

# FOET (WA) News Sheet

November 1999

## FOET - Where to from here?

FOET has essentially been a lobby group concentrating on influencing the Australian government and public to support self-determination for East Timor. With the ratification of the East Timor ballot by the Indonesian Government and the withdrawal of the last of the Indonesian troops in recent days, it would seem that the reasons for FOET's existence are no longer there. The FOET committee feels that the time has come to discuss

the future role of our group. Consequently, we have called an extraordinary general meeting so that we may discuss this important issue. *Remember - you must be financial to vote on any outcomes of this meeting.*

We are urging all members to attend this meeting which will be followed by a dinner to honour those who have worked tirelessly in support of East Timor.

## Special General Meeting + Celebratory Dinner

An invitation is extended to all members to discuss the future of FOET (WA)

On Saturday 20 November, 1999, 4.30pm  
at Villa della Luna, 113 Oxford St Leederville

Followed by  
Dinner at 6.00pm  
\$20.00 per person BYO

RSVP by 17th November on 9361 4678 or 9336 7152 or 9361 0373

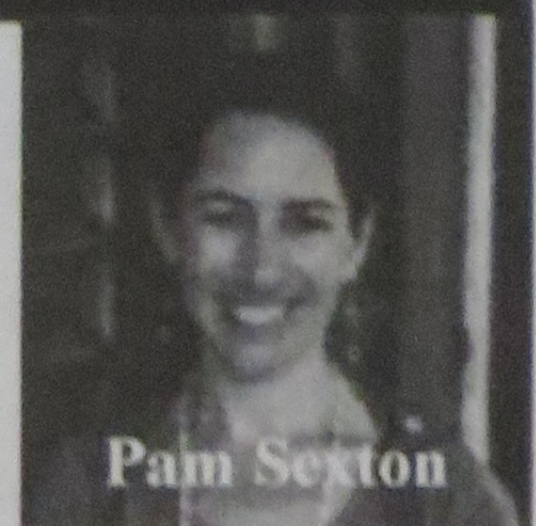
*Vegetarian meals available - please let us know when you RSVP*

## Public Lecture- Working in partnership with East Timorese

### Speaker Pamela Sexton

Pamela Sexton is a member of Peace Brigades International (PBI). In April she was part of the PBI's team in East Timor.

Pam also co-ordinated and participated in the International Observer Team for the August 30th Ballot. She is a key member of East Timor Action Network (USA). Pam returned to West and East Timor in October to gather information about the situation of Timorese refugees and the work of East Timorese to rebuild their nation.



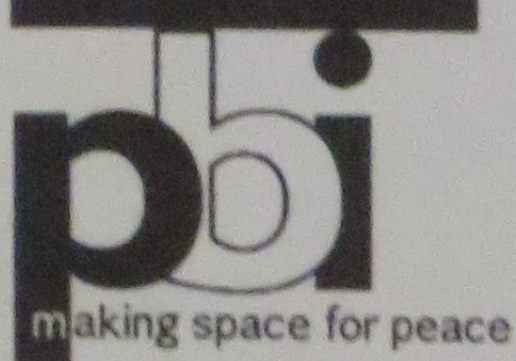
Pam Sexton

### Where Centre for Ethics

Christ Church Grammar School  
Chapel, Queenslea Drive, Claremont.

### When 7pm, Thursday 4th November 1999

### Sponsor Peace Brigades International



### Cost Waged - \$10 Unwaged - donation

*\*Peace Brigades International (PBI) is a global, independent, non-governmental organisation working for human rights and nonviolent conflict resolution since 1981. East Timorese human rights groups invited PBI to work with them in 1998.*

For more information contact: Anne Wayne 9444 3738 or Shane Guthrie 9227 7880.





## Current Demands

It is estimated the every day around 100 East Timorese are dying in the camps in West Timor. Some at the hands of the Militia but most through starvation and disease. In the face of this human tragedy, Aid agencies are refused access to the camps and Militia operations still go unhindered by the Indonesian authorities. At the same time, the UNHCR has less than 10 people in West Timor.

It is imperative that we continue to press both the Australian and international governments for continued action on the East Timorese hostages. Points that you could be making include the following:

1. The safe return of the East Timorese hostages in West Timor and other areas of Indonesia.
2. Prosecution of War Criminals involved in the recent genocide.
3. Reparations from Indonesia for the wholesale destruction of East Timor.

For useful addresses, telephone numbers and email addresses see the following website:  
[www.freetimor.com](http://www.freetimor.com).

## Rally - Saturday Nov 13

Commemorate 24 years of struggle for independence.

11am Mass. Russell Square, Northbridge

12pm March through the city

1pm Rally in Russell Square with speakers, performance, food.

Organised by the National Council for Timorese Resistance (CNRT), Action in Solidarity with Indonesia and East Timor (ASIET), and Community Aid Abroad.

## Buy a Collector's Item

The Construction, Forestry, Mining & Energy Union (CFMEU) has had 1,000 quality badges made. They are slightly larger than a 10 cent piece in the colours of the National Council for Timorese Resistance (CNRT). A peace dove is depicted flying over the island of Timor with the words "Free East Timor" around the edge of the badge.

What better way to celebrate East Timor's independence than by buying one of these badges - profits of \$6.50 per badge will go to the East Timor Appeal of APHEDA the Australian trade union movement's overseas aid organisation.

The badge sells for \$10 each - \$11.55 including postage. Order from Pat Gandini 9361 4678 or FOET PO Box 570 Victoria Park 6979.

Cheques/Money orders to be made payable to "CFMEU".

## East Timor Benefit Concert

### "Folk for East Timor"

Kulcha, South Terrace, Fremantle

on Sunday November 7 at 7.30pm.

Tickets are \$13 presale and \$15 at the door.

All proceeds go to Community Aid Abroad's East Timor Appeal.

The event is one of a series of 11 concerts being organized by folk artists all around the country.

## Websites

For in-depth coverage of the current situation in East Timor see the website of the East Timor International Support Centre -

[www.easttimor.com](http://www.easttimor.com) or

[www.abc.net.au/news/etimor/](http://www.abc.net.au/news/etimor/)

and for details of what you can do

[www.freetimor.com](http://www.freetimor.com)

## FOET (WA) Membership for 1999

Membership	<u>\$10 Waged</u>	<u>\$5 Unwaged</u>	(Please circle)
Last Name	..... Given Name .....		
Address	.....		
Phone (h)	.....	Phone (w)	.....
Fax	.....	Email	.....

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