator Sn Zeferino Dos Santos Sequeira the new library at EBF 30 de Agosto Fuiloro School in Lospalos – built with funds provided by the Friends of Lospalos Mornington Peninsula – and to meet with the Commission Lospalos Friends of the Mornington Peninsula.

Initial meetings and briefings were held in Dili from CNE, the responsible election Government minister at the Timor Hotel, Australian Ambassador Roberts and his staff at the Embassy, STAE, Dr Damien Kingsbury coordinator of the 2018 Election Observers from Australia at the Esplanada Hotel, and with the British Consul. In Baucau we met with Margie Beck. In Lospalos we met with the STAE and electoral staff and Friends of Mornington Peninsula. All election observers were required to sign a Voluntary Observer Assignment Agreement 2018 in order to secure identity and accreditation from the Director General of STAE.

Visits were made to the Dili Museum charting the unhappy course of Portuguese abandonment, Indonesian invasion and occupation detailing 18,000 civilian killings and disappearances between 1975 and 1990, later deaths from hunger in the aftermath of destroyed infrastructure, destruction of crops and livestock. A visit was made to site of the Santa Cruz cemetery massacre, the horrific and abandoned local Dili goal, cells and interrogation rooms. A visit was also made to the memorial to the Australian 2/2nd Independent Company in the mountains high up out of Dili.

We were warmly welcomed in Baucau by Margie Beck and later in Lospalos by Focal Point Worker Fredy Sampaio and by Sn Zeferino Dos Santos Sequeira, Lautem Municipal Administrator, and Sr Domingos Dos Santos Sequeira, President of the Friends Commission, members of the Commission and teacher training graduates - now working as volunteer primary school teachers – previously sponsored with education bursaries provided by our Friends of Lospalos.

In Lospalos, we were briefed by Sn Zeferino and election officials and later visited polling stations to observe the voting at Lospalos (2), Racq, Fuiloro and Bauro. At Fuiloro we observed the counting and tallying of the votes – each vote held up for viewing by party scrutineers. We were able to closely observe not only the layout and voting in these polling stations but also this voting this counting and tallying process here and later at the electoral office in Dili where the sealed boxed votes and returns were returned.

On the Friday before the election, the new school library – *Biblioteca* – at EBF 30 de Agosto Fuiloro School was inaugurated by our Chair Xaio Li and Sn Zeferino, Lautem District Post Administrator. Although the public holiday following the election we were ceremonially welcomed by the School, presented with ceremonial scarves - tais- and after the inauguration, the school staff entertained us to lunch. There was a tropical downpour which flooded the central courtyard which delighted the students.

On Monday 14 May we formally met with the Commission Friends of Mornington Peninsula and discussed new projects in Lospalos and visited past and a future projects site in Leuro. A school room had been burnt out and required rebuilding to accommodate bringing in an outlying small school. There we met the Lauro village head person, the school principal and committee. A substantial project requiring a complete rebuild and further particulars are to be provided.

A visit was made to Many Hands and to the Lospalos ADM nuns (who also can provide accommodation to visitors) where a Friends' project is to upgraded computer facilities enabling disadvantaged early school leaver girls with the opportunity to develop work related readiness skills. Boomerang bags and patterns were provided on the visit.

Leaving Lospalos at 7.30am on Tuesday 15 May with our skilled and capable driver Alberto, we returned by difficult and poorly made roads, if that, in record time to Dili by 1.30pm.

Dinner functions were held with the British Consul, the Commission Los Palos Friends of the Mornington Peninsula, Peter MucMullin and other visiting Australian 2018 Election Observers and breakfast with Margie Beck in Becau.

PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS SATURDAY 12 MAY 2018

Timor-Leste – the most democratic state in South East Asia - voted decisively at the 12 May parliamentary elections for majority government ending 10 months of budget paralysis after last year's inconclusive result.

Together with Friends of Lospalos Chair Xaioli Ma and Tim Rodgers, we had the privilege - which can be withdrawn at any time - to observe the election process as "Observadores Internacional" at the invitation of the Timor-Leste Government. The observers were supported by 17 teams "in the field" from the Australian Embassy in Dili.

We were able to observe the enormous popular rallies held each day just outside Dili and, often in torrential rain, the election process in Lospalos at six polling stations. Unrestricted access was provided to all polling stations. We were welcomed from poll opening at 7am to close at 3.00pm. In counting, all votes were then held up for public scrutiny and, after counting, boxed, sealed and returned under armed police escort to the district tally room.

Timor-Leste voted decisively for Xanana Gusmao's Change for Progress Alliance (AMP) - a coalition of three political parties winning thirty-four of sixty-five seats in the Parliament and 49.6 % of the national vote. Fretilin secured a swing of 4.5% of the vote and twenty-three seats – remaining the largest single party in the country.

The AMP vote was strong in the in western districts but in the eastern districts, which included the town of Lospalos we visited, Fretilin gained large swings. At the Luro polling station outside Lospalos, Fretilin obtained 43.85% of the vote to the AMP coalition 34.76%.

Informal votes were rare with a total valid vote of 98.56% in Lautem District, which includes Lospalos. Ballot papers could be marked or pierced against the name and logo of each political party. Voting is non-compulsory but the voter turnout an outstanding 81% - an increase of 5% on the 2017 parliamentary election result which did not produce a working majority government, no budget passed effectively freezing government spending for 10 months.

Hugh Fraser
Councillor, Council delegate to the Friends of Lospalos Mornington Peninsula,
15 August 2019



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FRIENDS OF LOSPALOS - MORNINGTON PENINSULA

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10 May	Afternoon	Guests will arrive in Lospalos
11 May	09.00 - 9.30	1. Guests will meet Lautem Municipal Administrator
	9.30 - 10.45	2. Guests will meet chief of CNE
	10.45 - 11.00	3. Guests will meet STAE Chief Department
	11.00 - 12.00	4. Inaugurate the Library at EBF 30 de Agosto Fuiloro
	12.00 - 14:00	5. Guests will return to Hotel Roberto Carlos
12 May	09:00	Observe Election
13 May	9.00 - 12.00	1. Guests will survey the basic school at Leuro Village
	12.00 -14.00	2. Guests will return to Hotel Roberto Carlos
14 May	09.00 - 11.00	1. Commission meeting with the Marista University who have graduated in Lospalos Post Administrative Office
	11.00 - 14.00	2. Lunch and culture workshop with Many Hands International
	19.00 -until finish	3. Commission dinner with Friends of Lospalos, Commissioners, key Leaders and Sr. Fredy . Sampaio – Roberto Carlos Hotel
15 May		Guests will return to Dili

Regards,

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				Sede Aldeia Vaniria	1	Tomas Dos Santos	#00534
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✖	Maina 1	1 051	3	Sede Suco Mania I	1	Julia Fernandes	#00537
				E.B.F. Narunteino	1	Ambrosio Da Costa	#00538
				E.P. Huruleu	1	Julio da Silva Freitas	#00539
	Maina 2	1 172	2	E.B.C. Laicara	1	Valentim Pinto	#00540
				Sede Suco Maina II	1	Rosa Fernandes	#00541
✖	Pairara	1 251	2	Sede Suco Pairara	1	Ijino Correia	#00542
				E.P. Puno	1	Joao N. Da Costa	#00543
✖	Parlamento	1 735	4	E.P. No 1 Moro	1	Inacio Monteiro	#00544
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	Serelau	795	2	E.B.C. Leusari	1	Lino Soares	#00548
				E.P. Serelau	1	Americo da Costa	#00549
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Suco	Eleitor	C.V.	Naran Centru Votasaun	E.V.	Naran Brigada	Kodigu C.V
Bauro	1 867	2	Sede Aldeia Bauro	1	Augusto da Silva	#00550
			EP. Somocho	1	Edna da Cunha	#00551
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			E.P.No. 3 Lospalos	3	Jacinta M. Da Luz	#00554
			E.S. Nino Conisantana	2	Delfino Ximenes	#00555
			E.E.B. Paioto	2	Osvaldo J. Faria	#00556
Home	1 470	1	E.P. Home	2	Ignoe R. Fernandes	#00557
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			Sede Suco Lore I	1	Bonifacio C. Ribeiro	#00559
			E.B.F. Lori	1	Jovel Ribeiro	#00560
			Sede Aldeia Chai	1	Juni da Costa Pereira	#00561
Lore 1	1 725	3				
Lore 2	680	1	Sede Suco Lore II	1	Amelio J. Fernandes	#00562
			Sede Suco Muapitine	1	Aquino Garcia	#00563
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			E.P. Souro	1	Cesar A. Fernandes	#00566
			Sede Aldeia Soru-Lua	1	Erlander dos Santos Vinhas	#00567
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