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5 SHOTS RANG OUT AND  
JOHN LENNON WAS DEAD



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## Indon flags burn: police to act

Police action was taken yesterday against a group of protesters who had set fire to the Indonesian flag at a rally in Sydney.

At least 100 Indonesian students, teachers, journalists and others marched through Sydney's central business district yesterday to protest against Indonesia's military rule in East Timor.

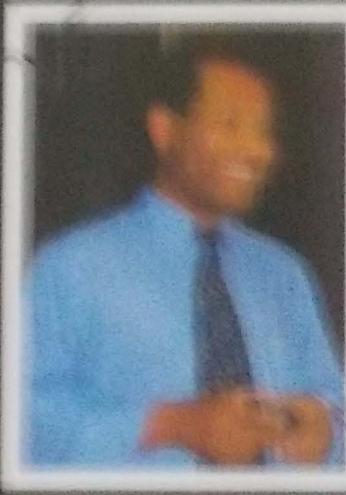
When the protesters reached the Indonesian consulate, they set fire to the flag and chanted anti-Indonesian slogans.

Police arrested 10 protesters.





# Farewell Mr Abel Guterres



Reception to farewell Mr Abel Guterres,  
Consul General of The Democratic  
Republic of Timor-Leste in Sydney

**Date:** Wednesday 2 September 2010

**Time:** 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm

**Venue:** Parliament House of New South Wales,  
Macquarie Street, Sydney

**RSVP:** Monday 23 August 2010

**Cost:** \$50 a head (campes and beverages)

**Payment method:** Pre-purchase tickets available at ticket on the door (see attached sheet for payment details). Friends of NTF are collecting funds on behalf of event organisers.

**Inquiries:** [info@eastasianconsular.com](mailto:info@eastasianconsular.com)

**Parliamentary Host:** The Honorable Richard Torbay MP, Speaker of The Legislative Assembly

**Parliamentary Host Friends:**

Janelle Saffin MP

(mobile: 0418 064 061 for inquiries)

Mario Sheehan, Friends of NTF

(mobile: 0411 097 0411)

Alexander Wellmann, Personal Adviser to the  
Consul General



## Australia-East Timor Association (NSW) Solidarity Diary August 2009 (No.13/2009)

**Friday, 21st August, 3.00 – 5.00pm** Eastern Avenue Complex: Seminar Room 406 Does the Indonesian presidential election mean anything in Papua? Speakers: Julianus Septer Manufandu is a director of FOKER, the umbrella organisation for NGOs in Papua with 118 members spread across Papua. Budi Hernawan OFM is a Franciscan friar who is the former Director of the Office for Justice and Peace of the Catholic Diocese of Jayapura (Papua). Ms Lee Rhiannon is a member of the NSW Legislative Council, from the Greens Party. She will talk on how the Australian government should play a larger role to address social issues of Sydney. Further information contact: 02 9217 3874 and 0422 647 025.

**Tuesday 25th August,** evening session of "Balibo" film at Dendy Cinema, Newtown. A NSW Greens Party benefit night, email Cohn Charlton [republic@internode.on.net](mailto:republic@internode.on.net) with bookings.

**Wednesday 26th August, 6.30pm** Level 3, UTS Broadway, AETA Monthly Meeting with Sam Petty (fbc) talking about soundtrack and CD to new Balibo Film. Details Stephen Langford (02) 9331 5986.

**Saturday 29th August 6pm-11pm** Timor Leste Students Association party for Referendum day, 'Our Ladies Sacred Heart (OLSH) Church Hall, 193 Avoca St, Randwick. Speakers Consul-General Abel Guterres and Mayor of Randwick. Details Esperenza (0449) 685150 or Manuel (0416) 570937.

**Sunday August 30th Leichhardt Town Hall "10 Years On" - from 1999 UN Timor Referendum**

[1pm-4pm] **A DVD - Timor Film Retro Highlights,**

including excerpts from # Shadow Over East Timor (1979) # Live footage The Sydney Protests -(Sept 1999) # Militia Violence in Dili late 1999 (from "A Hero's Journey" # Circle of Stones" (on Suai Massacre 1999) # "Starting From Zero" /Rebuilding, Mandy King et al (2000-2001) Timor Sea Justice Adverts by Ian Melrose/Max Stahl (2004-2005), # Natalie Grove/Plan International's "Hapane Violence" (2006-2007), # film footage from the Wesley-Smith family , # "Balibo" film trailer (2009) # Andrew McNaughton & Paddy Kenneally Tributes ....and more

[4.30pm-6pm] - **A Victory Toast for Timor's Independence with invited speakers and 'open mic'**

Details Shane McArdle "Friends of Maliana" [shane.m@lmc.nsw.gov.au](mailto:shane.m@lmc.nsw.gov.au) or (02) 9367-9351, or Stephen Langford "Australia-East Timor Association" (02) 9331-5986 or Ian Burnett "Northbridge Rotary -Same Teachers College Project" (02) 99678121.



**Sunday 30th August,** Closing date for Mary MacKillop petition and Blue Mountains Sisters - Annual Garage Sale [contact Mary Waterford at BMETS 0414-974763 for details of garage sale]

**Wednesday Sept 2nd 5.30pm-7pm** State Parliament House, "Parliamentary Farewell to Abel Guterres" with Janelle Safin MP and Maire Sheehan "Friends of Maliana". Book by August 24th. Details [shane.m@lmc.nsw.gov.au](mailto:shane.m@lmc.nsw.gov.au) or (02) 9367-9351.

**Monday 7th Sept.** 5th Anniversary of Munir (Indonesian Human Rights activist) death from BAKIN poison while en route to Utrecht University.

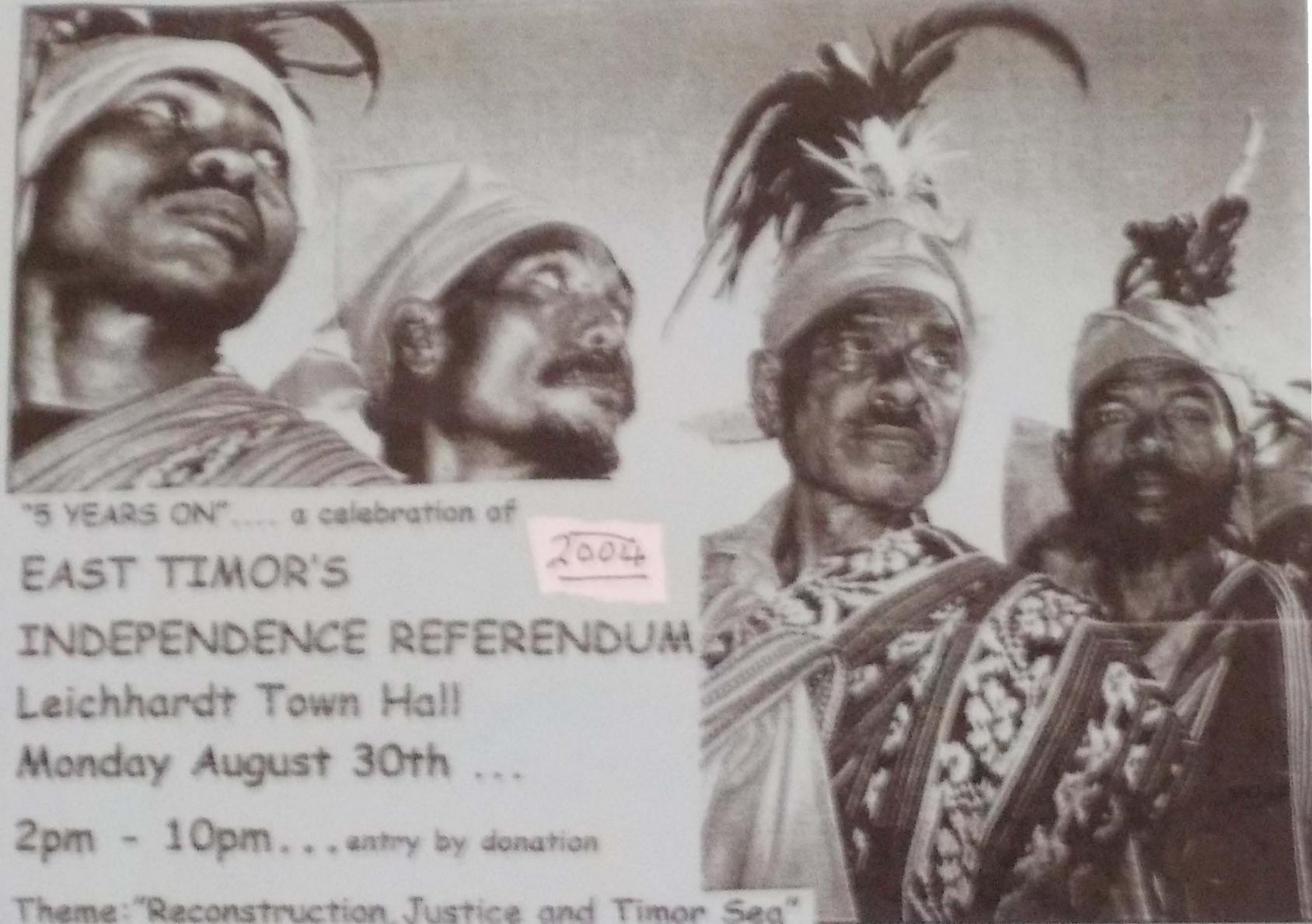
**Friday September 11th, 6.30pm-Midnight,** International Function Centre, 42 Canley Vale Rd, Canley Vale, "A Farewell Dinner Party to Abel Guterres" (Consul-General, promoted to EEC Desk). A 7 course meal and Timorese Band. [book Carlos (0428) 978 577 or Madalena (02) 9610 8952 ].

**Saturday October 3rd,** Bonnyrigg Community Centre, "Fundraiser for Timor Radio" 2000FM 98.5 Program. \$10.00 only. [Book Carlos or Duarte Martins (0408) 234 952 or Huan Sim Lay 9610-8952].

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"5 YEARS ON" .... a celebration of

## EAST TIMOR'S INDEPENDENCE REFERENDUM

Leichhardt Town Hall

Monday August 30th ...

2pm - 10pm... entry by donation

Theme: "Reconstruction, Justice and Timor Sea"

*Tribal Dancers at the Independence Day Celebrations, Dili, 2002* Photo: Markas Heng

program

# Documentary Film & Video Festival (2-4pm) Includes premiere screening in Sydney of "Ask Xanana" (a rock video clip from Portugal), "the circle of stones" (a re-enactment of the Suai massacre by Jon Hughes), "one day in Fatulai" (by Joan Robinson), "Don't Rob Their Future" (by H.T Lee), "Hello Mister" (Michael Nicholson), "Dr Dan's Bairns Pits Clinic" (Vic O'Callaghan), others from Kathryn Morgan, Tim Anderson, Max Stahl, etc.

# Local Government & Community Initiatives Forum (4-6pm) Includes contributions from Abel Guterres (Consul-General Timor Loro Sae), Maire Sheehan (NSW Local Government Association), Alice Murphy (Mayor of Leichhardt), Dominic Sullivan (Randwick Council), Ross Dunlop (Taekoo Tokoo Tomak), Sister Susan Connelly (Mary MacKillop Institute for East Timor Studies) plus an NGO forum of recent visitors to East Timor, with Ross Dunlop on Taekoo Tokoo Tomak and film archive.

# Timor Sea Oil & Gas "Teach-In" (6-8pm) Dr. Keith Suter (International Commission of Jurists), Geoff McKee (Petroleum Engineer, Lecturer Uni of Western Sydney), Iggy Kim (Asia-Pacific Networker) Mr Manuel da Lemos (Timor Sea Office -Dili), John Kaye (The Greens)

# Community Celebration with food, drink, musicians and singers (8-10pm). All welcome. A 25 year photo retrospective display from the AETA and other community groups on show. Come along and try da Luca's famous Timorese Coffee gelato. Poets Tug Dumbley and Denis Keavens, singers include Solidarity Choir and the usual suspects. Entry by donation. =====

All money raised will support Timorese charities and Timor Sea Justice Campaign. Details Gail Clifford (02) 9367-9047 or Jeff Lee (02) 9519-4788, PO Box 703, Leichhardt 2040.



a benefit nite for timorese women  
gaelic club  
64 devonshire st  
surry hills (upstairs)

friday november 29th  
8pm-midnight  
entry \$12/\$10

(following 'politics in the pub' 6-8pm)

with  
lemon tarts  
rachel hore  
colleen burke  
trude aspelung  
solidarity choir  
zulya kamalova  
songket (indonesian music)

timorese food will be served all night.....speakers from timor, aceh and west papua

money raised will assist kirsty sword's 'alola foundation for timorese women'

sponsored by australia east timor association (aeta)

Details 9500-1638 or 9519-4788 <[jefferson.lee@bigpond.com](mailto:jefferson.lee@bigpond.com)> PO Box 703, Leichhardt 2040.  
Publicity assistance from NSW Folk Federation newsletter 'Cornstalk' (enquiries 9524 0247)  
Printing assistance 'Friends of Maliana' Leichhardt Council (support the 'Tekee Tokee Tomok Tour'  
Concerts... Leichhardt Town Hall 7pm Thursday 28th, Mittagong (29th), Kangaroo Valley (30th)

Solidarity Choir and Rachel Hore appear also at the Sydney Folk Gala (Sun 1st Dec, Eastside, Poddle).  
Zulya also at Sutherland Folk Club (Tues 3rd Dec) and her CD launch The Basement (Thurs 5th Dec)

With 1700 Timorese asylum seekers now facing deportation from Australia (details from  
<[cmmiets@nareg.com.au](mailto:cmmiets@nareg.com.au)>) and the ongoing crisis of mandatory detention, please support ROCK FOR  
REFUGEES Concert, Sunday 27th October, 12 Noon-7pm at Henson Park, Sydenham Rd Marrickville.  
Performers include Mentals, Urban Guerillas, Penelope Swales, MC Trey, Hung Le, etc., Tix \$12



**ALOLA**  
Foundation

# The Kirsty Sword-Gusmao **BENEFIT NIGHT**

A tribute for Timorese Women  
(and the late Andrew McNaughtan)

**Wednesday 21 April**  
**Sydney Town Hall, 7pm-11pm**



Jeannie Lewis



With

Rachel Hore / Kirsty-Sword-Gusmao / The Fagans / Ros Dunlop

Jeannie Lewis & Maurie Mulheron / Shirley Shackleton

Linda Jaivin / Katherine Thomson / Cassandra Eager

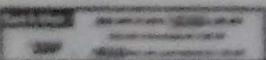
Timorese Performers & Speakers / Irina Dunn

Solidarity Choir / Enda Kenny & Lindsay Martin

Martin Wesley-Smith / Max Stahl / Denis Kevans

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<http://www.alolafoundation.org>



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# This Life

**Editor's Note**  
Sally Saffrin

## Heroic champion of the persecuted

**Photo credit:** *Courtesy of Dr. Andrew Kaufman*

Opposite: Andrew Kaufman, medical director of the International Society for Human Rights, in his office in New York City. Above: Dr. Andrew Kaufman, right, with his wife, Dr. Kristy Baumgarten-Kaufman, left, and their son, Dr. Jesse Baumgarten-Kaufman, center, at their home in New York City.

Kaufman has spent his career as a champion of human rights, working to free political prisoners. Through his work, he has been nominated for four Nobel Prizes. He now uses his expertise to help persecuted people around the world.

Kaufman's life began in Brooklyn, where he grew up in a Jewish family. He studied law at the University of Michigan and then became a lawyer. After graduation, he joined the U.S. Department of Justice, where he worked on civil rights cases.

In 1968, while working for the U.S. Department of Justice, Kaufman helped to defend Dr. Martin Luther King, who was accused of violating civil rights laws. He was then asked to represent Dr. King's widow, Coretta Scott King, in her battle against the Ku Klux Klan.

For the last 30 years, Kaufman has been involved in human rights issues. He has represented Dr. King's widow, Dr. Coretta Scott King, in her battle against the Ku Klux Klan. He has also represented Dr. King's widow, Dr. Coretta Scott King, in her battle against the Ku Klux Klan.

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Photo credit: *Courtesy of Saffrin*. Dr. Andrew Kaufman, left; Kristy Baumgarten-Kaufman, right; Dr. Jesse Baumgarten-Kaufman, bottom. November 2003.

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## Hamish McDonald to speak at AETA Meeting

Wednesday 28th November 2007 6.30pm-8pm  
Room 318, Level 3, behind Students Assoc Office  
(walk down stairs from street level)  
TS Tower Building, Broadway.

Co-author of the book "Death in Balibo-Lies in Canberra" and Sydney Morning Herald's Asia Editor Hamish McDonald give the most definitive coverage of the recent Balibo Coroner's Inquest into Brian Peters and the rest of the Balibo Five. Come along and enjoy this rare public speaking engagement from him.

This is the last Australia-East Timor Association meeting for the year. We meet the fourth Wednesday of every month except for December with a guest speaker every meeting. Meetings are open to the public and free. Membership of AETA is \$25/\$15 per year. Enquiries as to guest speakers or membership should be directed to AETA's Secretary Stephen Langford 25 Comber St, Paddington 2021 or phone (02) 9331-5986. Enquiries concerning our range of out of print and current books and CDs on Timor Leste should be directed to <jefferson.lee@bigpond.com> at the Special Projects Office c/- PO Box 703, Leichhardt, NSW 2040. Mobile (0406) 162-015. Enquiries about Women's Woven Art and "tais" distribution should be directed to Alix Mandelson "Alix Mandelson" <amandelson@unwired.com.au> in Sydney or in Dili to "Tricia Johns" <tshp@yahoo.com>.

## Mary MacKillop East Timor 1994-2006 Book Launch

Monday 3rd December 2007 5.30pm

Isabelle Menton Auditorium - 9 Mount St, North Sydney

RSVP by 28/11/07 to MMETS (02) 9623-2847. This definitive history of the Mary MacKillop sisters involvement in East Timor over the past 12 years will be launched by Consul-General Mr Abel Guterres. An event not to be missed.

ANDY MAC

He was a person of great courage, honour, and dedication.

Campaigners against genocide are a ploughman's lot: many-eyed ideologues don't turn long up against real perfidy. Andrew was in that mould. He was driven by a fine sense of moral courage, which made him fearless. He was a stubborn dismantler of spin, and possessed of biblical patience. He often felt important – but in reality his life might serve as a blueprint for what can be achieved by one cranky, obstinate, passionate citizen.

When Andrew began an after-dinner monologue, you were in for a long night. Sometimes he was still talking, uninteruptably, at noon. But just when you had willed (grudgingly) to yourself that he was homeless and in-reduced, he'd launch into a delicious impersonation of Habibie, complete with spinning eyes and extravagant gestures, or would sing you, word perfect, the entire lyrics of Aretha Franklin's "Respect".

Andrew was warm, but always a little abstracted. He was cooperative and competitive, generous and stingy. He gave thousands of dollars to East

Timor's resistance movement, yet stayed, on his travels, in the cheapest humanly habitable accommodation. He negotiated through Washington's power networks while living on the floor of a squat, along with the resident cats.

The beautiful Moemau house Andrew inherited from his mother, June, became a meeting place for activists, and a safe house for officials with secrets to leak. It was visited by ASIO more than once. And the house was the repository of Andrew's

all-important documents, they filled wardrobes, overflowed the dining room table, lined the hallways, and cluttered the bathroom.

When Andrew received there in March 2003, after six violent and chaotic months in Timor, there were kilograms of unopened mail, and 11,000 emails to read. (Typically, he counted them.) But before he could regain a foothold in normality, the Guterres case enveloped him again. The "X-files" had been leaked – now infamous documents showing that the US government had instructed the

Australian Federal Police to deal destruction on Guterres here. Andrew had the best power to destroy the files with forensic precision, and the grit to spirit them off to the US. Shortly afterwards, a ten-year Justice Whiteman convened an urgent hearing of the Federal Court, to order their return. When he was told Andrew had placed the files on the US Congressional Record, "the blood drained from his honour's face", according to one observer.

Andrew described himself as an "activist", but the description is too narrow. He was the most acute analyser and strategist that many of us have known. Few, surely, many who lived him did let him know, in recent times, how impressed we were by his example. (Only to our surprise, when a shy delight suffuse his face, he tended to doubt his own worth.) Since his sudden death, the things about him which drove us crazy dissolved – their triviality unmasked by his death – and a picture of the larger man has emerged: just as taking a few steps back from a painting might reveal a masterpiece.

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"It is strange," says Andrew's friend, Dr Vicki Marra, "how death clarifies the vastness of his spirit."

On December 30 a memorial service for Andrew was held in Dili, beginning at the Santa Cruz Cemetery and proceeding to the Vila Harmonia – once a centre of the resistance. General Taufiq Maran Rusk, chief of staff of East Timor's defence force, said to mourners: "No East Timorese leader can deny Andrew's invaluable contribution for the liberation of East Timor. The ones who didn't have the honour of meeting Andrew lost a great opportunity to hear and see one of the finest souls in the history of liberation of this country."

On Sunday 2 an Australian memorial service at the Mary MacKillop Chapel in North Sydney was attended by 400 people. Amongst Andrew were John Pilger, Jose Ramos Horta (representing President Gusmao), Supreme Court Justice Barry O'Keefe, and Andrew's cousin, Nigel Stewart.

Ramos Horta told the Herald he would ensure the Government of East Timor honoured Andrew with a permanent memorial. May it be something worthy of his Olympian spirit.

John Macgreen  
John Macgreen wrote a series of stories for the Herald about the Guterres case, for which Andrew McNaughton was his main source. He is now writing a book on the case.

Leader of the Government in the Senate  
Minister for Defence

Mr Stephen Langford  
Secretary  
Australia - East Timor Association  
PO Box 751  
DARLINGHURST NSW 2010

15 NOV 2005

Dear Mr Langford

Thank you for your letter of 26 October 2005 concerning the Australia - East Timor Association's concern over recent media reporting that Australia will provide training to the Indonesian Army Special Forces (Kopassus).

The Government would like to develop training and exercise opportunities with Indonesia's counter-terrorism forces. The details of such opportunities are yet to be finalised.

The bombings in Bali on 1 October 2005 highlighted the importance of continuing to work with Indonesia to combat terrorism and, in this regard, we have taken steps to develop cooperation between the Australian Defence Force and the Indonesian Armed Forces (TNI), specifically in the areas of hostage recovery and counter-hijack. Indonesia's most effective capability to respond to these types of threats resides with Kopassus.

My advice to you on 22 July 2005 remains unchanged. The Government understands the sensitivities surrounding cooperation with TNI and concerns over TNI's human rights record. Australia continues to encourage the Indonesian Government, and especially the Indonesian military, to enhance the military's human rights awareness and accountability. Australia's cooperation with the Indonesian military by no means condones any human rights abuses. Australia continues to emphasise the importance of professionalism, adherence to appropriate rules of engagement consistent with the laws of armed conflict and respect for the rule of law. Cooperation between the Australian Defence Force and TNI is limited to exclude members known to have links to violent groups or who have been involved in human rights abuses.

I appreciate your continued interest in these matters.

Yours sincerely

# Buyers beat the rent

*Friends  
of Hobart*

**BUYA.**  
Cindy Ts  
allow then.  
ak the bank for  
don, in fact it will  
money.

They bought a two-bedroom art deco apartment in Summerhill at auction for \$440,000 on Saturday April 18, and their interest-only repayments are \$100 cheaper each month than their current rental bill for a two-bedroom apartment in Camperdown.

They will put their rent savings and \$14,000 first-home owners grant toward their wedding next year, and start paying off their loan after 12 months.

When government incentives were boosted last October and interest rates fell, the couple did the numbers and found they were able to buy, joining thousands of first-home buyers looking to buy apartments in the Inner West.

"We never really thought about buying a house," Ms Ts said.

"It was out of our price range given the interest rates and affordability of housing."

They are now competing against property investors, drawn by good returns as limited supply brings up rent.

It's a trend that real estate agents say is

forcing apartment prices in the Inner West to reach record highs.

Belle Property Annandale rejected earlier offers on a two-bedroom apartment in Annandale's Dakota complex and took it to auction on Saturday April 18.

The \$550,000 plus price guide was blown out of the water by a \$600,000 opening bid with the apartment selling for \$647,000 to a first-home buyer.

A staggering 250 to 300 people inspected the property.

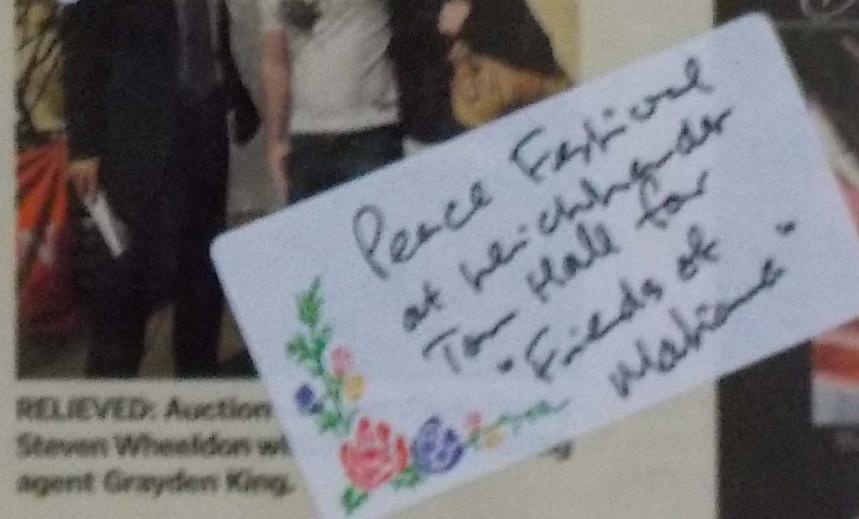
Callagher Estate Agents sold a 22sq m studio on Annandale St, Annandale on April 6 for \$165,000 after only one open house inspection. The company's managing director, Cary Giezekamp, said it was bought by a property investor, and would fetch about \$205 a week in rent.

Securing their apartment in Allman Ave was a harrowing experience for Mr Wheeldon and Ms Ts, who had never been to an auction before. "On the first open day over 60 people turned up," Ms Ts said. "There was a line outside the door just to view the property."

Has the government grants helped you get into the real estate market? Tell us at [innerwestcourier.com.au](http://innerwestcourier.com.au).



RELIEVED: Auction  
winner Steven Wheeldon with  
agent Grayden King.



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# Festival gives peace a chance

**DENNIS COLLINS**

## PETITIONED Leichhardt Council

Collins called for Australians to remember the brave deeds of our parents and mentors while learning from past mistakes during his closing speech at Leichhardt's *Anzac Eve Peace Festival* last Friday.

Having served in Kuwait and East Timor, Mr Collins honoured the memory of our brave heroes while criticising Australia's involvement in a number of military campaigns.

"Looking through history's wars, it seems we enough considered our national survival," he said.

"While still dispensing *silver-guns*, we lost a hand in New Zealand to dispossess the Maori; we invaded to defend where we fought Sudans' bitter four-year and maimed up their women and children in the inhuman interests of the British Empire."

Mr Collins described Australia's involvement in the Second World War as a coming-of-age in which soldiers

all survived against the tyranny of fascism.

But he said occupations of Kuwait in 1990 and Iraq in 2003 both involved invasions showing no regard for native citizens and contravening the Geneva Conventions.

"If one central thing can be drawn from reflecting on Anzac Day, it is this: In war, the best offer their own lives, the worst offer the lives of others," he said.

The Year Friends Will Never Forget You - Denis Kevans Memorial Anzac Eve Peace Festival at Leichhardt Town Hall featured art, anti-war films, forums and speakers.

Cultural conservationist Jack Munday of Cross Barra paid tribute to the late Mr Kevans for his contribution to the peace movement.

Mr Kevans' involvement in politics through poetry measured from the 1960s through to the 21st century up until his death in 2006.

The evening events raised funds for Leichhardt Council's Friends of Melville project.



Anzac Eve Peace Festival organiser Jefferson Lee

Photo: SIMON CHILDS/REUTERS

## FILM FESTIVAL



The Anzac Eve Peace Festival at Leichhardt included a free film festival from 9.30am to 5pm. It featured four discounted seats per person to see four films: the *Rocky* (1976), *Die Hard* (1988) and *Die Hard with a Vengeance* (1995).

## YOUR FRIENDS WILL NEVER FORGET YOU



## "ANZAC EVE Acoustic" FILM BENEFIT

for Leichhardt Council's 'Friends of Melville'

6pm, Friday 24th April, 2009

Leichhardt Town Hall

"Poet Larkae", Note this event is "The Inaugural Denis Kevans Memorial Anzac Eve Peace Concert"

Performers include

ACOUSTIC MUSICIANS: Ende Kenny, The Lurkers, Margaret & Bob Fagan, Sonia Bennett, Cass Eager, Dennis Aubrey, Margaret Walters & John Warner,

RECITERS & POETS: Denis Rice, Yola Kelli, Jenny Nixon, Tony Barry, Bernadette Connolly, Siobhan McHugh,

SPEAKERS: Ret. Lieut-Colonel Lance Collins, Mayor Jamie Parker, Jack Munday (Peace Movement)

Sydney  
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#Monday 25 September to 19 October TIMOR PHOTO EXHIBITION...From 'WELCOME' will be held at TAFE - Sydney Institute, The Muse (Building C), Ultimo College 695-731 Harris Street Ultimo. Open 11am- 6pm daily (closed Sundays). For more information visit HYPERLINK "<http://www.welcome asn au>" www.welcome asn au or email HYPERLINK "mailto:info@welcome com au">info@welcome com au

# Wednesday 27 September 6pm NATIONAL LIBRARY OF AUSTRALIA LECTURE THEATRE Address and discussion – the problem of impunity in East Timor [Film to commence at 6.45pm] Video testimony from the Living Memory Project presented by Jill Jolliffe.

# Wednesday 27 September 6.30pm Monthly AETA Meeting Room 318, UTS Tower Bldg, Broadway usually with guest speakers Susan Connelly and Jenni Kanali. Details Stephen 9331-5986. AETA membership is \$25/\$15 conc a year t PO Box 751, Darlinghurst NSW 2010.

#Thursday 28 September, 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM, University of Technology Sydney @ City - Broadway, CB04, Level 2 (entrance Harris Street), Room 38 Sydney Futures Twilight Symposia - Opportunity and outcome: different prospects Panel: Andrew Jakubowicz (HSS UTS) , Heidi Norman (Jumbunna UTS) , Robert Welsh (TBC) Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Lands Council, Michelle Burrell (NCOSS) One test of this urban civilisation is the extent of the opportunity it provides for everyone to live fulfilling lives. What has happened to social justice in the city, and how can it be reinstated as a planning goal? With the State Plan recently released with little reference to the state's cultural minorities, and Metrostrategy bypassing many of the city's more disadvantaged communities, this symposium will examine key issues for the city's future. These include the future of Indigenous communities, ethnic communities and the poor.

#FRIDAY 29 SEPT 8PM \$25; \$20 conc. KRISTINA OLSEN(U.S.A.), <http://www.andywhite.com/>

# Tuesday October 3rd 5.30pm Leichhardt Town Hall, Monthly "Friends of Maliana" Meeting, Details Shane McArdle (Media Officer) at LMC <[shane.m@lmc.nsw.gov.au](mailto:shane.m@lmc.nsw.gov.au)> or (02)9367-9351. Meetings the first Tuesday of month at 5.30pm.

# Sat 30th September, 10.30am to 4pm an East Timor Garden Fundraiser in the Blue Mountains at Sue Hardwicks at 7 Orient St, Lawson (just off the Highway - follow the signs). Guests: - 11.00am John Dowd; 12.30 Mary Moody - Gardening guru, Author and BM resident of many years; and 2.30 Spooky Mens Chorale - the BM infamous choir of men, just back from their international tour! Contact Sue 5759 1311. BMETS raised over \$50,000 last year from fundraising like this - their garage sales are particularly famous in the Mountains for their great bargains! The next BMETS Garage Sale will be held on Saturday October 7th. Donations and helpers wanted 246 The Mall Leura Suzie 4784 1718 Blue Mountains East Timor Sisters Project - check out our new Website: [www.bmets.org](http://www.bmets.org), Email [bmets.mcm@bigpond.com](mailto:bmets.mcm@bigpond.com)

#Tuesday October 3rd Alice Springs Court CHRISTIANS AGAINST ALL TERRORISM GO TO TRIAL IN ALICE SPRINGS (NT, Oz) OVER CITIZEN'S INSPECTION OF PINE GAP NSA BASE. <[http://www.westender.com.au/stories.php?s\\_id=303](http://www.westender.com.au/stories.php?s_id=303)>

#Tuesday 10th October 'Hal Wootten Lecture' given by the Prime Minister of East Timor H.E. Jose Ramos Horta, RSVP Uni of NSW Public Affairs Unit, Kensington

#Monday October 16th Pop Tarts for Timor Women's Music Night, Empire Hotel Annandale .Offers of support and performers contact Jeff Lee-4 (02) 9569-6070.

# Thursday 19 October 10am-4.30pm Corporate Unicef-Vodafone fund-raiser for timor leste. Chatswood Oval, Soccer Challenge (suggested donation to enter team \$5,000) Details <[kym.grieve@vodafone.com](mailto:kym.grieve@vodafone.com)> or 0416-269 554.

# Thursday 19 October at 12.30 p.m. His Excellency, Mr Hernani Coelho De Silva, Ambassador from Timor Leste to Australia, will speak on the topic of 'political institutions and Society in timor Leste'. The Admission is \$10 for non-members and there are light refreshments for a cost of \$10. Inquiries to The Australian Institute of International affairs ACT Division on 6232 4978. Address first floor, 32 Thessiger Court Deakin

# Saturday 28 October Hornsby RSL Club Function Room, East Timorese Cultural Night . Sponsored by Glenhaven Rotary Club to raise money to train teachers in Baucau.. Cost \$55.00 per head for dinner/entertainment. Details/bookings Rick Lnders (02) 9651-2645 " or Helen Games" <[helen.games@hotmail.com](mailto:helen.games@hotmail.com)>

# Sunday Oct 29th from 11am, Balmain Sailing Club Regatta, view from Water St, Balmain Inquiries to <[bsclub@tpg.com.au](mailto:bsclub@tpg.com.au)> (Note: BSC is a financial supporter of Leichhardt Council's "Friends of Maliana" project). More info Kate Barton <[katebarton50@idx.com.au](mailto:katebarton50@idx.com.au)>

#Tuesday October 31st, 6.30pm, Glebebooks event. Clinton Fernandes in conversation with Peter Cronau (ABC Four Corners researcher) over his new book "Reluctant Indonesians: Australia, Indonesia and the Future of West Papua" (Scribe ,Melb, pp138), \$18/\$6, book (02) 9660-2333.

#Wednesday November 1st, 6.30pm 2006 City of Sydney Peace Prize Lecture by Irene Khan, Secretary-General of Amnesty International. Book at Seymour Centre 9351-7940. (Sydney Peace Foundation event).

#Sunday 12th November Mary MacKillop Chapel, North Sydney. Memorial for 15th Anniversary of Dili/Santa Cruz Massacre and book Launch of 'Chenga', details MMETS (02) 9623-2847.

# Friday November 24th 6-8pm Politics in the Pub, "East Timor Hope for the Future" with Mike Smith (Auscare) and John Marinkus <<http://www.politicsinthePub.org>> sessions now rescreened on television Channel 31 Sydney at 10.30pm on Sunday nights repeated Tuesday and Thursday afternoons.

## BLACK CARAVANS

There's a silence wet on the wharf tonight,  
the wharf they call Pier One,  
where, in years gone by, there was many a fight,  
in the bitter winds of the winter night.

Will the fight for the wharves was won.

The Dutch they ruled Indonesia,  
For 350 years,

"Australia remembers", but does it forget  
They snatched their gold from the people's nose,  
And their whips and guns with blood were wet,  
And sooted in the people's hair.

They loaded it over the magic islands.  
They stole the gold, and the children's smiles,  
And the Dutch East Indies' Spice Empire,  
It rained the Indonesians' anger higher,  
And higher and higher, till it caught fire,  
In 1945.

Now who would ever have bloody well thought,  
Five hundred Dutch ships in Australian ports,  
Five hundred Dutch ships, ready to go,  
Who knew what's in the cargo, though?  
"Medicines and bandages!", the Dutch did shout,  
Then, one crate hit the dock, with a clout,  
And machine-guns and bullets all spewed out.  
"The cargo's black", the machine said.

"Everything Dutch is black!"  
And the message spread, from shed to shed,  
Around the coast, and up the track,  
"Everything Dutch is black!"  
Dutch ships were black in every port,  
No fog, no wind, no ocean, no land,  
Day after day, the cargo report.  
Dutch ships are black in every port,  
The Dutch are caught, the Dutch are caught,  
And Lord Mountbatten, Dickie Battenberg,

He came to Martin Place,  
To plead for his fellow-colonialists,  
With a sickly smile on his face;  
He went straight up to Dickie Smith.

"Please be kind to me, I'm the man -  
"Pleased to meet you", Mr. Smith,  
"Where do you plan to lift this boat?"

Dickie Smith sailed like a Impressionist,

And said: "Ladies, how do you do?

We will lift the bar on the five hundred ships,  
When the Indonesians ask us to ..."

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"Not the Indonesians'll never ask you".

Prince Louis' Walt like a spew.

"Well, I've answered your question, Sir Roger  
Let's be patient, and see if they do".

So when you walk upon Pier One,  
Remember the deeds of old were done,  
To stop the Dutch from getting their gun,  
To destroy Indonesian Freedom;

When Australia showed solidarity,

But now our terrible tragedy,

When we support Indonesian Butcher,  
Slaughtering our brothers and sisters  
in East Timor.

The Ghost of Sydney Opera House  
There's a ghost in Sydney Opera House,  
Who sings in all the shows,  
The glittering stars sometimes  
Tumble on their toes,  
The ghost he was a rigger,  
And he'll sing up in the shell,  
And we sink a fleet of schooners  
In the First and Last Fleet.

Chorus:  
And we'll sing, Paddy, sing,  
A song to raise 'em all,  
You're the ghost of Sydney's Open House,  
Now take a certain call,  
When is Madam Butterfly,  
Your coaches for High C,  
We'll whisper - "Kiss your assauls, low,  
And leave this one to me."

When we built the Open House,  
The 'gingerbread' I know,  
How can we make this jigsaw fit,  
Gingerbread blocks of stone?  
Says Paddy - "Dig, we'll jolly rig,  
I know it when I see it".  
He turned and drew the horses  
In the circles on the bar.

We hoisted up those peers,  
And the jigsaw fitted well,  
But Paddy took a header  
High up in that Opera Shell,  
We tried to drown our sorrow  
In a waggon-load of beer,  
The more we drank, the more we knew,  
That Paddy was still here.

Paddy was a rigger,  
Now he's in the Opera gods,  
He got the nod in Tosca,  
And the bad in La Boheme,  
You should see his passion,  
When he passed straight through the Avant  
Players' the local bars  
In Lucy's di Lammermoor.

Now, his voice it carries merrily  
Through the grandeur of the door,  
"Since I helped to build the place,  
I'll take it for my bones",  
His voice it carries merrily  
Through the beauty of the shell,  
"When I'm a skeleton  
In the Pier and Last Fleet."

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PETER CRONIN

A Sydney journalist who works for the ABC Four Corners investigative programme.

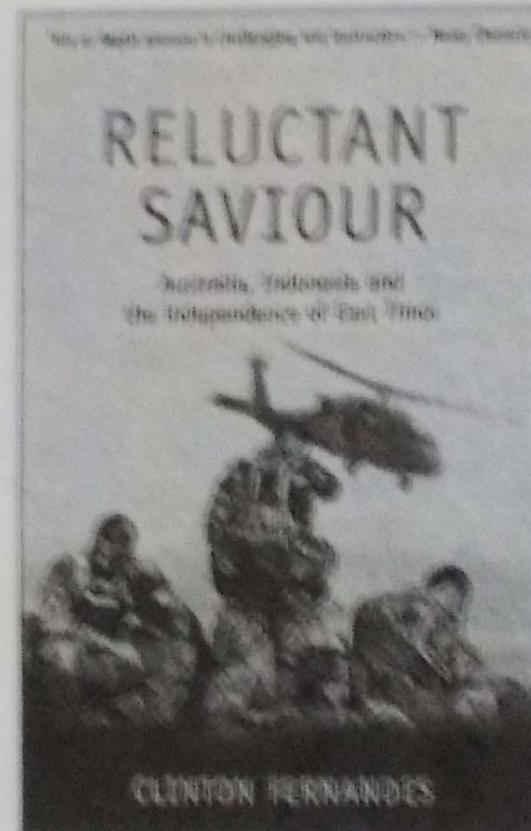
## Correcting the myth of East Timor

*Reluctant Saviour: Australia, Indonesia and the Independence of East Timor*, by Clinton Fernandes, 2004, Melbourne, Scribe Publications, 138 pp, ISBN 1 8626769 28 8

THE MEDIA are willing partners in the creation of myths. In Australia, the 'Anzac Cove' and 'Don Bradman' stories have been wrangled. All usually told without much reference to the political context, or to the alternate histories that might also be explained.

Usually the cue is taken from some major figures giving their analysis of an event, and the media just takes a big megaphone to amplify the view. But should it be so? Shouldn't the media be trying to deconstruct the line being offered?

Many good journalists do try to tell the public the truth about key



public stories. This is particularly important with more contemporary stories – such as the truth about refugees who never threw their children overboard, the non-existent weapons of mass destruction used to justify Australia's participation in the Iraq invasion, and one other myth that has remained largely unchallenged in the media, that of the late 1990s role of the Australian Government in the liberation of East Timor.

The world knows that the Australian Liberal Government in 1999 liberated the East Timorese from 24 years of Indonesian occupation, right? That's certainly the line served up by

Prime Minister John Howard when he claimed it as the Australian Government's greatest source of pride:

The story of Australia at the moment is a story of immense achievement of great strength and enormous pride. I don't think this country has stood taller and stronger in the consciousness of the world than it does at the present time ... Above all the achievement of bringing to the people of East Timor the freedom that they had the opportunity of voting for and they voted for so overwhelmingly ... that is a source of enormous strength to this country and a source of very great pride and it reflects enormous credit on the Coalition Government (Howard, 1999).

That is normally pretty much it. That is the story that has been peddled by repeated media stories, by prominent rightwing columnists, and by the Liberal Government itself. But with thousands dead, and the infrastructure of East Timor destroyed, all at the hands of the Indonesian military, and their proxies, there is a lot more to it. The Australian INTERFET troops who deployed to East Timor certainly deserve the greatest praise for actually securing a peace in Timor. The extent of death and destruction happened significantly because the Australian Government had accepted the Indonesian provision of security for the

independence vote, despite much advice and evidence against this.

The Howard Government's position on post-Suharto East Timor was visible early on, in the letter he sent to new President Habibie in December 1998, known as an attempt to counter a new policy initiative crafted by Labor Shadow Foreign Minister, Laurie Brereton and his adviser Dr Phillip Downing, to dump Labor's long-held policy supporting Indonesian occupation.

The letter was leaked to many journalists at the time, but remained fairly inaccessible to the public till only recently. Shame, as it tells the story of the Howard Government's real intentions on East Timor:

My dear President, ... I want to emphasise that Australia's support for Indonesia's sovereignty is unchanged. It has been a long-standing Australian position that the interests of Australia, Indonesia and East Timor are best served by East Timor remaining part of Indonesia. ... It might be worth considering a means of addressing the East Timorese desire for an act of self-determination in a manner that avoids an early and final decision on the future status of the province. ... (This) would allow time to convince the East Timorese of the benefits of autonomy within the Indonesian republic (1998).

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TIMOR LESTE EMBASSY OPENING

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# Papua in Search of justice



## Abepura in Papuan Province

Abepura is a college town about ten kilometers from the provincial capital, Jayapura. Six years ago, on 7th December 2000, a group of unidentified people attacked Abepura police head quarters, and burned two shops , located 100 metres from the police station. Police Brigadier Petrus Epao was killed, and three other police men injured.

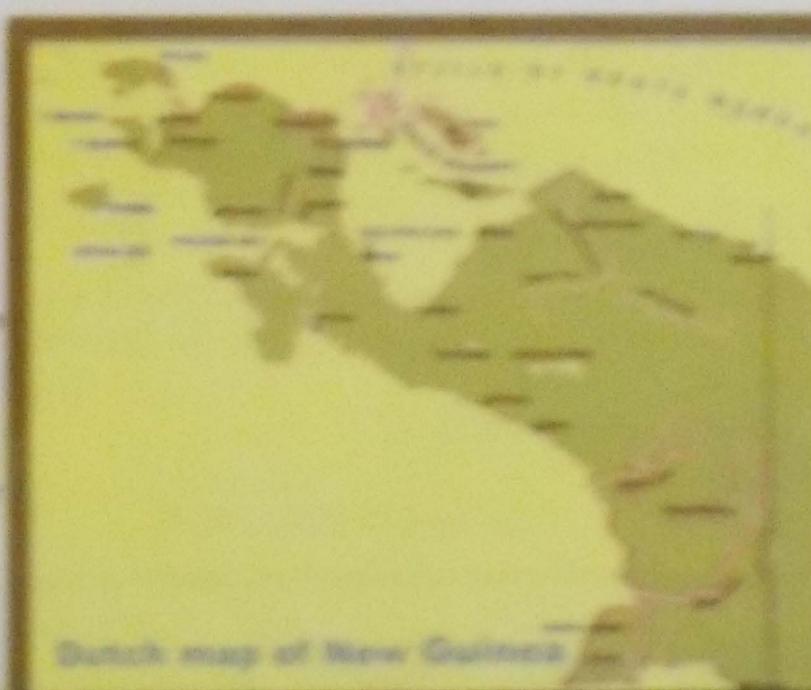
David Sihambing, the police station chief, contacted the vice head of the Police Region to coordinate their reaction. David Sihambing ordered the police officers and mobile Brigade commanded by Johnny Walinar Usman to pursue the attackers. They went to six different places in the vicinity of the police district.

The operation caused the death of one civilian, while two civilians died later in police custody. A hundred civilians were arrested and tortured in police custody. The police could not establish a link to the attackers; all detainees were released without charge.

## Investigation

Several NGOs investigated this case and convinced the National Commission of Human Rights to form a human rights violation investigation team. The team found torture, extra-judicial killing, arbitrary arrest, and detention amounted to gross human rights violations.

Despite the weight of evidence the Makassar Human Rights Court which met 8-9 September concluded that all accused officers were not guilty



Political map of New Guinea

**Amnesty International Australia does not take a position on the political status of Papua, neither supporting Indonesian claims on the territory nor claims for independence by Papuans. Amnesty International is concerned only that the human rights of all those living in the province**

**Indonesian Solidarity has focused on touring speakers from Indonesia to raise awareness about human rights violations. It aids human rights workers in Indonesia through media exposure in Australia and public seminars with human rights workers.**

## Papua in Search of Justice Special Guests

### *Reverend John Barry*

John is a Minister in the Uniting Church of Australia and is currently responsible for Uniting Church partnerships in Asia region.

From 1988 to 1990 he served in West Timor as a lecturer in Artha Wacana Christian University, Kupang, teaching Sociology, Anthropology and research methods. From 1992 to 1996 he served in Armidale NSW as a parish minister and a chaplain to the University of New England.

From 1997 to 1998 John served as a co-ordinator of a 'Uniting Church People in Mission' program. Since 1999 he has been involved in the Asia region as Executive secretary for Asia. This involves regular visits and support for projects in East Timor, Indonesia, Philippines, Thailand, North Korea, Sri Lanka and India.

### *Jacob Rumbek*

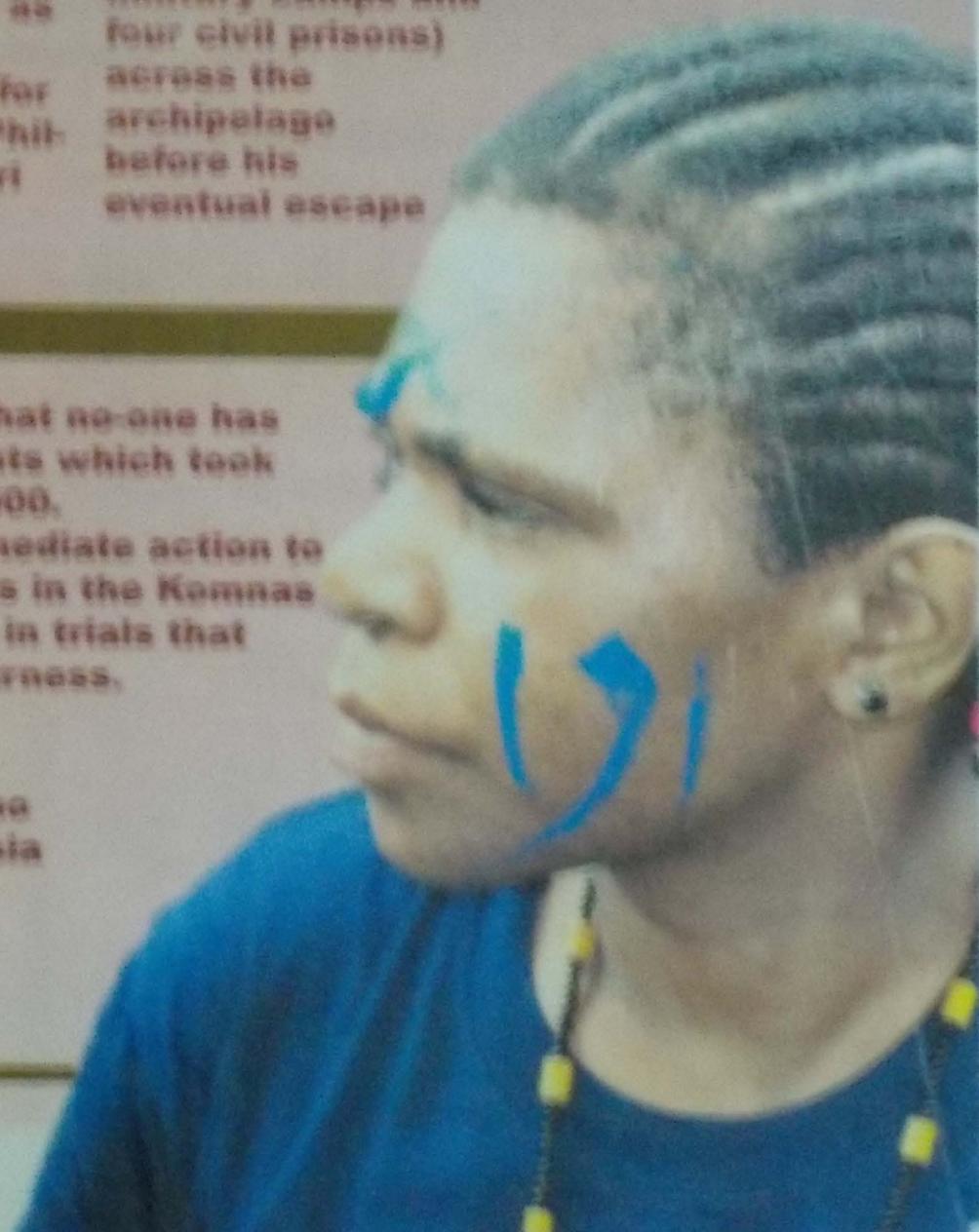
Since his escape from house arrest in 1989, Jacob has been a foreign diplomat for West Papua's Independence struggle.

In 1977, the Indonesian government sent Jacob into exile with an education scholarship to the Institute of Education (IKIP) in Bandung, West Java. During this time Jacob formulated his belief in non-violation resistance. Jacob's academic work was to continue both inside Indonesia and abroad. However, in 1989 he was charged with subversion and given a life sentence by the Indonesian military government. He was moved from one prison to another (eight military camps and four civil prisons) across the archipelago before his eventual escape.

## Call for Action

Please write, expressing concern that no-one has been brought to justice for the events which took place in Aceh on 7 December 2000. Call for the government to take immediate action to ensure that those listed as suspects in the Komnas HAM enquiry are brought to justice in trials that meet international standards for fairness.

Send appeals to:  
**President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono**  
President of the Republic of Indonesia  
Istana Merdeka  
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### Other events ...

Sunday 23rd November 2.30pm to 5pm Lawson Community Centre, Lawson (Lower Blue Mountains) Timor women's display weaving exhibition and sale Guest Speaker: Beta Soqueira from TL—Contact Gail Clifford: 0448 232 013

Monday 1 December—West Papuan 'Morning Star' flag raising Ceremony, Leichhardt Town Hall Contact: Jon Collins (ANPA) (02) 9660 1696

Saturday 6 December all day — AETA Stall at Manly Fair Trade Festival at Manly Pier Contact Alix (AETA) on (02) 9031 1496.

Sunday 7 December 4pm to 6pm—5th Annual Dr Andrew McNaughton Lecture Upstairs at Glenbrook, 49 Glebe Pt Road, Glebe—with Speakers Gou Ferreira (CEO Timor Aid), James Thomas (Ch7 TV 'Today/Tonight'), John Maynard (Producer of 'Ballad' feature movie for Annafilm), Jean Berlin (Linguist, Hong Kong Uni) and Sir Susan Connolly (Mary MacKillop) \$10/7 donation. Details, AETA Special Projects Office, Jefferson Lee (02) 9569 9070 or jeffersonlee52@gmail.com

Friday 28th December 3pm to 8.30pm Reunion Concert and Retrospective Photo Exhibition All Saints Church, George Street, Liverpool. Followed by Reggae Temptation and New Pop Orchestra, dinner and party. Contact Mary MacKillop (MMET) on (02) 9623 2847.

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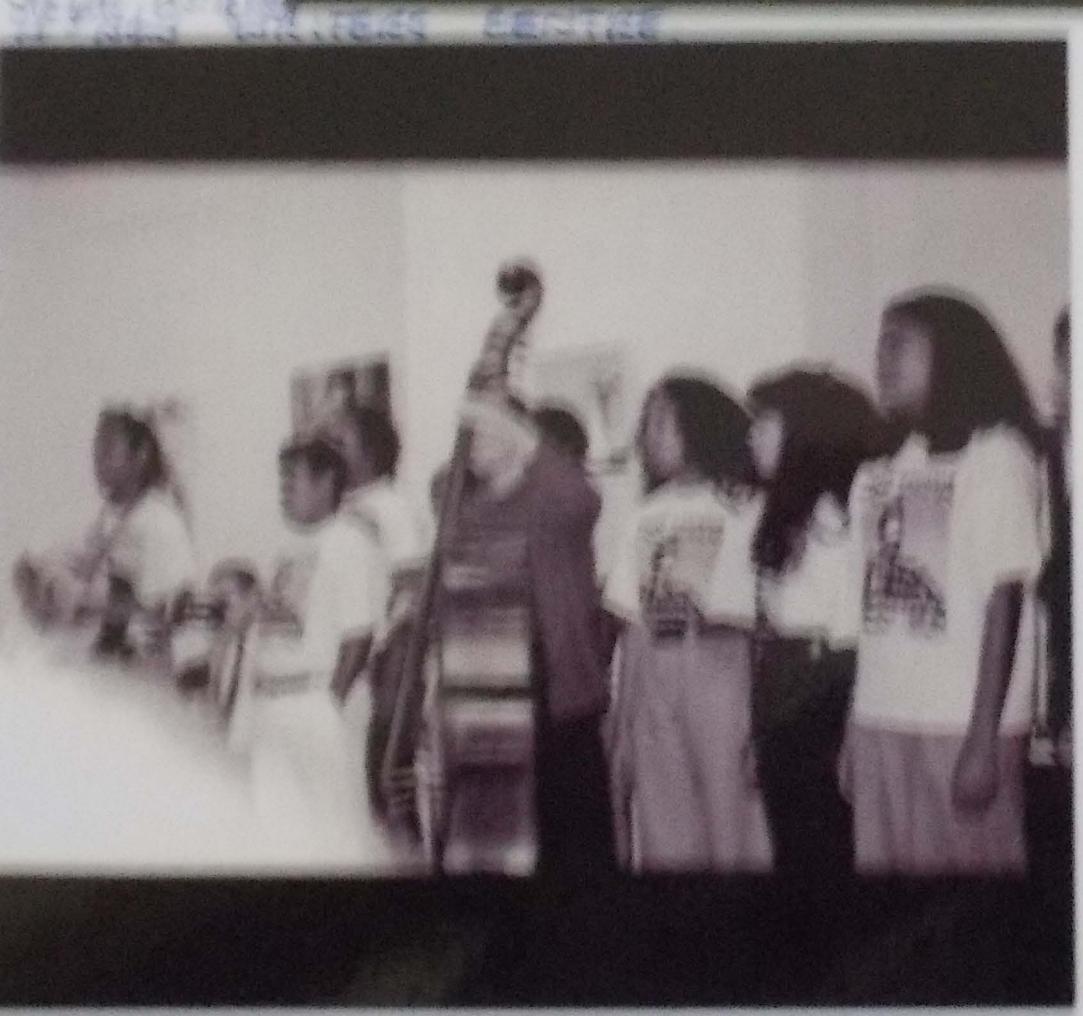
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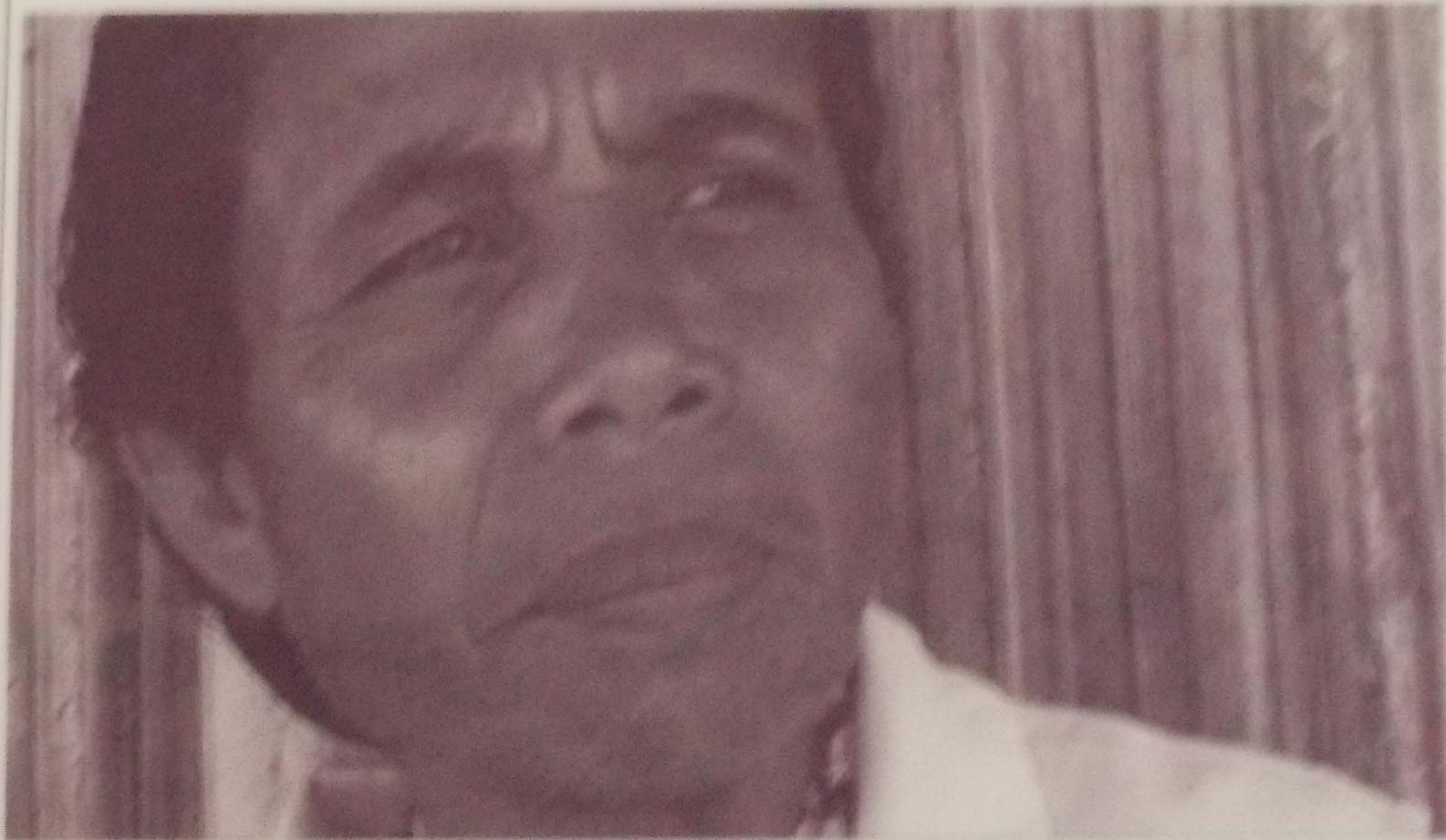
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Entry: Free, but everyone is asked to donate to help cover the outstanding expenses of this project and to support ongoing english language media capacity in Timor Leste.

DVDs on sale for \$20.

Organised by: SEARCH Foundation and Timor Leste Democracy Support Network ([www.lmstruth.com](http://www.lmstruth.com))  
PO Box 1111 6166, Sáhe da Silva 0414 807 826

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22<sup>nd</sup> April 2005

## Diggers rally for East Timor's oil and gas

Paddy Keneally, former Australian Commander in East Timor (Sparrow Force), will speak at a rally in Martin Place at 12 noon next Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April. He will call on the Australian Government to negotiate a fair settlement for East Timor's gas and oil reserves.

Now in his mid 80s, Mr Keneally is fighting for human rights and economic justice for the people of East Timor. Mr Keneally will feature in the documentary "Debt of Honour" to be screened on Channel 9 at 4pm tomorrow as an ANZAC Day tribute. Mr Keneally also appears on the controversial TV ads, defending East Timor's right to oil and gas reserves in the Timor Sea, to be screened on ANZAC Day.

From the rally at Martin Place, Mr Keneally will walk to the Department of Foreign Affairs to present Minister Alexander Downer with a copy of the leaflet "Your Friends will Never Forget You" which was dropped over East Timor by the Australian Airforce towards the end of WWII. The leaflet was in recognition of the 60,000 East Timorese who died saving Australian Commandos from the Japanese Imperial Army. The flier will be clearly marked CANCELLED as a mark of disgust at Australia's failure to negotiate with East Timor a fair share of the oil and gas reserves, or to recognise East Timor's rightful maritime boundaries.

Similar rallies will be held in other cities around Australia to mark the opening of the next round of bilateral talks in Dili, East Timor on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2005.

Endorsing organisations include:

Australia East Timor Association

The Greens

Aid Watch

APHEDA

Australian Solidarity With the Asia Pacific

Meredith Burgmann MLC

For more information:

Jeff Lee (Australia East Timor Association) 8519 4788

Ken Davis (APHEDA) 0438 420 631

Tim O'Connor (Aid Watch) 0419 291 508

Mithra Cox (The Greens) 0425 351 844

**Program ... Friday 29th November 2002**  
The Australia-East Timor Association presents  
on behalf of the Kirsty Sword 'Alicia Foundation'

## "A Benefit Nite for the Women of Timor"

The Performance Space, (195 Cleveland St, Redfern)

Entry \$15/\$10 concession BOOKINGS : 9658-7235

Some food available and bar open.

4pm-6.25pm Solidarity Choir

6.25pm-8.45pm Margherita Trancanelli

8.45pm-9.15pm Songket

9.15pm-9.45pm Colleen Burke

9.20pm-9.45pm Zulya Kamalova

9.50pm-9.55pm Katherine Thompson

9.55pm-10.20pm Rachel More  
~~20 minute break~~

10.20pm-10.35pm Natafina Mota

10.35pm-10.45pm Lemon Tarts

10.45pm-10.45pm Jodie Cameron

10.45pm-10.50pm Linda Campbell

10.55pm-11.20pm Trude Aspering

11.20pm-11.35pm Margaret Bradford

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Details from the Australia-East Timor Association (02) 9658-1646/9331-1456/9331-6666.  
AETA meets at 6.30pm on the fourth Wednesday each month in Room 318 (3rd Level) UTS  
Tower Building, Broadway. Membership details from AETA PO Box 751, Darlinghurst 2016.

The profits from the November 29th benefit will go to the Kirsty Sword 'Alicia Foundation' for Timorese Women. Margherita Trancanelli will speak on behalf of the Board of the Alicia Foundation. Natafina Mota will speak on behalf of the Timor Australia Council. Program notes compiled by Jeffreene Lee. Photo: Fratini Dance Group, Gill Stadium, August, 2001.



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- \* Solidarity Chair... Need no introduction. They are always there! They have a number of great CDs available. Contact through Miguel Braga (02) 9570-4922.
- \* Margherita Tracogna... Currently works for Isabelle Laffite M.L.C. With Isabelle and Sarah Hertz from Melbourne she is a member of the Board of the Kuring Gaiung Foundation. She has previously worked as a press assistant and research officer with Jose Ramos Horta. Earlier this year Margherita was in charge of raising funds for the May 20th Independence Celebrations in Dili while working from an office in the Premier's Dept of NSW. Contact through Isabelle Laffite Office, Parliament House.
- \* Saugat... were formerly known as 'Arakura' and play a range of Indonesian and World Music tunes. Margaret Margaret Bradley and her partner Inef have set up the Arimba Cultural Exchange to promote touring musical acts between Australia and Indonesia. Saugat play regularly at the food fair along the Opera House Boardwalk. Contact <[arimbau@optus.net.au](mailto:arimbau@optus.net.au)>.
- \* Gillian Burke is a well known poet and author and biographer of Maria Pura. She sings and recites Australian and Irish songs and loves in Newcastle.
- \* Dulya Kamalova is a former ARIA winner for her third CD 'Akashic'. The songs mostly music from her native Tatarstan and Russian songs. She can perform in a range of languages with a superb voice. She is in Sydney to promote her latest CD 'Healer' at the Basement on Thursday 3rd December, but will also appear at the Sutherland Folk Club on Tuesday 3rd December.
- \* Katherine Thompson is the award-winning playwright ('Driving for Pearls') who wrote 'Mavis Goes to Timor' which has travelled from the Freycinet Arts Centre to Darwin and Dili and will be performed in Sydney next year.
- \* Rachel Hare... "Rachel's songs are a rich repertoire from her life that includes working in Aboriginal desert communities, teaching children with emotional disturbances, travelling the world, and being a member of the acclaimed vocal group "Arranmata". Following on from a successful year promoting her album 'Whispers', Rachel has been heard on airwaves in China and South East Asia and regularly here on the ABC." Contact <[rachelhare@gmail.com.au](mailto:rachelhare@gmail.com.au)> tel: 02 47507450. Postal: P O Box 158, Lawson 2783 website <[www.rachelhare.com](http://www.rachelhare.com)>.
- \* Natahila Herta is the elder stateswoman of the Timorese community. She heads the Active Senior's Group in Sydney and is on the Board of the Timor Australia Council. She has a son called Jose Ramos Herta Timor Aust. Council phone number (02) 9776-3618.
- \* Lemur Tarts... Two of the mainstays of Solidarity Chair decided to branch out with their guitars. Standby for some pleasant surprises.
- \* Jodie Catherine is a young poet and a regular performer at the Bardnights held every Tuesday at the Friend in Hand Hotel in Cawley St. Glebe.
- \* Linda Campbell writes and sings a song called 'Ruby Blade' dedicated to the work of Kirby Sward. She lives on the Central Coast and is active in the folk scene. Contact phone (02) 4340 2711 or <[cpem@worldpacific.com.au](mailto:cpem@worldpacific.com.au)>.
- \* Trade Aspeling is an Australian citizen, originally from South Africa, who is well-known for her blues and jazz performances. Her CD is called 'The Joy of Being Alive'. She lives in Rozelle. Contact <[aspeling@optusnet.com](mailto:aspeling@optusnet.com)>.
- \* Margaret Bradford has numerous CD's including an album of kids songs. She is an organiser of the Sutherland Shire Folk Club which meets at "Trades" in Gymea, first Tuesday of the month. She is also active on the campaign to oppose the expansion of Lucas Heights Nuclear Site. Contact (02) 9570-6180.

# **FRIENDS OF MALIANA, LEICHHARDT**

The "Friends of Maliana" is a community group directly supported by Leichhardt Council who meet regularly to discuss fundraising initiatives & practical ways to help the town of Maliana and its community.

The Friends of Maliana was established in 2000 in response to the successful referendum of independence and the subsequent violence throughout the countryside.

In 2001, the Friends of Maliana raised over \$20,000 to help fund the refurbishment of the Municipal Library in Maliana and commence re-stocking it with books.

Apart from volunteers, the Friends group also made up of representatives from the Sydney Secondary College, Blackwattle Campus and Emergency Architects Australia



Leichhardt Council allocates an annual budget to pay the ongoing monthly salaries of the 2 staff who take care of the Library, to provide maintenance on the building and continue restocking the library with much needed books and other educational material.

The Friends of Maliana Group also supports the sale of locally produced Coffee and Tais woven art products as a way of raising funds for the local families to assist in capacity building.



"'BALIBO FIVE' REVISITED : Coroner's Hearing in Sydney Commencing Monday (5/2/07) revives issue of a long-standing political conspiracy by Canberra's 'Indonesia Lobby'"

Call for concerned public to gather outside and inside Coroner's Court Hearing on Parramatta Road, Camperdown (Sydney, Australia) commencing Monday February 5th 2007 at 10am.

More than 31 years after the death of five Australian journalists on October 1975 a hearing has been granted in the NSW Coroner's Court in Sydney Australia into the disappearance and possible whereabouts of former Sydney resident Mr Brian Peters, a television journalist last seen in Balibo, East Timor. Peters was one of the "Balibo Five" who were killed, according to the Ball & McDonald book ['Death in Balibo, Lies in Canberra', Allen & Unwin, 2000], by a covert Indonesian military team led by former Information Minister in the Indonesian Government - Yunis Yosfiah - (then a Capt. in the 'Susi Team' Special Forces of the TNI).

This inquest follows on from the secret collaboration between Australia's politicians, diplomats and Defence Department heavies (and other "spooks") - to sanction the illegal Indonesian invasion of East Timor, to conspire to cover up the circumstances of the deaths of the Australian journalists - and the subsequent premature deaths of at least 180,000 East Timorese (CARV Report Executive Summary 2005).

The political pressure and community concern from relatives and supporters of the 'Balibo Five' and fellow journalist Roger East, (murdered 7/12/75 in Dili), was met by a wall of silence and secrecy from officialdom in Australia. Crucial SIGINT transcripts went "missing", politicians lied and obfuscated. Every Prime Minister from Whitlam, Fraser, Hawke, Keating and Howard have protected the "Indonesia Lobby" and denied the people access to the truth.

Former ALP Foreign Minister Evans instigated The Sherman Report. This gave us the "killed in cross-fire" theory - which gave the Indonesian side a diplomatic out from their "friends" in Australia? When new witnesses and inconsistencies were exposed, by then under Downer's Foreign Ministry, we had Sherman- Mark Two instigated. When this was perceived as inadequate we had the Blick Report which was exposed by Shirley Shackleton as more white-washing.

None of them answered the basic questions -when did then Prime Minister Gough Whitlam become aware that the journalists were about to be murdered or had been murdered? Who else in Cabinet and the Intelligence Community knew in Australia? Was the political inaction in Canberra subsequently to ensure the success of the Indonesian invasion, or, as Ambassador Woolcott put it at the time a case of "pragmatism being more import than principle" as we could gain easy access to the Timor Sea oil and gas reserves by helping to deny an independent East Timor?

Flash-forward to 2007. We have many unexplained deaths of West Papuans at the hands of the same Indonesian military. Canberra has entered a military security treaty similar to the aborted Alitas-Evans Treaty in 1995. We have resumed joint training with the notorious Kopassus unit.

The Australia-East Timor Association congratulates Rodney Lewis and his International Commission of Jurists team of lawyers for pursuing the issue. We congratulate the NSW Government for assisting with witnesses from Timor Leste and the former UNTAET. We congratulate the surviving relatives on their on-going vigilance and concern. However as the Coroner's Court has twice indicated (December 2005, 2006) that it will not necessarily compel witnesses like Gough Whitlam or, the "spooks", who one presumes "doctored the books", to take the stand, AETA remains skeptical over what can be achieved with this hearing. With all due respect to the impartiality of the Coroner's Court we can only hope that this hearing sheds further light on Australia's blemished reputation in the fields of politics and diplomacy and resolves once and for all the issue of the 'Balibo Five'.



HAWAIIAN EMERGENCY SUPPLIES TO DIA (7-2000)



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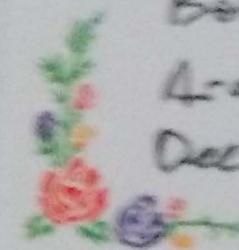
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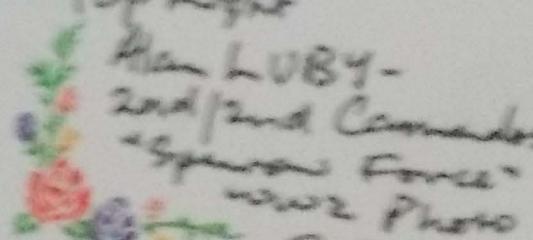


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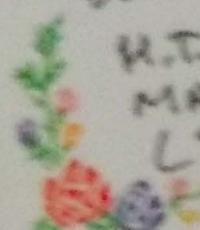
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# PROGRAMME

## PART I - ALL SAINTS' HALL

4.00 pm Arrival of Guests  
Displays  
Refreshments available

## PART II - CONCERT (CHURCH)

5.30 pm Welcoming Vote  
Welcoming Speech - Luisa C. Marques  
Introduction of Maestra Conchita Craig  
& Members of Coro Luso São

Fado Boa (arr. Fábio Nunes)  
Ave Maria (arr. Silviano Barreto)  
Tira Fogo (arr. Moçambique)  
Malina Malapenha (arr. Moçambique)  
Evite (Traditional)  
The Fisher Girl  
Raias Kukumbi

### INTERVAL

Rai Kalam Norman  
Massena Novais  
Odeus  
Cida Bento  
O Nôz O  
Bina Lou  
Belis Sines  
Amigos Para Sempre (A. Lloyd Webber arr. Machado)

Closing speech  
Presentation of Gifts

## PART III DINNER AND PARTY

8.30 pm Tebe - leading guests to the Hall  
for Dinner and Party

Midnight Finale

The organist Mr. Roberto Vazquez, violinist Mr. Alberto  
de Oliveira and the harpist Mrs. Ana Paula Oliveira  
will also contribute to the musical atmosphere.

Miss Macarena José Menezes

Sara Stevens Gough

Diana Coimbra Ferreira

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## AETFA SOLIDARITY NEWSLETTER for APRIL 2006

### West Papuan asylum seekers

In January, 43 West Papuans landed their canoe in Australia – they are now on Christmas Island. A senior Immigration source says they have a “very strong case” for asylum – they described vicious beatings in prison & attacks on villages & people. Several recent reports support their claims.

### Genocide in Papua

1. The US State Department's 2005 annual report spoke of murder, torture & rape of Papuans by the Indonesian army (TNI).
2. Yale University (US) report, 2003-4, called it “genocide”, well over 100,000 killed in 40 years, population trends show resulting decline of 1.6m.
3. Sydney University report 2005: the genocide included TNI importing AIDS infected prostitutes to infect Papuans & recruiting & training Muslim militants as militia gangs to attack the (mainly Christian) Papuans.
4. Australia's army (ADF) took food aid to Papua in 1996-7 (due to drought, they thought). They found thousands dying because TNI had destroyed Papua food gardens. TNI did it again in 2004, killing thousands more. Any Papuans organising food relief were killed by TNI.
5. A recent UN report on East Timor, 1975-1999 tells of proportionally the worst genocide since the Holocaust. Promoted rather than punished, the culprits now lead TNI in Papua, & are committing the same atrocities there.

### Military ties to mass murderers

Ignoring these atrocities, the Howard Government is restoring military ties to TNI. Joint exercises with Kopassus have started, training will resume soon. It may try to return the 43 asylum seekers – to certain death? Even people-smuggling disruption (PSDP) may resume in Papua. In 2001, Australian & Indonesian police PSDP allegedly included boat sinking by Australian agents. In Oct 2001, 353 people were murdered when someone sank SIEV-X.

### Tell Mr. Howard the 43 Papuans must be given asylum

We want no military ties with TNI. No PSDP with Indonesia's police. There must be a judicial enquiry into SIEV-X. The genocide must stop!

Write to: Hon. J. Howard, Parliament House, Canberra, A.C.T. 2600  
Fax: (02) 92515454, email him at [www.pm.gov.au](http://www.pm.gov.au)

### Tell Kofi Annan West Papuans need self-determination

Witnesses testified the 1969 Act of Free Choice was a farce. Jakarta's attempts at autonomy were destroyed by TNI.

UN Headquarters, First Avenue at 46<sup>th</sup> Street, New York, NY 10017  
Email: Secretary-General Kofi Annan at [inquiries@un.org](mailto:inquiries@un.org)

Contact Australia-West Papuan Assoc P.O. Box 29 Kilkenny S.A. 5080  
Ph. Andrew 83401847 email: [sasha@airnet.com.au](mailto:sasha@airnet.com.au)

Websites: [www.asiapacificaction.org](http://www.asiapacificaction.org) [www.westpapua.ca](http://www.westpapua.ca)

Australia-East Timor Friendship Assoc Ph. Bob 83443511  
[lochlanney@joltica.com](mailto:lochlanney@joltica.com) Websites: [www.bighulip.com.au/~winroh/aetfa](http://www.bighulip.com.au/~winroh/aetfa)

### Another short-term deal: Australia plunders Timor gas again

In January, East Timor & Australia signed a deal to share revenues from Greater Sunrise gas field in the Timor Sea. Certain Maritime Arrangements in the Timor Sea (CMATS) is a North-South deal: Australia gets 50%, East Timor gets 50%. A sceptic it has no right to a maritime boundary for 30 years.

### Australia the regional bully

“Neighbouring giants Indonesia & Australia continue to bully to get their way. Australia's refusal to negotiate fairly maritime boundaries in the Timor Sea is robbing East Timor of billions more dollars that would enable it to become self-sufficient” (South China Morning Post editorial Jan 31<sup>st</sup>). In the talks, Australia used stand-over tactics, including threats to withdraw aid. Talks were never between equals, with East Timor facing extreme poverty. It's one of the world's poorest countries, with 42% below the poverty line. Timor Sea gas is over 99% of East Timor's potential export income; it is much less than 1% of Australia's potential export income. In addition to the revenue, Australia gets massive downstream benefits (US\$40 Billion estimated from Greater Sunrise) from piping the gas onshore near Darwin. East Timor gets nothing downstream, no gas industry, related industries, jobs.

### Australians & East Timorese reject CMATS

33 QC's, professors, diplomats, politicians, community leaders, famous authors, Bishops, church groups & NGOs wrote to Canberra urging it to respect East Timor's sovereignty & its people's human rights. It's a matter of justice, not charity, they said – proceeds from disputed fields should be put into a trust account until boundaries are decided. Canberra has already taken \$2 Billion in revenue from the disputed Laminaria-Coralina field (100% East Timor's under current maritime law). Australia's aid to East Timor (1999-2005) has been just 12% of the revenue Canberra has taken from disputed fields. Now, CMATS will allow Australia to plunder any new discoveries in the Timor Sea while East Timor is unable to object. East Timor's Church, NGOs & several political parties oppose the deal. They want boundaries first before Greater Sunrise is exploited.

### Respect East Timor's rights & negotiate boundaries. Tell

Mr Downer: Hon. A. Downer, Parliament House, Canberra, A.C.T. 2600  
A.Downer.MP@aph.gov.au Fax: (02) 823277950

Contact: AETFA c/o G.E.C., Torrens Building, 220 Victoria Square, Adelaide 5000 [editions@telstra.com](mailto:editions@telstra.com), Ph. Bob 83443511  
Website: [www.liberation.com.au/~winroh/aetfa](http://www.liberation.com.au/~winroh/aetfa)

[www.timor-seajustice.org](http://www.timor-seajustice.org)

## Atrocities in East Timor, 1975-1991

East Timor's Truth Commission report (CAVR) to the UN exposed the slaughter of 180,000 civilians by Indonesia's army (TNI) from 1975-1999. 8,000 witnesses testified to massacres, rapes, torture & starvation, experts verified claims & made recommendations. Rape was used as a weapon of war, including sexual slavery & torture to induce terror. Napalm (from the US, left over from Vietnam) was dropped on villages & people from US-supplied OV-10 Bronco planes. Indonesia denied this, but the evidence is very clear. The US & UK were the main weapons suppliers & together with Australia gave strong diplomatic & military support to TNI. No TNI officers have faced justice - many leading culprits were promoted & now commit the same atrocities in West Papua. Both CAVR & a UN legal experts report say the Jakarta trials of TNI officers were a farce & the UN should set up an international tribunal. Security Council is to decide soon. Australia allied to mass murderers & terrorists!

Australia allied to mass murderers & terrorists

In January, Kopassus soldiers exercised with Australian soldiers in WA. Kopassus is TNI Special Forces – the worst human rights abusers in TNI. Training here in Australia is about to resume (for “counter-terrorism”, say Canberra). That’s nonsense. Kopassus

<sup>2</sup> See "The right facilitates self-government," 31.

- is "a major facilitator of terrorism" (US Navy report 2002)
  - is "closely linked to militant Islamic groups" (Australian diplomat)
  - 2 Kopassus officers jailed for Jakarta Stock Exchange bomb; 15 killed
  - 5 Kopassus officers caught smuggling arms to violent militia groups
  - directed massacre of 1,000 people by militias in East Timor in 1999.
  - now training violent militias in West Papua too – is deeply involved in genocide in West Papua (Sydney University report 2005)

Canberra says "we can teach them human rights". That's rubbish! The Keating & Howard Governments said exactly that through the 1990s. 8 years of extensive Australian training ended in the 1999 bloodbath in East Timor - a so-called "special relationship" between our armies amounted to nothing. Besides promoting terrorism, TNI gets most of its funding from extortion & protection rackets, drug-smuggling, prostitution, illegal logging (the biggest logging racket in the world), slave-trading & other crimes. Tell Mr. Nelson we want justice for East Timor.

Tell Mr. Nelson we want no ties with these TNL thugs.

Defence Minister Hon. B. Nelson; Parliament House, Canberra A.C.T. 2601  
B.Nelson.MP@aph.gov.au Fax: (02) 946535992

Tell Kofi Annan we want an international tribunal  
Secretary-General Kofi Annan

Secretary-General Kofi Annan; [inquiries@un.org](mailto:inquiries@un.org)  
U.N. Headquarters, First Avenue at 46<sup>th</sup> Street, New York, NY 10010

## The Bali bombings (Oct 2002 & Oct 2005)

Australia's Federal Police (APP) & Indonesia's National Police (DNP) together brought the bombers to justice. With terrorism increasing, we need police force cooperation & information sharing to prevent, deter & punish attacks. Using military force against terrorists (as in Iraq) causes collateral damage, killing civilians, making people resent the army, helping the political aims of the terrorists. Armies treat terrorists as enemies thus creating more enemies. Police forces deal with terrorists as criminals & can effectively prevent further terrorism. How far can police be trusted with extra powers

#### **AFP & IMP - an unholy alliance**

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The Bali 9 were caught red-handed with heroin in Bali by DNP, with AFP help, & should face justice for drug-smuggling; but where? They were mules on the bottom rung of a drug ring. 2 ring-leaders got mere "special treatment" from DNP. The Thai woman who gave Andrew Chan the heroin was allowed to leave Indonesia. She was detained by Thai police, but DNP officers turned up with the "wrong papers" for her extradition, so she was released. The alleged supplier of the heroin was arrested in Jakarta. He didn't resist arrest. He was shot dead while handcuffed in police custody. DNP officers committed murder to protect their lucrative heroin-smuggling racket, but Australians face the death penalty.

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In October 2001, 353 men, women & children drowned when their boat SIEV-X sank international waters on the way to Australia. It was mass murder. SIEV-X was sabotaged before leaving Indonesia so that it would sink. 431 people were forced at gunpoint by DNP officers onto the boat built to carry 100. During Sept-October 2001 both AFP & ASIS (Australian Security Intelligence Services) worked with DNP on people-smuggling disruption (PSDP) in Indonesia. PSDP is alleged to have included deliberate sinking of asylum seekers' boats by AFP agents. Canberra tried to avoid an enquiry into SIEV-X & PSDP. & when it was tucked onto another Senate enquiry the Government withheld vital evidence & key witnesses. After the enquiry, the Chairman told Parliament that officials had lied to his enquiry. The Government ignored 4 Senate motions for a judicial enquiry. Until there is a judicial enquiry, both AFP & ASIS remain suspected of either complicity or participation in the mass murder of 353 people. Now that 43 asylum seekers have arrived from West Papua, PSDP & boat-sinking may be re-started in Papua.

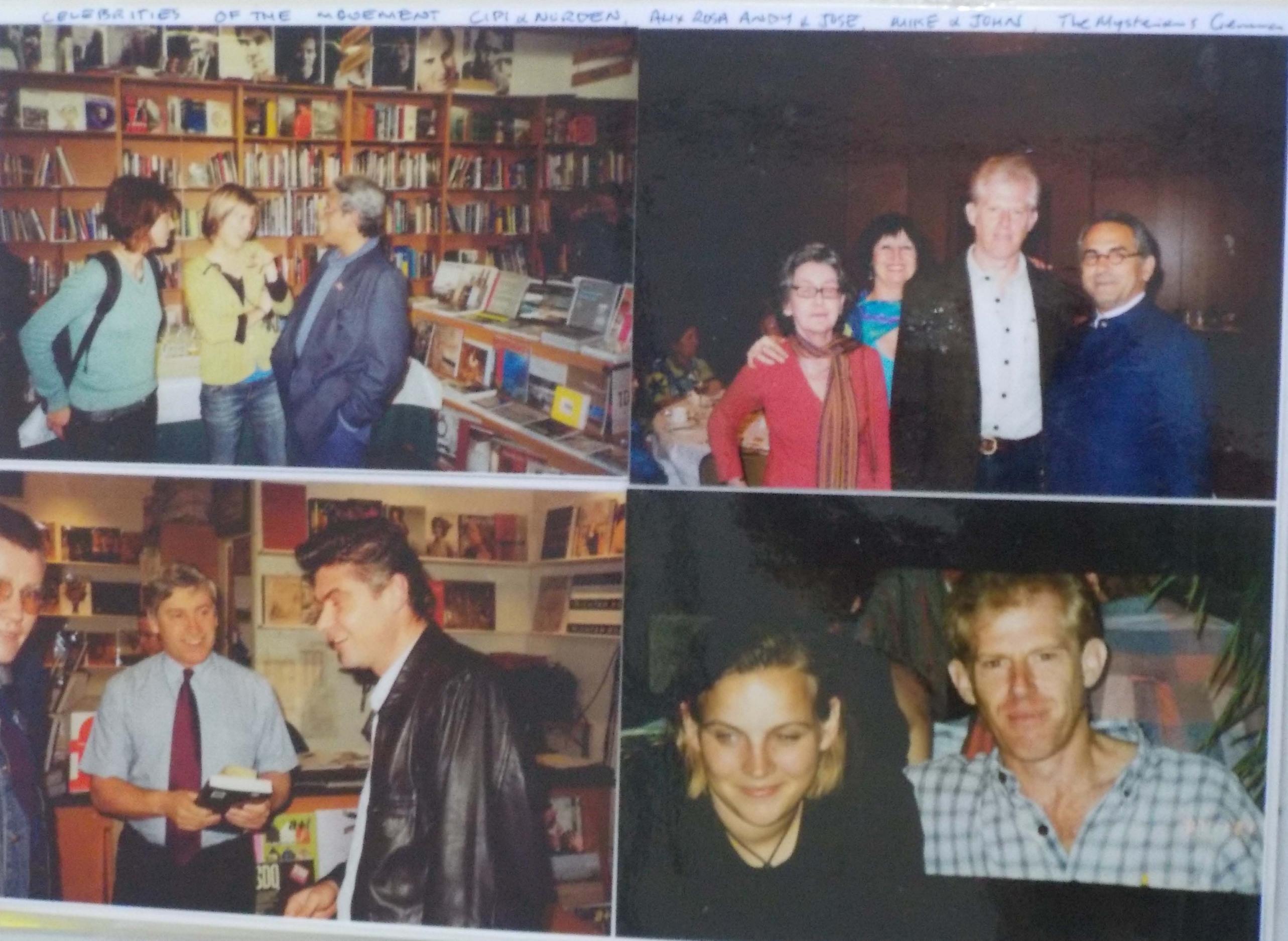
Tell John Howard we must have a judicial enquiry into SIEV-X. All PSDP must be stopped. The AFP must stop cooperation with INP on drugs. Any AFP, ASIS & INP criminality must be flushed out!

Write to: Hon. J. Howard Beale, M.

Fax: (02) 92515454; email: [pmo@pmo.gov.au](mailto:pmo@pmo.gov.au)

Website for information: [www.jewelsoftheearth.com](http://www.jewelsoftheearth.com)

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Shots of the country, with music by the Orient Five. (4 mins)

### 2. Sister Tess's Food Drop

Sister Tess Ward and her regular food aid to the poor. (4 mins)

### 3. Arte Moris - Living Arts

An inspiring new art college for talented young people. (4 mins)

### 4. Domingos Goes Home To...

Domingos travels to his village to see his family. (4 mins)

### 5. Diario Temi - A New Paper

An independent daily newspaper in Dili challenges power. (6 mins)

### 6. National Hospital Pathology Unit

An Australian team upgrades the blood testing facilities. (4 mins)

### 7. Sr Tess's Disabled Boys Home

Work by Macmillan Macklop Institute of East Timorese Studies. (4 mins)

### 8. Beautiful People

Shots of the people, with music by the Orient Five. (4 mins)

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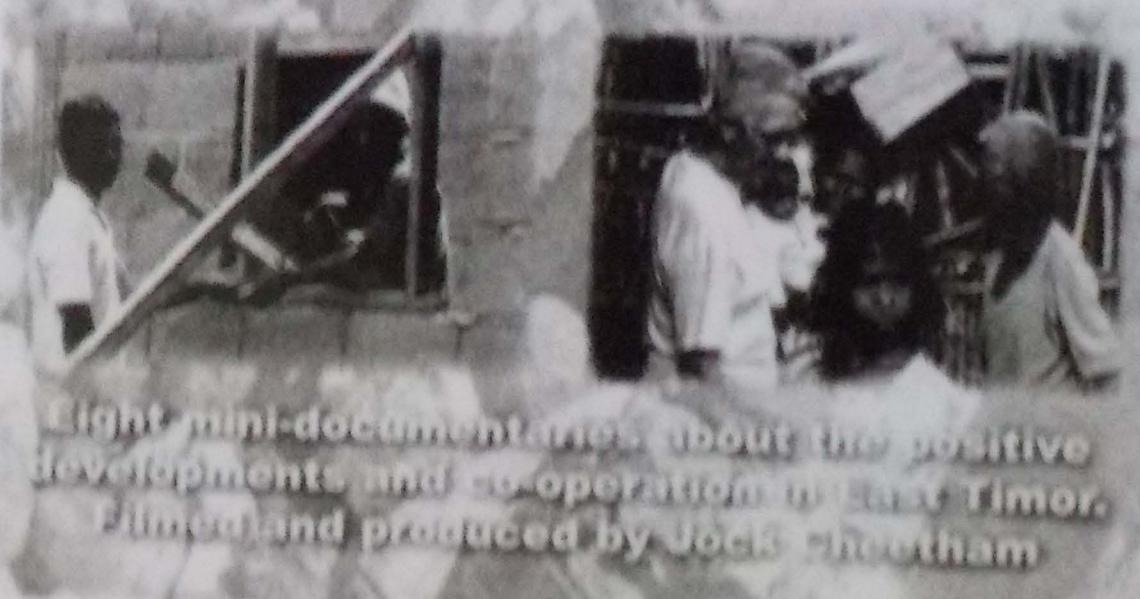
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Mini-docos  
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East Timor



Eight mini-documentaries about the positive developments and organisations in East Timor. Filmed and produced by Jack Cheetam

# Timor-Leste

During the Second World War, Timor-Leste was a colony of neutral Portugal. Despite this, the Australian 2/2<sup>nd</sup> and 2/4<sup>th</sup> Independent Companies, about 700 Commandos, were sent to Timor late in 1941 and conducted guerilla warfare against 8000 Japanese who landed on 19<sup>th</sup> February 1942.

Although the Commandos lost contact with Australia, all radios being lost or destroyed by enemy actions, they continued to ambush and harass the Japanese. After contact was re-established on 19<sup>th</sup> April, these operations intensified to such a degree that the Japanese force was later increased to 20,000. The Commando force, apart from direct hit-and-run attacks on the Japanese, provided valuable intelligence on ship and troop movements, and identified targets which were then attacked by RAAF Hudson bombers.

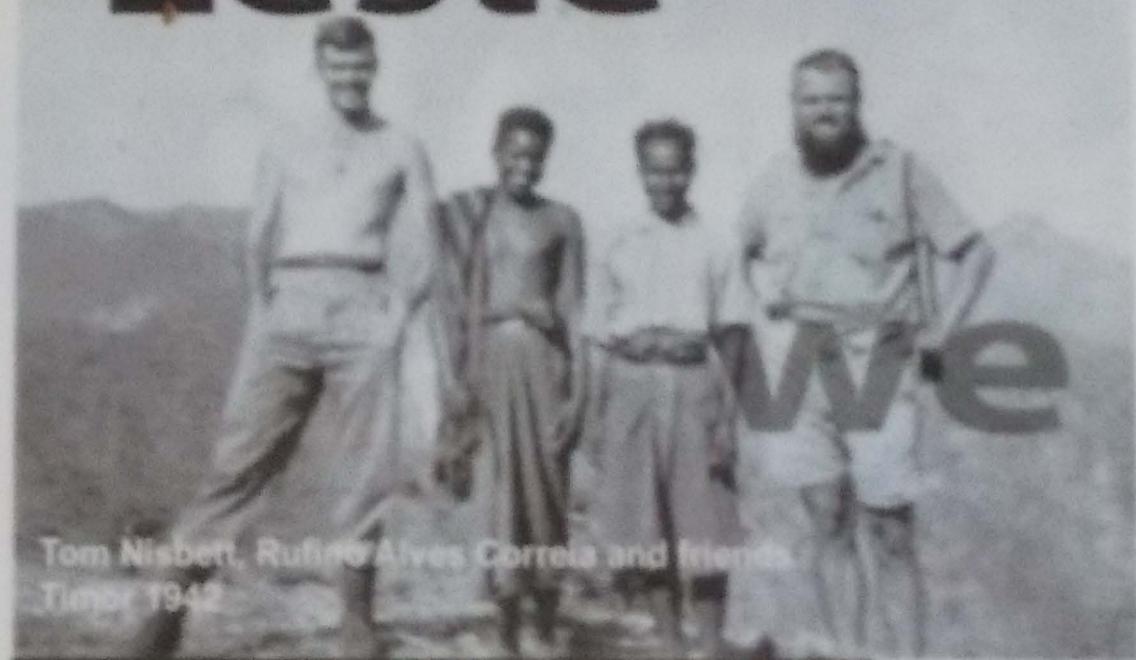
The Commandos were not supplied with any rations from Australia but lived off the land. The Timorese helped them to such an extent that they were able to frustrate the overwhelming number of Japanese who would otherwise have been used with devastating effect against our forces in Papua-New Guinea.

The Timorese provided the Australians with shelter, shared their meagre food, provided information of Japanese troop movements, acted as guides, and pointed out the best observation posts and ambush positions. They protected and carried the Commandos' equipment whilst they were engaging the Japanese. During frequent bouts of malaria and tropical disease the Timorese helped them obtain food. They performed innumerable acts of bravery and their devotion and loyalty continued to the end of the campaign.

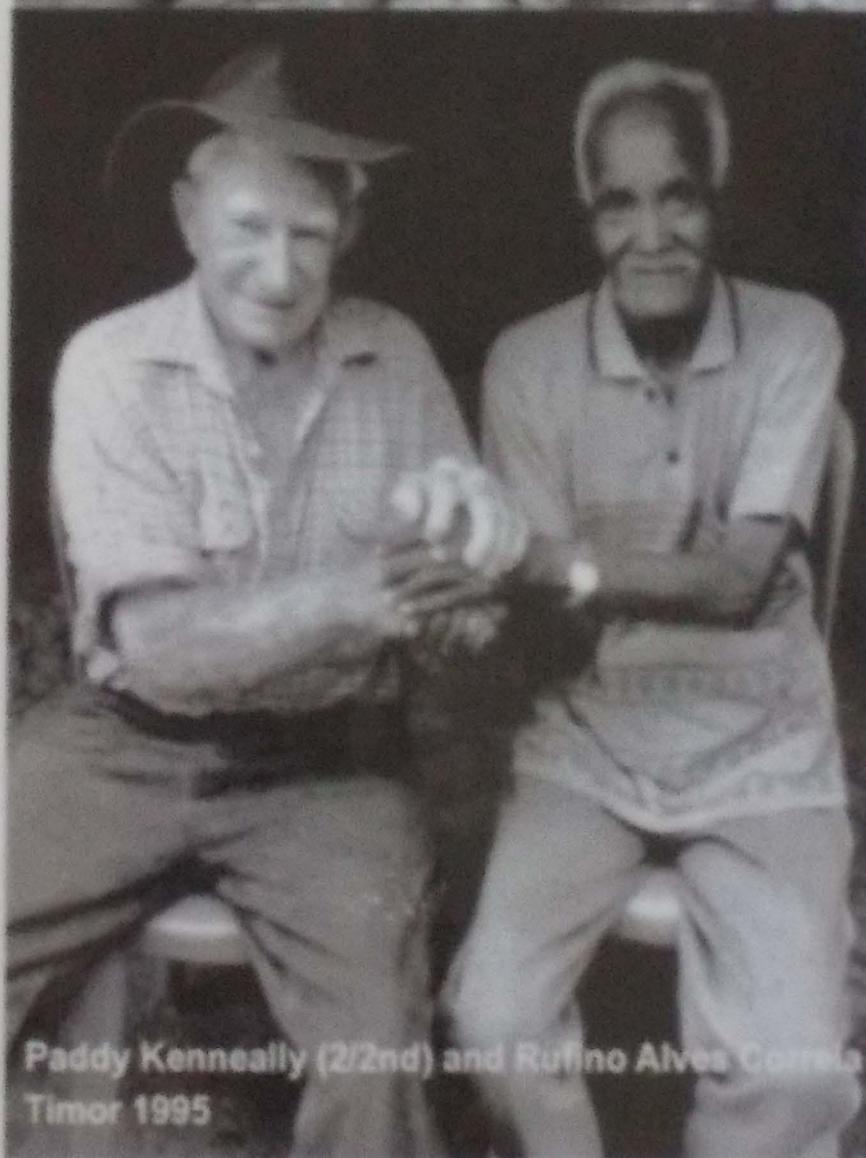
Between 40,000 and 60,000 East Timorese, all civilians, were killed by the Japanese military after the Australians were withdrawn at the end of 1942. Out of a total population of five hundred and twenty seven thousand (527,000), this corresponds to 11.4 percent of the Timorese population. In relative terms, Timorese losses were 20 times greater than those suffered by Australia, and almost equal to the number of British civilians killed in Britain during the War.

After the evacuation of our troops, the RAAF dropped leaflets over East Timor which read,

"Your friends do not forget you."



Tom Nisbett, Rufino Alves Correia and friend  
Timor 1942



Paddy Kenneally (2/2nd) and Rufino Alves Correia  
Timor 1995

Sign the petition if you want to acknowledge Timor's unique wartime contribution to Australia.

Companion of the Order of Australia

To the Members of the House of Representatives

We, the undersigned citizens of Australia, draw to the attention of the House the significant role played by the East Timorese people in providing unique assistance to Australia.

- We are mindful that the decreasing number of veterans who fought on Timor in World War II remember the Timorese people with deep gratitude, as did those who have died;
  - We recall that for the last seventy years they have told and retold the stories of the courage and compassion of the Timorese;
  - We regret that there has been no adequate official recognition of the role of the Timorese in assisting Australia in World War II;
  - We remember that at the very least, 40,000 Timorese civilians were killed as a result of their assistance to Australia.

We therefore ask the House to ensure that appropriate action is taken to support our nomination of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste as a recipient of the Companion of the Order of Australia (Honorary).

Please print clearly

# **FRIENDS OF MALIANA PROJECTS IN TIMOR LESTE**

Maliana is the capital of the Bobonaro District in Timor Leste. Maliana is very close to the border with Indonesia and a short drive from the town of Balibo. The Friends of Maliana work closely with the locally elected leaders, Cheffe de Suco, and the District and Sub District Administrators. We do not duplicate work being done by the Timor Leste government or other agencies. We focus on shelter and education & training projects for youth. We try to use local materials and local skills in all projects and build in training as part of each project.

## **1. Ginasio community and sports centre**

Close to 90% of the buildings in Maliana were destroyed 1999. In 2005 the Cheffes de Suco in Maliana identified the refurbishment of the Ginasio building as a key community project, providing a community and regional meeting place and a venue for youth sports. The refurbishment includes sustainable toilets, water tanks, local materials, labour and training. The sports ovals and sports training will be the next stage of the project. The PM Xanana Gusmao is looking forward to attending the first Maliana cup on the oval.



## **2. Maliana Library**

In 2000 the Friends met with the community by torchlight in the ruins of the library in Maliana. In 2001 the library was rebuilt, staff were employed and trained and the first books catalogued. The library is being used by schools, the community and for special projects such as the Austcare education for small scale sustainable farming to alleviate chronic food shortages and malnutrition. We need Tetun and Bahasa Indonesian books to support this program.

## **3. Classroom tables and chairs**

School students in the public schools in Maliana do not have a table to work on or a seat to sit on in class. An estimated 2,700 sets of a desk and 2 chairs are needed by public schools in Maliana. The chairs in the picture are made by a small local enterprise located in the Balibo House. This is the building where the Austrian, British and New Zealand journalists were murdered in 1999.



## **4. Youth Centre in Maliana**

Whilst in Timor Leste in July 2007, Friends of Maliana met with workers at the Youth Centre in Maliana who showed us disrepair and damage to the building which had no with no equipment, furniture or functioning toilets. In order to run the programs, the Youth Centre needs at least \$7,000 and computer equipment. Friends of Maliana will seek the support of the Leichhardt Youth Committee to work with Council and the Friends group to provide resources to the Youth Centre.

# UNION AID ABROAD PROJECTS IN TIMOR LESTE

## 1. Literacy and skills training for women

Approximately two thirds of women over 50 in East Timor have never attended school. If these women are to share in the reconstruction and development of East Timor, literacy and language training is essential. Union Aid Abroad has been assisting a women's organisation, the Grupo Feto Foins'ae Timor Leste (GFFT). GFFT conducts literacy and income generation training - such as sewing and tailoring or home-based businesses - for disadvantaged women of East Timor.



## 2. Sustainable agriculture training for farmers

This includes training on the use of organic fertiliser, low input vegetable production and other sustainable agricultural practices. Farmers work in collectives to send their produce to the Dili market.



## 3. Community Learning Centres

Union Aid Abroad-APHEDA supports four of these centres where members develop their skills in areas such as community organising, small business management, community theatre, and a range of income generating skills such as sewing, weaving tais, goat farming, and production of tempeh, snacks and sweets.



## 4. Community radio training and programming

In a country where less than 43 percent of the population is literate, the radio becomes a powerful medium for the dissemination of information. Community radio stations in East Timor play an important role in nation building, providing a platform to spread messages on issues such as primary health care, improved agricultural methods and development.

Union Aid Abroad – APHEDA supports two radio stations, Radio Rakambia and Radio Lorico Lian through providing training in programming and journalism skills, as well as supporting programs about health, community service announcements, Peace building, women and leadership, and youth participation.

## 5. Mechanics training

Young unemployed men are visible everywhere in East Timor. There are so few opportunities for them. Union Aid Abroad is running mechanics training for unemployed young men in Dili. We have helped establish three motorbike repair workshops, where the men are mentored and trained in fixing motorbikes and other small engines. A new training centre has been built by Union Aid Abroad's building trainees with assistance from two Australian volunteers. Union Aid Abroad will also support the men to establish small workshops to provide mechanical repairs.



BMETS is supporting over 20 scholarships for young women to attend high school and university with the aim of developing their leadership skills. Literacy in primary schools has been assisted through the provision of Tetum readers. Funding was provided to build a centre for widows as a place for meetings and business enterprise. A pre-school has been added to the activities of the centre with over 70 children attending.

This year BMETS has assisted with the publication of a history of women involved in the clandestine movement. Published in Tetum, the book is being translated into English.

Traditional weavings called "tais" are sold in the Blue Mountains on behalf of four weaving co-ops.

BMETS supports the Aloia Foundation and its maternity packs project as well as providing direct assistance to the humanitarian work of the First Lady. Recognising the important work of women's organisations based in East Timor, BMETS has provided funding to PRADET and REDE RETO.

*"BMETS thanks its supporters and the community for their contribution to women's lives in East Timor. We encourage others to join our efforts."*

2009



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#### BMETS warmly welcomes new members.

Meetings are held monthly at 7:00 pm on the first Monday of the month at the Mountains Community Resource Network, corner of Loftus and San Jose Streets in Lawson.

Please phone to confirm meeting time or to get more information on 47841718 or 47574478 or email [bmets@connect.com.au](mailto:bmets@connect.com.au).

Donations are most welcome. All funds raised by BMETS go directly to support women's projects in East Timor. Make cheques payable to Mountains Community Resource Network and post to BMETS, PO Box 152 Lawson, NSW 2783.

Tax deductible donations can be made to BMETS projects through APHEDA Union Aid Abroad. Visit [www.bmets.org.au](http://www.bmets.org.au) to download the form.

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**Blue Mountains East Timor Sisters (BMETS)**

# Women of East Timor

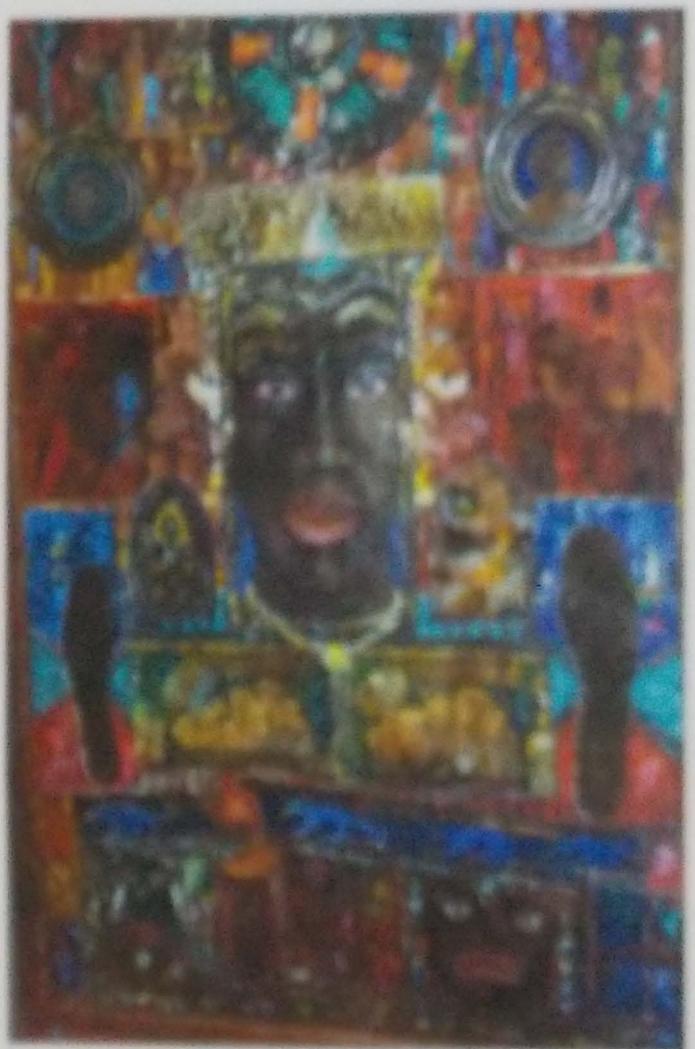


Foto Sira Timor-Leste



Many times the people were told that after the election,  
only the birds would remain to sing in East Timor,  
there would be no more people left....

Sister Fatima

Do Australians still care about East Timor?

Why are our troops still in East Timor?

Why did it take so long to learn the truth about what was  
happening in East Timor?

How is the Australian Government helping now?

What are Australians doing to help?

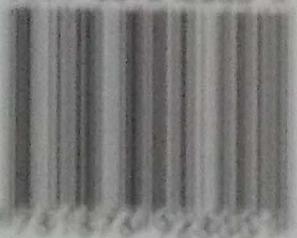
How effective is that help?

What does the future hold for East Timor and Australia as  
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This book provides answers. Contributors include Dr. Kaitlin  
Suter, Professor Stephanie Fahey, Bruce Haigh, Alison  
Scott-Chisholm, Dr. Mark Burley, Richard Taitter, Dr. Bill  
Burkley and Sister Susan Connelly along with soldiers,  
nuns, academics, writers, directors, activists, journalists  
and lawyers. All share one thing in common: they have  
first-hand knowledge of East Timor.

The message of this book is important to all Australians.  
We have a lot to learn about one of our closest  
neighbours, to ensure that Australia becomes a neighbour  
in the true sense of the word.

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EAST TIMOR: MAKING AMENDS?

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# EAST TIMOR: MAKING AMENDS?

Analysing  
Australia's role in  
reconstructing  
East Timor

Australia East Timor  
Association

Lansell Taudevin and  
Jefferson Lee (Editors)

Australia East Timor Association  
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AUSTRALIA-EAST TIMOR ASSOCIATION (with the assistance of Marrickville & Leichhardt Councils & the Embassy of Timor Leste to Australia) presents a 1 day event Dedicated to Denis Kevans, H.T.Lee & Robin Taudevin for serving the Timorese cause relentlessly.

## \* Humanitarian Responses to the East Timor Crisis \*

PETERSHAM TOWN HALL, Crystal Street, Petersham  
Saturday, 15th July 2006 (9am-4pm)

### PROGRAM PART 1

9.30am-11am - Welcome from Acting Mayor of Marrickville

"Roundtable discussion from NGOs in East Timor" with:

- Mike Smith (Austcare)
- Peter Jennings (Apheda)
- James Isbister (Caritas Australia)
- Mary Waterford (Blue Mountains East Timor Women's Project)
- Chair Carlos Pereira (Timor Australia Council).

We have also invited Ausaid, Red Cross, Oxfam and others to participate. Comments from the floor welcome.

11am-11.30am - Morning Tea - During morning tea Bernedette Connole (AETA Exec Member) will Chair & introduce Maire Sheehan (Leichhardt Councillor) who in turn will welcome Timorese Ambassador to Sydney. This will be followed by two short book launches - The Ambassador will launch "New Nation - United Nations Peace-Building in East Timor" (G.C.Gunn & R Huang) and Mary Waterford will launch "Independent Women - The story of women's activism in East Timor" (I.Cristallis & C Scott).

11.30am-12.30pm - Panel Discussion "The Future of East Timor" with:

- Justice John Dowd (spokesperson International Commission of Jurists)
- Tim Anderson (Aidwatch)
- Phil Glendenning (Edmund Rice Centre) or Mark Byrne (Uniya/CARV Campaign activist)
- Mr Joao Perestrello (Consul-General of Portugal in Sydney) [if available]
- H.E. Hernani Coelho Da Silva (Ambassador for Timor-Leste to Australia)
- Chair Professor Stuart Rees (Centre for Peace & Conflict Studies, Sydney Uni)

12.30-1pm - Lunch

THIS FORUM IS A FREE EVENT FOR ALL CONCERNED WITH EAST TIMOR'S FUTURE URGED TO ATTEND.

A.E.T.A. welcomes donations towards the staging of this event. East Timor support organisations are welcome to bring information and displays for this event. Contact <[Jefferson.lee@bigpond.com](mailto:Jefferson.lee@bigpond.com)> for confirmation of space.

Many thanks to Dennis Aubrey, Jeff Skews (sound); Mandy & Favio Cavadini (film); Leichhardt Council, esp. Louise Keightley and Shane McArdle (publicity) and Jeff Psaila (IT) for digital visuals, Maire Sheehan for experience; Josh Barr; Maria Coles; and Sam Byrne (Marrickville Council); Mathew Leonard ('Awaye' program); all of the performers and speakers (and their organisations) have kindly donated their time and effort. Thank you! Lastly all the AETA volunteers.

Please join us \$25/\$15 pa to PO Box 751, Darlinghurst 2010. Meetings, are held Wed of each month, 6.30pm, Rm 318, Level 3, UTS Broadway with guest speakers.

**STAY FOR BENEFIT CONCERT - 1.00PM TO 4.00PM....Please turn over for details**

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**BENEFIT CONCERT for East Timor** ... to assist 'Arte Morris' and NGO's with emergency aid (today)  
Sat. 15th July, Petersham Town Hall, 1-4pm. Take the 412 bus from George St, city or train to  
Petersham Station. Benefit gig followed by drinks and dinner with the Timorese Ambassador and Ego  
Lemos at the Newington Inn Hotel Stanmore Rd, Petersham.

## PROGRAM PART 2 - Compere Jaslyn Hall (ABC Radio)

Performers in order of appearance

- 1pm - 1.20pm - East Timor Women's Cultural Dance Group
- 1.25pm- 1.40pm - Sonia Bennett ('Wollimi Pine' and 'Lungs of Green' a tribute to Denis Kevans)
- 1.45pm- 1.55pm - Yota Kili poet and writer (Tribute to Denis Kevans, part 2)
- 2pm-2.25pm - Jeannie Lewis (diva) and Maune Mulheron (writer of 'Four Strong Women')
- 2.30pm-2.55pm - Tug Dumbly (performance poet and ABC Radio personality)
- 3 pm -3.25pm - Timor's leading rock musician Ego Lemos ('Cinco Do Oriente' Five of the Orient) accompanied by Sydney's leading all-round percussionist Blair Greenberg.
- 3.30pm- 3.50pm - 'Voices From The Vacant Lot', the dynamic choir
- 3.55pm-4pm - Final surprise act (one song or one poem... who will it be? Jay Jaxson or Benito di Fonzo?)
- 4.00pm-4.10pm - FINALE - Bernadette Connele gives us a final final poem and reminds everyone to help clean up as we have to vacate the building by 5pm!

**ALL TICKETS AT DOOR** Suggested donation is \$20/\$12 or \$10 for Timorese. Money raised will assist the ARTE MORIS/BIBI BULAK CULTURAL CENTRE in Dili and its work with internally displaced people in East Timor. Note a proportion of funds raised will assist Apheda/Austcare/Caritas for similar purposes.

## PART 3 - POST EVENT DRINKS & DINNER

AT THE NEWINGTON INN HOTEL Restaurant, 292-294 Stanmore Road, Petersham.

- From 5.00pm Drinks
- From 6 pm - A Special Dinner to Welcome the East Timor Ambassador to Sydney Cost-A La Carte menu starting from \$10.00. Seating limit to 60 with room for others to stand around during speeches. RSVP essential to AETA via Dee on Mobile (0428) 755 215. (send text with name and numbers or ring) or phone Jeff on (02) 9519-4788.

For further information regarding July 15th event contact AETA c/- Jefferson Lee (02) 9519-4788 or <[jefferson.lee@bigpond.com](mailto:jefferson.lee@bigpond.com)> or Alix Mandelson (02)9331-1496 or Stephen Langford (02)9331-5986.

AETA thanks Marrickville Council & Leichhardt Council's "Friends of Malaria" for supporting this event.

\* Wednesday 22nd October, 6.30pm-8pm AETA's Monthly Meeting, (always 4th Wed. of the month), Level 1, UTS Tower Building, Broadway. Guest speakers Theo and Georgie Glickman from Penrith RSL Rotarians reporting back on their August 2008 visit. Details Stephen Langford (02) 8221-6886.

\* Friday 24th October 4pm Gareth Evans @ Seymour Centre "The Right to Protect... Humanitarian Intervention to Prevent Mass Atrocities", Sydney (not ideas Lecture Book at Seymour Centre. Where was he during the Timor Crisis? Talk now to West Papua Burns Doctor?

\* Saturday 25th October 10.30am-12.30pm Lane Cove Shopping Centre. Aliz Manderson will present a stall of Timor Leslie Women's Woven Art (Twi) as part of Lane Cove Council's Kaleidoscope Festival. Details Aliz (02) 8221-1486.

\* Wednesday November 5th 6.30pm Patrick Dodson gives the Sydney Peace Prize Lecture at the Concert Hall, Opera House. Book through Opera House.

\* Friday 7th November 6.30pm Mosman Art Gallery and Community Centre, located at Mygorah Rd & Art Gallery Way, Mosman. A fund-raiser for the Members Friendship partnership with Gourmet food, entertainment, drinks and Kirsty Sword-Guthrie as guest speaker. \$50.00 entry. Contact Councillor Denise Willow to book. <[d.willow@mosman.nsw.gov.au](mailto:d.willow@mosman.nsw.gov.au)> or 8666-6821.

\* Tuesday 11th November, 11am, Remembrance Day vigil outside US Consulate (Elizabeth St and Martin Plaza) for all the victims of the war on terror in Iraq, Afghanistan and elsewhere. details <[www.stopwarcoalition.org](http://www.stopwarcoalition.org)>

\* Sat November 22nd, AETA Stall at Primrose Park Paper Crafts Fair, Young St, Granville. Details Aliz (02) 8221-1486

\* Thursday November 27th, evening, Timor's leading musician Ego Lemos is the support act for Geoffrey Gurrumul Yungipingu at the Enmore Theatre. Meets a Timor stall from AETA-Friends of Maliana in foyer. Tickets from Enmore Theatre.

\* Friday 28th November - Anniversary of Timor Leslie's 1975 UDI Declaration of Independence. Watch for details of Timor Community Function from Timor Australia Council in Gebramatta.

\* Saturday 6th December AETA stall at Manly Fair Trade Festival at Manly Pier, All day. Contact Aliz (02) 8221-1486 for details.

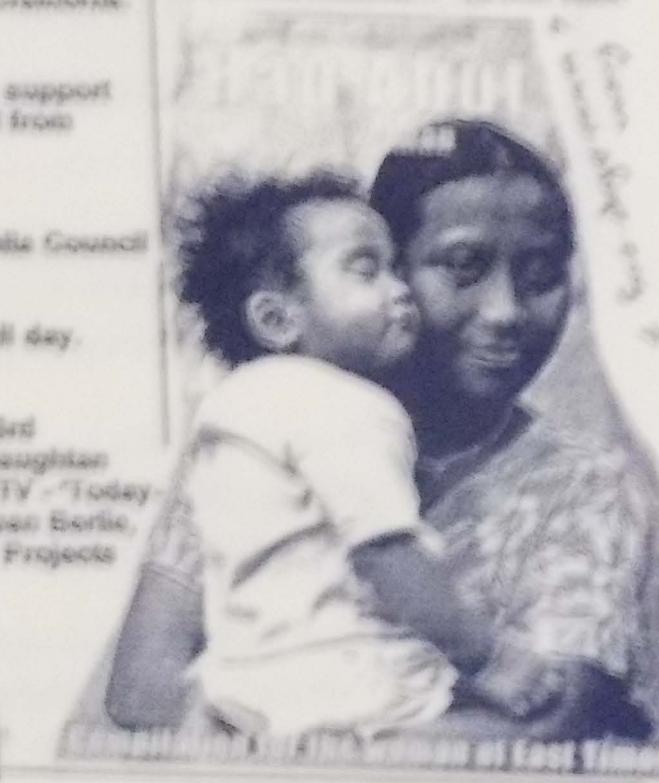
\* Sunday 7th December, 4-6pm, upstairs at Glebebooks, 48 Glebe Pt Rd, on the 33rd Anniversary of the Indonesian Invasion, AETA presents the (6th) Dr Andrew McNaughton Memorial Lecture with Gru Federer (CEO Timor Aid), James Thomas (Channel 7 TV - "Today-Tonight"), John Maynard (Producer of 'Bellbird' feature movie for Aranethree) and Jean Berlie, Biogist, (Hong Kong Uni, Asian Studies). \$10.57 donation. Details AETA Special Projects Office via Jefferson Lee <[jeffrancislee5@gmail.com](mailto:jefffrancislee5@gmail.com)> or (02) 9566-6676.

Compiled by Jefferson Lee for AETA c/- PO Box 703, Leichhardt, NSW 2046

## I am Woman



1. Sali Adman with Mary Bitterman
2. Liz Cavanagh "Morning Star"
3. Lise Miller "Be Me In"
4. Laura Samara Wang "Back Home"
5. Aviva "Mother"
6. Vicki & Linda "Alliance"
7. Karen Anne Cox "Excellent People"
8. Rebecca Stacruz "Easy Living"
9. Karen Ferguson "Fly Away"
10. Monique Scandari "One Love"
11. The Spencers "Miss Showgirl"
12. Thursday Night Women's Choir "Bar"
13. Rosalie Sauer "Wings"
14. Cyndi Bone "Holy Water"
15. Tracey Velvet "Sister Saint Paul"
16. Kavita Mazzella "La Suite Tame"



**CORO**

**LORO SA'E**

\* Wed 24th December CORO LORO SAE (Reunion Choir from 1975) sings Mass for Xmas Eve @6pm St Elias' Church, Elizabeth Drive & Maxwell Ave, Ashcroft, (near Liverpool). Details Luisa Marques (0403) 123 436. Theo

\* Friday 26th December, Reunion Concert and Retrospective Photo Exhibition from 3pm-8.30pm at All Saints Church, George St, Liverpool. Followed by rock acts Reggae Temptation and New Pop Orchestra, dinner and party (8.30pm till late). The "Coro Loro Sae" were a refugee choir formed in Portugal after the Indonesian invasion in the late 1970's. This is their first and only reunion. The overseas guests from Timor and Portugal are sponsored by Mary MacKillop East Timor (MMET), contact (02) 9622-2647.



**Reunion**

**December 2008**

Australia-East Timor Association (NSW) presents

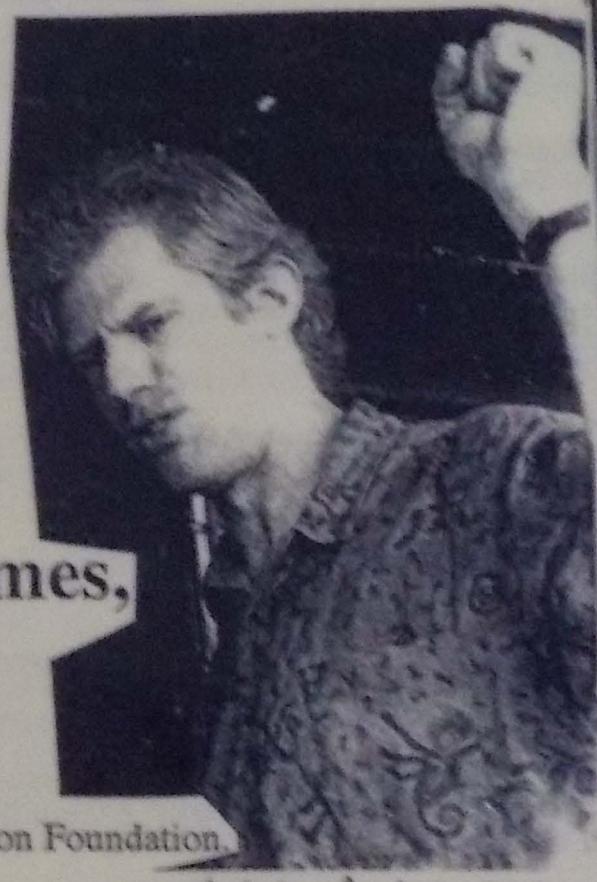
# THE 5th ANNUAL DR ANDREW McNAUGHTAN MEMORIAL LECTURE

@ Gleebooks (upstairs), 49 Glebe Point Road Glebe  
(RSVP please 02-9660-2333)

Sunday 7th December,

4pm-6pm,

Theme: "Timor Leste, War Crimes,  
Government Inaction."



(photo: Andy in Manila,  
(1996))

## Speakers

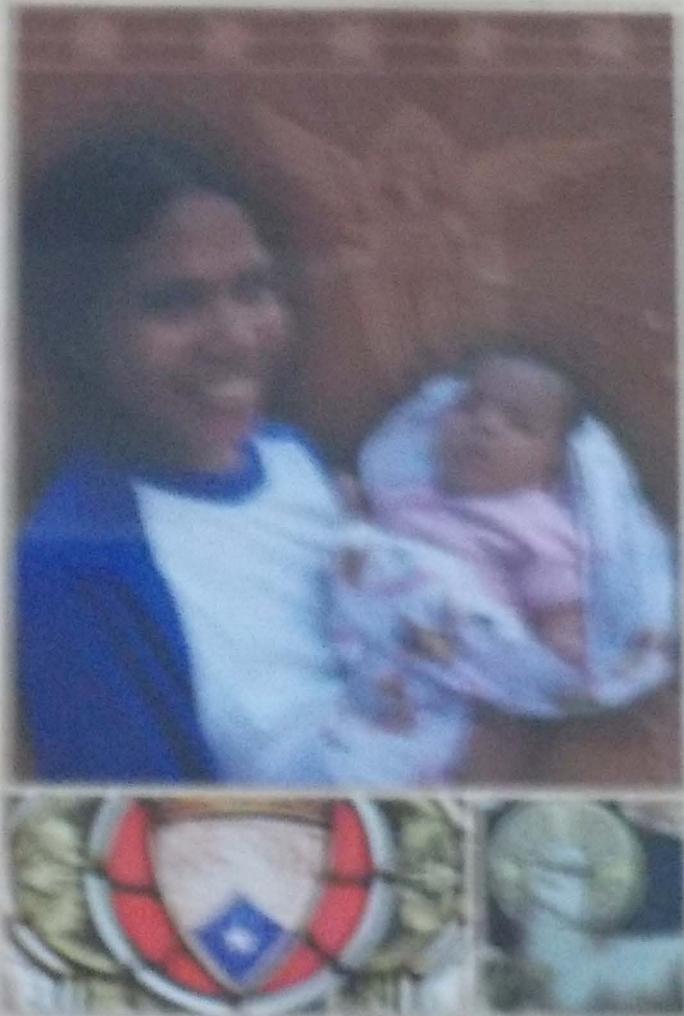
- \* Ms CEU FEDERER (CEO Timor Aid, currently with UNDP in Dili, author of a forthcoming collection of stories with the working title "Timor's Unsung Heroes"),
- \* JAMES THOMAS (journalist Today-Tonight/Channel 7 on the infamous "Gu Campos Story" which exposed the new Rudd Government's and the AFP's slowness to act on the issue of potential war criminals residing here in the heart of Sydney).
- \* JOHN MAYNARD (Producer, "Balibo" a new Australian feature movie on the Balibo Five story and the disappearance and murder of Roger East, release date August '09, from Arenafilm),
- \* JEAN BERLIE (Linguist in Asian Studies Dept., Hong Kong University, launching his Chinese language book "History of Timor Leste Since Independence").

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Details from Jefferson Lee (02) 9569-6070 AETA Special Projects Office, C/- PO Box 703, Leichhardt, NSW 2040 or Stephen Langford AETA's Secretary (02) 9331-5986. AETA (NSW) Meets the fourth Wednesday of each month at 6.30pm in room 310, Level 3, UTS Tower Building Broadway. All Welcome..



# TIMOR XMAS CARDS SET OF 12

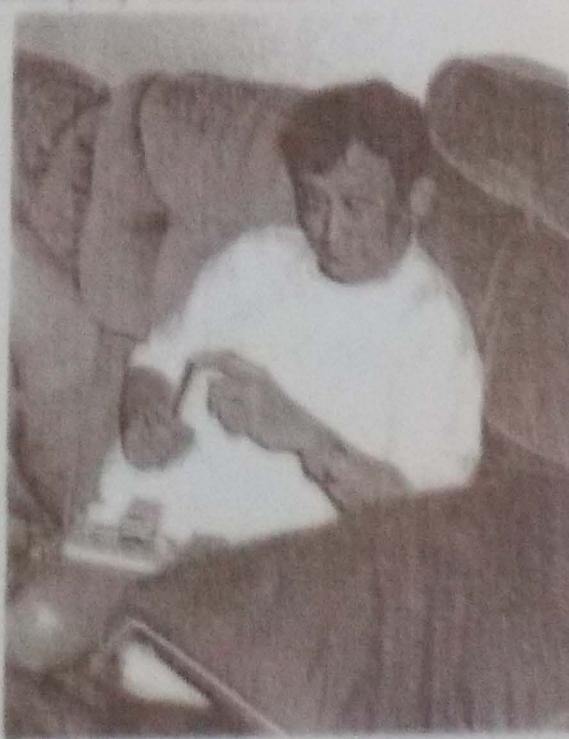


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## AUSTRALIA-EAST TIMOR ASSOCIATION - DIARY OF EVENTS AUGUST-OCTOBER 2005. Post (AETA) c/- PO Box 705 LEICHHARDT, 2040. Email <jefferson.lee@bigpond.com> "ee" <dreadnought@bigpond.com>

- \* Sunday 14th-Tuesday 17th August, American musician Paul Simon visit to East Timor as guest of Doctor Dan Murphy's Saiva Pura Medical. Check the only English language newspaper in East Timor <[www.timor-lesteun.com](http://www.timor-lestesun.com)> for details. Donations in Australia through Mike Hartnell (mob) 0419-717 382 or <[mikes@magna.com.au](mailto:mikes@magna.com.au)>
- \* Wednesday 24th August 6.30pm, UTS Tower Building, Level 3, Room 310, Monthly AETA Meeting with guest speaker. Contact AETA Secretary Stephen Langford, 9331-5986 for details. Reports back from East Timor by Abel Guterres, Alia Mandelson, Jefferson Lee.
- \* Thursday 25th August 7pm Leichhardt Town Hall \$20/\$10 entry with music, film, Tias display, etc. An East Timor fund-raiser for Ross Dunlop/Max Stahl Film Archive Project. Organised by Christian Tancred. Details from Gail Clifford (02) 9367-9047 @ LMC.
- \* Friday 26th August, from 7pm 'One More Bar' in Dili, East Timor. Launch of the new rock compilation CD called 'Timor Leste' with tracks from Missy Higgins, Paul Kelly, Hoodoo Gurus, Casey Chalmers, Cass Eager, etc. Cass Eager will be in Dili to perform with East Timorese act Noveo Cirque D'Oriente (New Five of the Orient) Band. CDs are available through AETA or good record shops for \$30.00. All proceeds to the Aloia Foundation.
- \* Sat. 27th August from 7.30pm, Bosnian Cultural Hall, 205 Bringelly Rd, Leppington. A Celebration for 30 Years of the East Timorese community in Sydney with Timorese and Portuguese folkloric dancers, food and bands. Details Timor Australia Council (02) 9726-3618 or Fern Vegas (0438) 397-457. Also don't forget to check out the East Timor history exhibition at the Passengers Gallery (free) at the Australian National Maritime Museum.
- \* Wednesday 31st August 7pm Leichhardt Town Hall. The Council is holding a public information night to inform residents of ET work & try to generate interest in setting up a new Friends of Maliana group & outlining possible new projects in conjunction with SSC (Sydney Secondary College) Consul-Gen. Abel Guterres will be doing a presentation.
- \* Frid 8th-Sun 11th Sept, "International Organisations & Women in East Timor", (cont.) Storey Hall, RMIT Uni, Melb, inc. c/- Globalism Institute <[ciso.flaming@rmit.edu.au](mailto:ciso.flaming@rmit.edu.au)>
- \* Tues September 20th, Launch of Xanana Gusmao collected speeches "TIMOR LIVES" (Longueville Bks) @AIIA. Distribution enquiries c/- David Longfield (02) 8338-0051
- \* Saturday October 8th 2-6pm (upstairs) Gaelic Club. Public Memorial Event to Honour the passing of ("HT") Lee. Speeches from Andrew Refshauge, Andrew Ferguson, Tony Barry, Katherine Thomson, Neil McLean, Peter Chandran, Kim Gago, Carmela Baranowska. Performance by Enda Kenny, etc. Photo exhibition and film footage from HT Lee collection. Entry by donation. Money raised will go to the HT Lee Memorial Political Film-makers Fund to assist people going to East Timor working on documentaries. The fund is currently being established by Carmela Baranowska <[cbaranowska@yahoo.com.au](mailto:cbaranowska@yahoo.com.au)> and other independent film-makers who worked on the "Time to Go, John" documentary in 2003. (\*Enda appears ~~as~~ one of his scheduled performances - Bluest Acoustic Pub - on 8/8/05 featuring "Concert in the Forest" band on 12th Avenue 4/8/05 day)



# Tribute to HT Lee



*Photojournalist – Independent film maker*

*Trade unionist*

*Activist for East Timor*

**07.08.1946 - 27.07.2005**

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October**

**2-6pm**

**Gaelic Club**

**64 Devonshire Street, Surry Hills (upstairs)**

**Speakers include;**

- Andrew Refshauge (former Deputy Premier)
- Andrew Ferguson, State Secretary, CFMEU
- Katherine Thomson (Playwright)
- Kim Gago (East Timor Community)
- Neil McLean
- Peter Chandran
- Carmela Baranowski

**Other speakers to be confirmed**

**Performances by Enda Kenny and a choir**

**Entry by donation**

**Money raised will go to the HT Lee Memorial Political Film-makers Fund to assist people going to  
East Timor to work on film documentaries**

**Jointly organised by Construction Forestry Mining Energy Union  
(Construction & General Division) and  
the Australia-East Timor Association (NSW)  
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# A special night for East Timor: Book Launch & Film



EAST TIMOR  
TESTIMONY



2005

with leading Canadian photo-journalist,  
author & doco filmmaker Elaine Brière  
**1 night only: THURSDAY 12th MAY 2005**  
**6pm-7.30pm VALHALLA CINEMA**  
**Hereford St & Glebe Point Road, Glebe**

Elaine Brière will launch her book *East Timor Testimony* with chapters by Noam Chomsky, James Dunn, Constancio Pinto (leader of 'Dili Massacre' era student underground), Charlie Scheiner (on Timor Oil & Gas issue) and over 70 full page photos. James Dunn, former diplomat and author of the definitive *East Timor: A Rough Passage to Independence*, has been invited to speak, along with Abel Guterres, Consul-General of Timor Leste to Australia.

[RSVP please to AETA (02) 9960-4166 or (02) 9331-5986].

The book launch will be followed by a one-off screening of  
**BITTER PARADISE: THE SELL-OUT OF EAST TIMOR**, the Toronto  
Film Festival award-winning documentary by Elaine Brière.

Entry charge \$15/\$10 concession for this combined event. Co-sponsored by  
Australia-East Timor Association & Glebebooks with introduction by Elaine Brière.

Second Screening 8pm-9pm of **BETRAYED** - A 2004 Elaine Brière documentary of the privatisation of the Canadian waterfront and shipping industry and the struggle by Union labor to resist the government. Sponsored by the Maritime Union of Australia who are funding Elaine Brière's tour. Elaine will speak before the screening from 7.55pm-8pm. Entry charge \$15/\$10 conc. Note a special price of \$20/\$10 conc will get you entry to both sessions. This is a once only event and limited seating is available.

Please help us by pre-Booking through AETA (02) 9960-4166 or (02) 9331-5986.

Flyer issued by AETA Special Projects Office GPO Box 703, Leichhardt 2040

This event will assist *Reforma Universitaria* (Seak Woodward Scholarship Fund for East Timor students) @ BENALTS and the East Timor Film Archive run by *Reforma*.

# JOHN PATRICK (PADDY) KENNEALLY & RUFINO

(Photo: Jonnie Lewis 2000, East Timor collection)



Rufino risked his life by helping to carry wounded Australian servicemen at Bazaarote on March 2nd, 1942. He was Lieut. Nesbitt's "criado". Paddy Kenneally was interviewed for the Timor Sea Justice Campaign advertisements to be shown on national television over the Anzac weekend in April 2005. He is supported by the other surviving Diggers from the East Timor Commandos. The National President of the RSL, on ABC Radio, said these advertisements (calling for justice for the people of East Timor) were not in accord with "the Anzac spirit". Are they saying the East Timorese are no longer our "mates"? Authorised by Jeff Lee from Australia-East Timor Association, PO Box 751, Duralinghurst, 2010

## NEVER FORGET YOU

"Your friends will never forget you",  
the fluttering leaflet said,  
"Your friends will never forget you",  
and then o'er the valley spread,  
The wide sky cowed in sorrow,  
and the eyes of the angels wept,  
For a promise made by the soldiers  
that their leaders never kept.

For soldiers are there when you need 'em,  
they're there to suffer and die,  
And to make the eyes of the angels weep  
in the depths of the tropical sky,  
And the soldiers are there to laugh it off,  
and shoulder their blistering gun,  
And fight anew, in the mud like glue,  
and the sweat of the tropical sun.

And soldiers were there, and their mates were there,  
their mates, the East Timorese,  
Who fought and died beside them  
in the night of the jungle trees,  
Who fought and bled and suffered  
so Australia might still be free,  
And the Aussies cried, when their leaders lied,  
and poisoned the Timor Sea.

"Your friends will never forget you",  
The fluttering leaflet said,  
Dropped from the biscuit bomber,  
and then o'er the valley spread,  
"Your friends will never forget you",  
and the eyes of the angels wept  
For a promise made by the soldiers,  
that their leaders never kept.

Denis Kavanagh

# "YOUR FRIENDS DO NOT FORGET YOU"

But are the East Timorese "Mates" no longer?

Join a peaceful picket over the East Timor Oil & Gas issue  
to mark the re-start of bilateral talks in Dili, East Timor.

Tuesday, 26 April, 12 noon to 2pm Martin Plaza & Pitt St

<http://www.timorseajustice.org>

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**T**imor-Leste. Os seus laços históricos de longa data com o Brasil, que no tempo quando viveu o seu estatuto de colônia da coroa portuguesa. Esse sentimento não sóporta confrontos com forças invasoras alienias, e resguarda os imponentes direitos humanos que são devidamente exercitados.

As cidades timorense, dominadas pelo domínio australiano entre 1916 e 1945, resistiram ao seu domínio sem encobrir a solidariedade.

Mais que os 1945 os invasores fizeram algo desastreoso aos bairros da capital—que não só tem o nome de São José.

Porque é que isso aconteceu? ... Porque o Brasil é o único país que sempre apoiou justamente a resistência. Quando o Brasil se impôs como ponto-chave para o preparo britânico para guerra, não só a resistência preparou para ele. Mais, apoou a resistência forte.

Timor-Leste é um exemplo. Foi o Brasil que foi fundamental para sua independência. E não por acidente.

Promulgado acima é o propaganda leaflet dropped by the Australian Airforce over Japanese occupied East Timor in 1944 entitled "Your Friends Do Not Forget You" after 60,000 East Timorese died for supporting the 2/2 and 2/4 Independent Company (Commandos), the only freedom at that time in the Pacific that did not surrender to the advancing Japanese Imperial Army.

Photo from Michael Moore book *Waiting for Our Godot*. AWOL Film Collection.

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E** **TIMOR CHOIR!**

*Ligia sings with ANIN MURAK*



**Ligia Campos**

Ligia is a member of the East Timorese choir ANIN MURAK, soon to tour NSW.

Recently she wrote, "In September 1999 we ran with our whole family separated. Some went to Kupang. One of my uncles died. Afterwards we came back but we found nothing as everything was destroyed.

\* I would like to continue studying and I want a good job to look after my family and my country...."

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# SEE THE WOVEN ART OF EAST TIMOR IN ACTION

Tricia Johns, an Australian volunteer working in East Timor for 7 years is coming to Sydney in November with two East Timorese women who will demonstrate and explain the art of "TAIS" weaving. "Tais", the traditional cloth, is handwoven on a simple back strap loom.

Rufina Dos Santos heads the Timor Women's Self Help Group sewing workshop, and Floraemente Pinto is a master weaver. With Tricia, they will appear at weaving demonstrations in several locations in November. The products are sold in East Timor and elsewhere through the Women's Woven Art project, which now provides income to over 100 women in East Timor.



There will be opportunity to purchase the traditional large weavings as well as new products made from handwoven cloth, such as Document & Laptop Cases, Yoga Bags, Handbags, Phone Cases, Scarves and Tableware.

This is a chance to assist Australia's closest neighbor through purchases of its product. We are still seeking donations to pay airfares for the Timorese women to come to Australia. Donations can be made through Union Aid Abroad/APHEDA or the Australian East Timor Association. Help the women of East Timor build a market here.

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## WEAVING DEMONSTRATIONS:

**Friday 9 November 5 - 7 pm**  
KYOTAP Boutique, 21 Mary St Surry Hills

**Saturday 10 November 1 - 4 pm**  
Afghan Interiors, 451 King St, Newtown

**Sunday 11 November 1 - 4 pm**  
(with floor talks)  
TAP Gallery, Burton & Palmer Sts,  
Darlinghurst

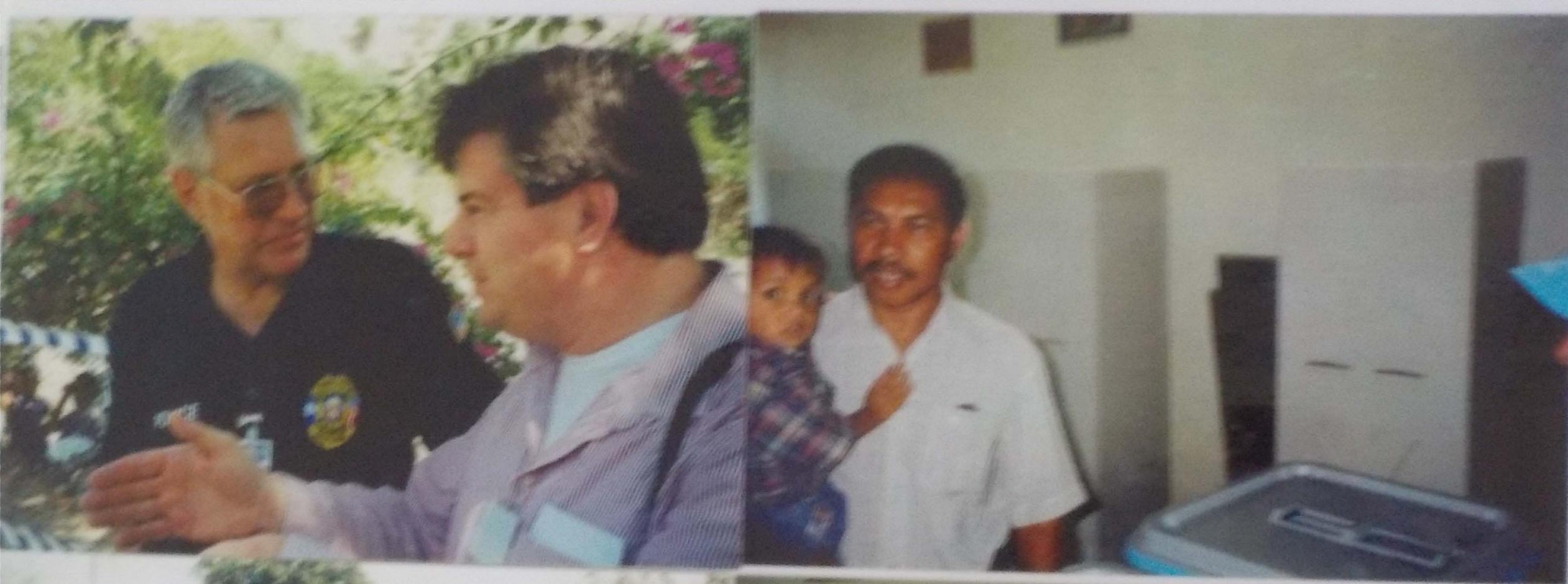
**Wednesday 14 November 4-7pm**  
Friends of OSSU Workshop Art Centre,  
Laurel St, Willoughby

**Thursday 15 November 3:30 - 7pm**  
(talks at 5.30pm)  
College of Fine Arts  
Greens Rd & Oxford St, Paddington  
(with Consul General Abel Guterres)

**Friday 16 November (TBC)**  
Timorese Community Event, Cabramatta

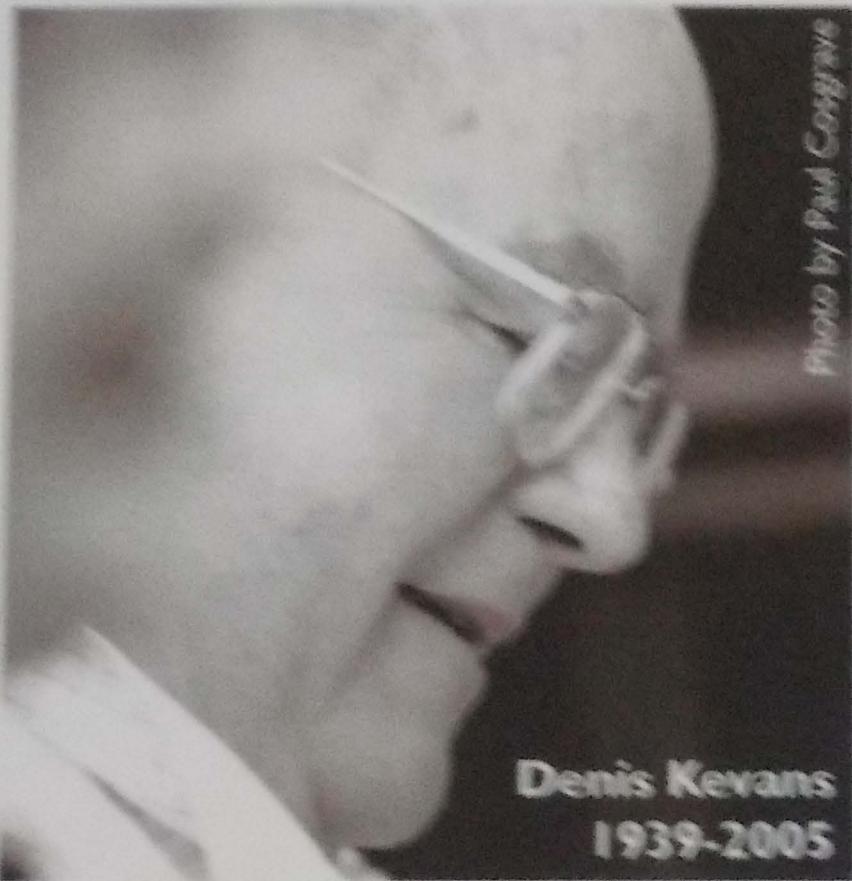
**Saturday 17 November 1 - 3 pm**  
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43 Erskineville Rd, Erskineville  
(with singer Trude Aspelin)

**Sunday 18 November 2 - 4pm**  
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# INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY FOCUS ON EAST TIMOR

## documentary & discussion

Bonnyrigg Community Centre  
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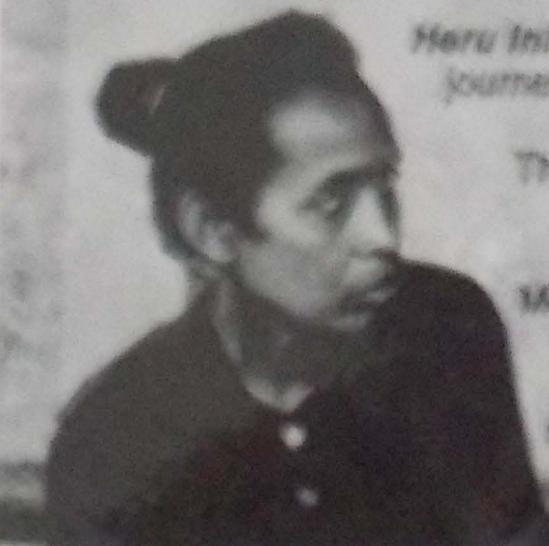
2009 marks ten years since East Timor's historic independence battle. Come to celebrate this, and the lives and the achievements of East Timorese women, their courage and their contributions to political freedom.

### Guest Speaker: Fernanda Borges

Fernanda Borges was born in East Timor and had to flee with her family during the Indonesian military invasion in 1975. Today Fernanda is a highly regarded activist, author and the only female parliamentarian in the National Parliament. She will speak about the critical role played by women both and the need for gender equality for the other half of humanity to flourish again the people of East Timor.



### Film Screening of Beru Iri Lafa



*Beru Iri Lafa: Weaving Life* is a unique film that journeys into rural East Timor to show a side of life rarely seen on the Australian screen. The film highlights women's resistance and celebrates their critical role in cultural regeneration and national development. Most importantly, the film reveals the beauty of East Timorese culture and the creative processes of traditional Taiss weaving. Produced by ETWA in conjunction with Djemila Films.



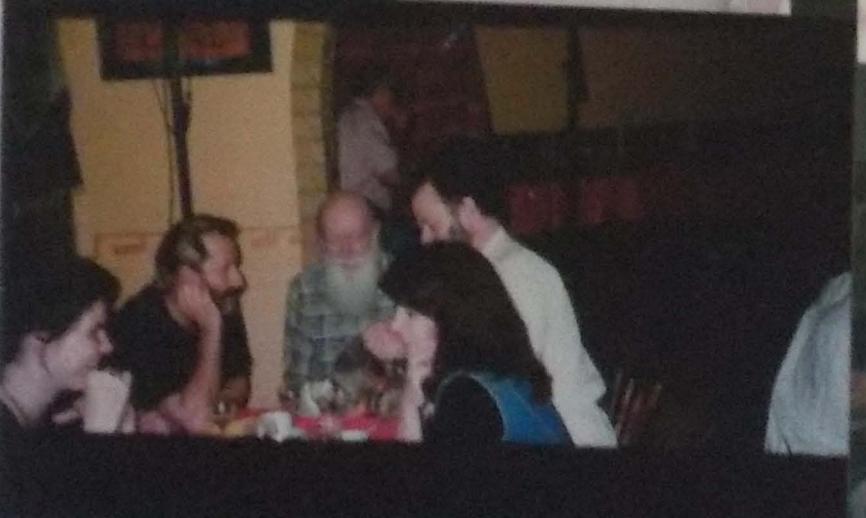
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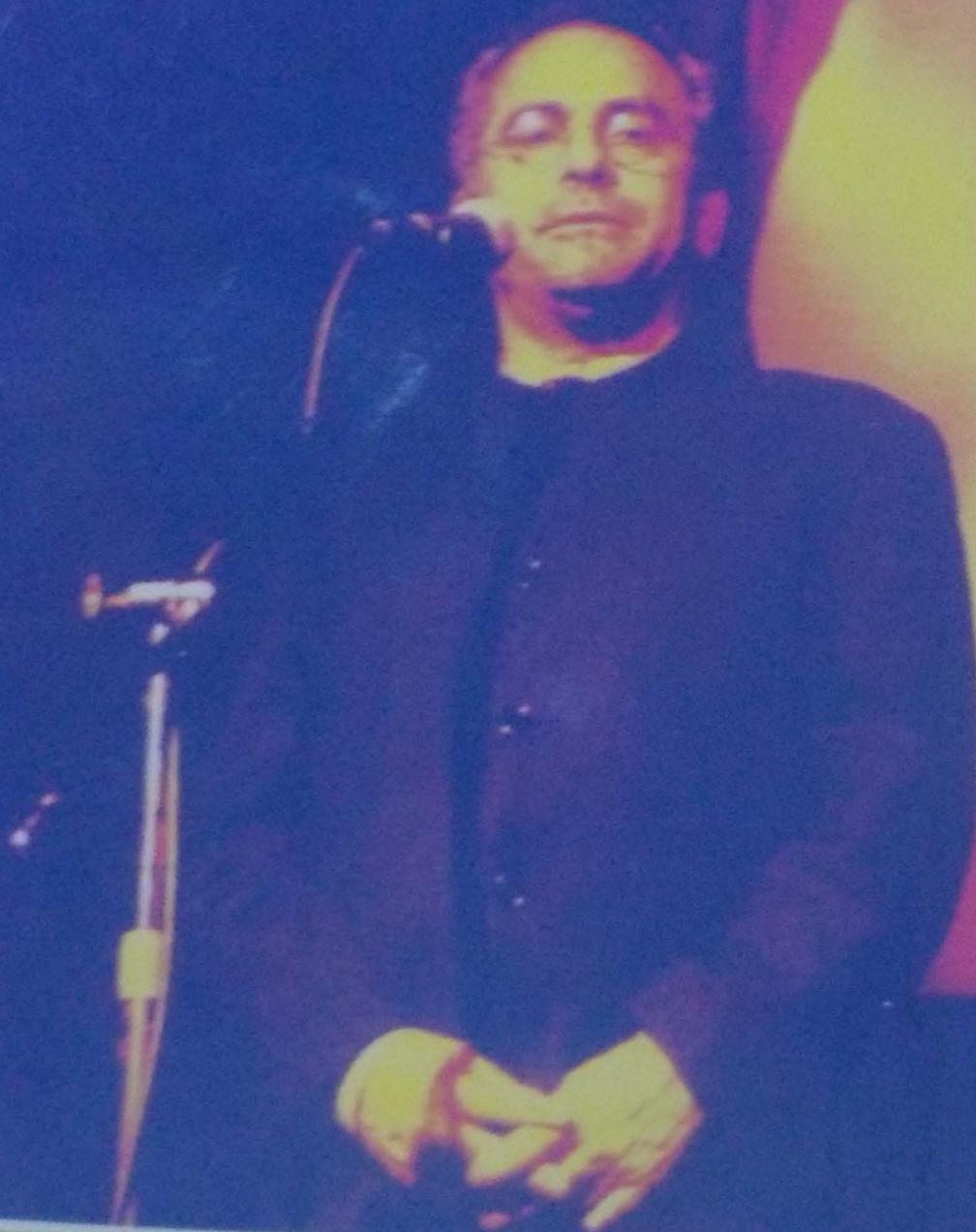
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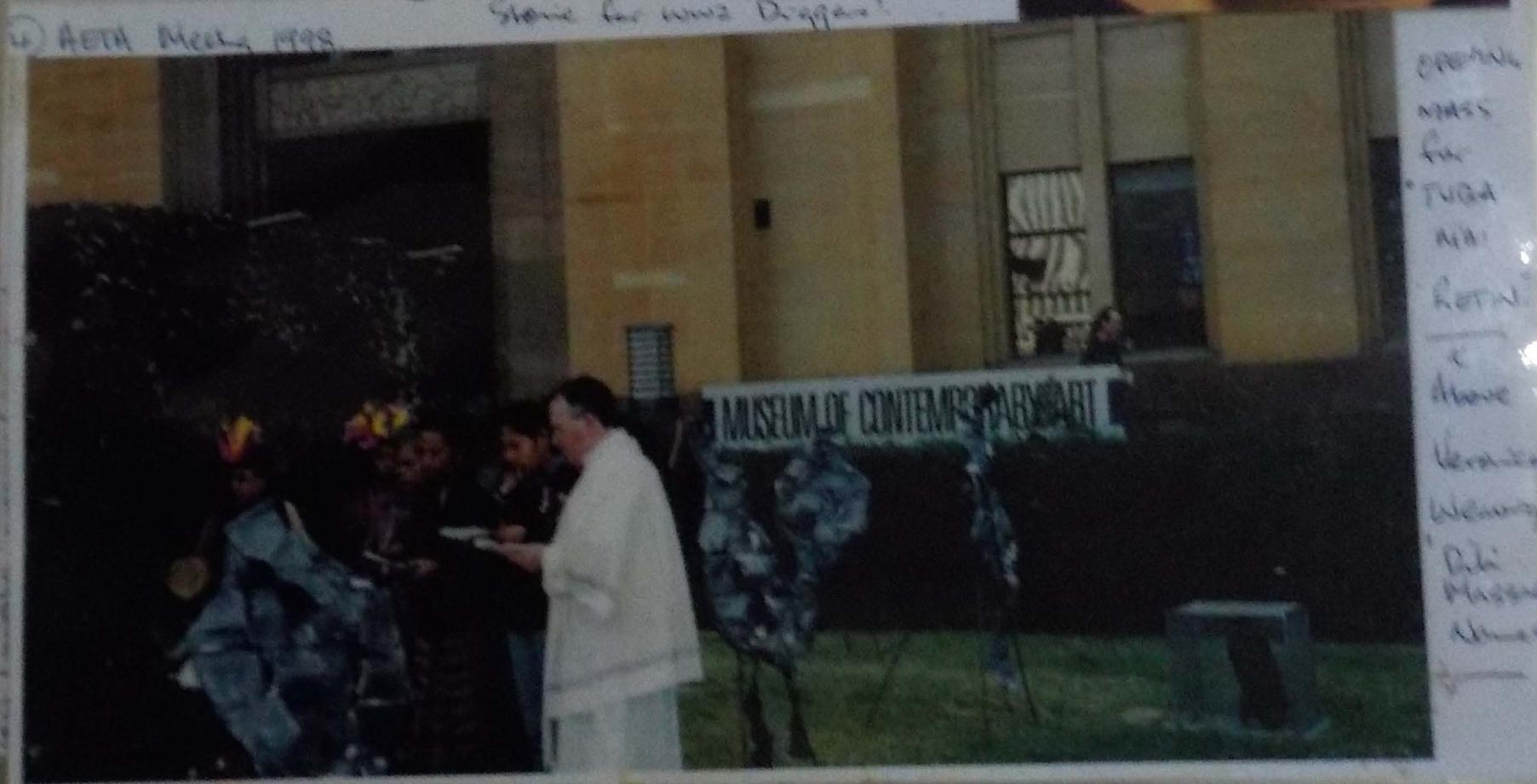
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④ ACT NOW

- ① Protest in Timor-Leste's embassy in Canberra outside Indonesian embassy.
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- ③ Mandurville Park. Timor Memorial Stone for war 'Diggers'.



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# Warrior for human rights

Hanafi T. Lee died in Wellington on Friday 10 June 2005. Photo: Steve Johnson

Hanafi T. Lee  
photographer, activist,  
humanitarian  
1949–2005

Where H. T. Lee died in Wellington on Friday 10 June 2005, a member of the UN dedicated to fighting human rights abuses for almost 40 years. Although he was in his native Malaysia, a founder of the 1989 Labour Party, its first Vice-Chairman, and a former role of later leader of the United Nations, Lee was a deeply and committed campaigner for the rights of others.

As the only photographer who remained in the UN compound in 1989 as the Indonesian military and their militia were preparing to destroy the city, Lee provided a unique record. His photos were published prominently in the *New York Times* and later used in publications on East Timor and elsewhere.

Lee worked in East Timor when most of the foreign UN and media personnel were leaving. After the independence ballot result was announced on September 8, 1999 and the destruction of UNHCR and the whole country began, he stayed to photograph from almost all the other organisations that had chosen to remain and bring aid to those in the preceding months. The Indonesian military rounded up those who remained.

I met with Lee, holding in a photograph of the East Timorese child, whose face was, and is full of pain, as he encouraged me to continue the work to make a difference. He explained to me that the situation in Dili was so dire that he had to leave the UN compound, leaving with us to the compound of the army of the Indonesian military, who were at that time offering them care, basic, basic and increasing the regional armed and killing anyone they saw on the streets – it was Lee who organised the vehicles to stop the Indonesian aggression from the journalists and encouraged the concerned UNHCR officials away from the Association of the United Nations, as for the next three days they marched with the UN against UNHCR, who finally informed that there was no response, if needed. The public was one of the many issues the UNHCR in the compound were taken to heart where the full negotiations took place a few days later. It played an important part in the removal of the UN forces of destroying East Timor, which is now reflected in the Association's photographic work.

It is hard to describe the commitment to the UN compound and what it means to him as the kind of person who could make people put themselves on the line for principles.

Lee kept working on UN issues after East Timor was independent. He took an extensive course during 2000-2001 in Geneva, where Timor was involved in law and the directly democracy with international law, then became involved in the UN University and various UN agencies. But his commitment continued right up to the end, as the founder of the Green oil and gas division, after a collaboration with the UN

Lee worked always on principles and often called progress for his work. After the evidence in East Timor he went back to find a child he had photographed continuing to live in the UN compound. Although it was still a time of great anxiety for organisations, a fighting party for the child and his family, who were living as refugees, and gave them money and food. (He later organised a team of volunteers to help rebuild the family house.)

Lee was at the forefront of recognising the need for peace from the time he became active in the early 1970s as a student in New Zealand. He participated against racism, the Vietnam War and the imperialist actions of his own country, Malaysia. He avoided arrest under those circumstances. Like most of his colleagues, by settling in Australia and eventually becoming a citizen.

The next three-decade commitment of the 1989 Labour Party was prompted by lefty pragmatism and realism. He always was in progressive progressive politics and had the people who stood for them. More a tribal member than a party or movement-appreciative, he carried weighty personal goals or cement within the party.

by the UNHCR branch of the Commission on Human Rights, Mining and Energy issues, protecting the rights to forest, land, mining, environment, where he was an environmental activist, intelligent safety issues or he was about human rights. He also wrote extensively for *Workers Online* and other union publications.

Lee later became a regular contributor to the alternative news website *Gallaxy.com*, where, as Hugo Kelly wrote in an online obituary, "H. T. was an innovative ideologue. His reporting on domestic politics was quirky and irreverent to the last. Gallaxy continues, honouring the likes of 'Mother' Dorothy and Labor's headline concern, and his joint anti-Tsar Alexander Johnson".

When the CPMBU visited Indonesia in East Timor to observe the 1999 UN referendum, Lee was the obvious choice.

Max Smith, the award-winning documentary responsible for filming the 1997 Besar Gaya massacre and the graphic images of East Timorese during the UN compound in 1999, summed up the feelings of those who knew Lee when he wrote: "H. T. was a



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man, Lee as the leading campaigner with Jose Saramago, consistently exposed the human-welfare costs of the entrenched right of the UNHCR branch, that is the local Timorese branch, that further added the ongoing marginalisation that in the 1999-2001 period, Saramago was connected to being brutally beaten in 1999. (With photographs of the victim with a red bandana in a hospital bed, selected over the World Press year and mentioned, recommended book editor, which will then reflect on progress and include for its broader-reaching power with the UNHCR staff).

Lee was a pioneer in the establishment of a reformed and democratic Human Rights, UNHCR in the shadow in 1993 of Justice Radhika Coop, Deputy president of UNHCR, as State Police, based on the mission for the people.

Lee fighter in a just cause, and in his own personal life. He was the kind of guy you could count on when things got rough, when some people find themselves losing or called away the kind of guy who would stick with a struggle or an issue for as long as it took because he believed in it.

When an increasing number of broadcasters and journalists are interviewed by the Political Committee, individuals like Lee are few and far between.

Arrangements are being made to remember Lee with an annual grant to independent filmmakers and photographers. An annual lecture in honour of his commitment to human rights issues is also planned.

John Rutherford

Journalist, the co-founder of a think-

tank *Workers Online*, a journalist, writer and

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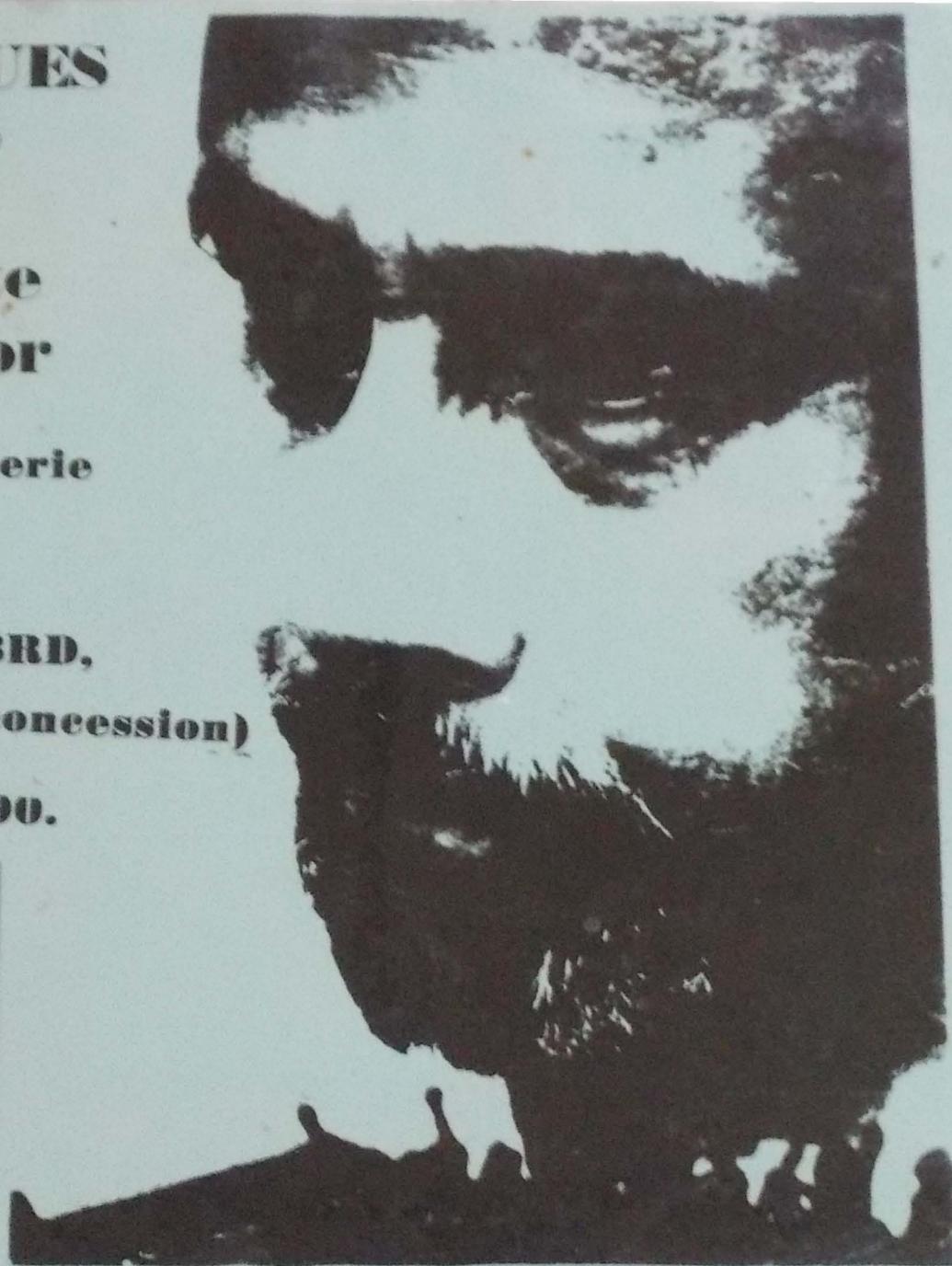
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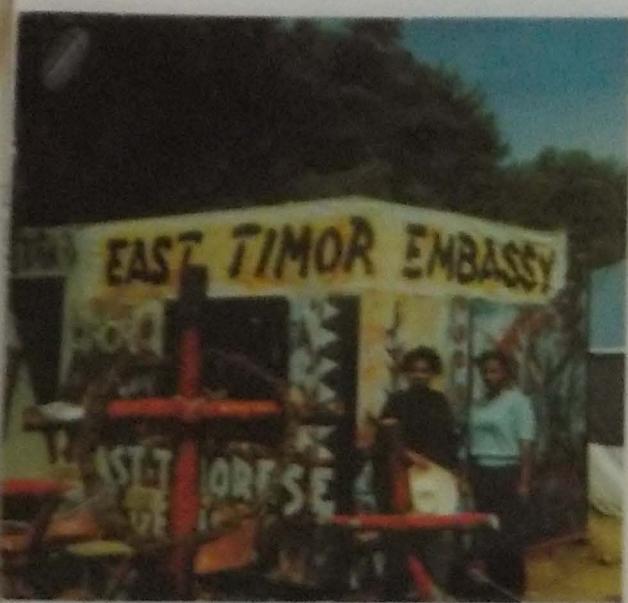


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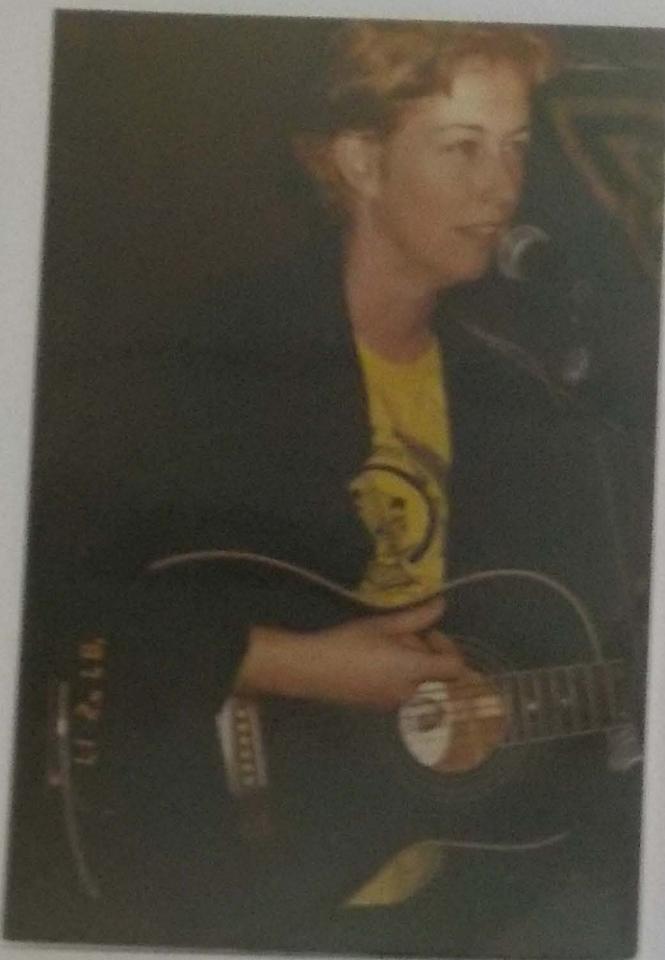
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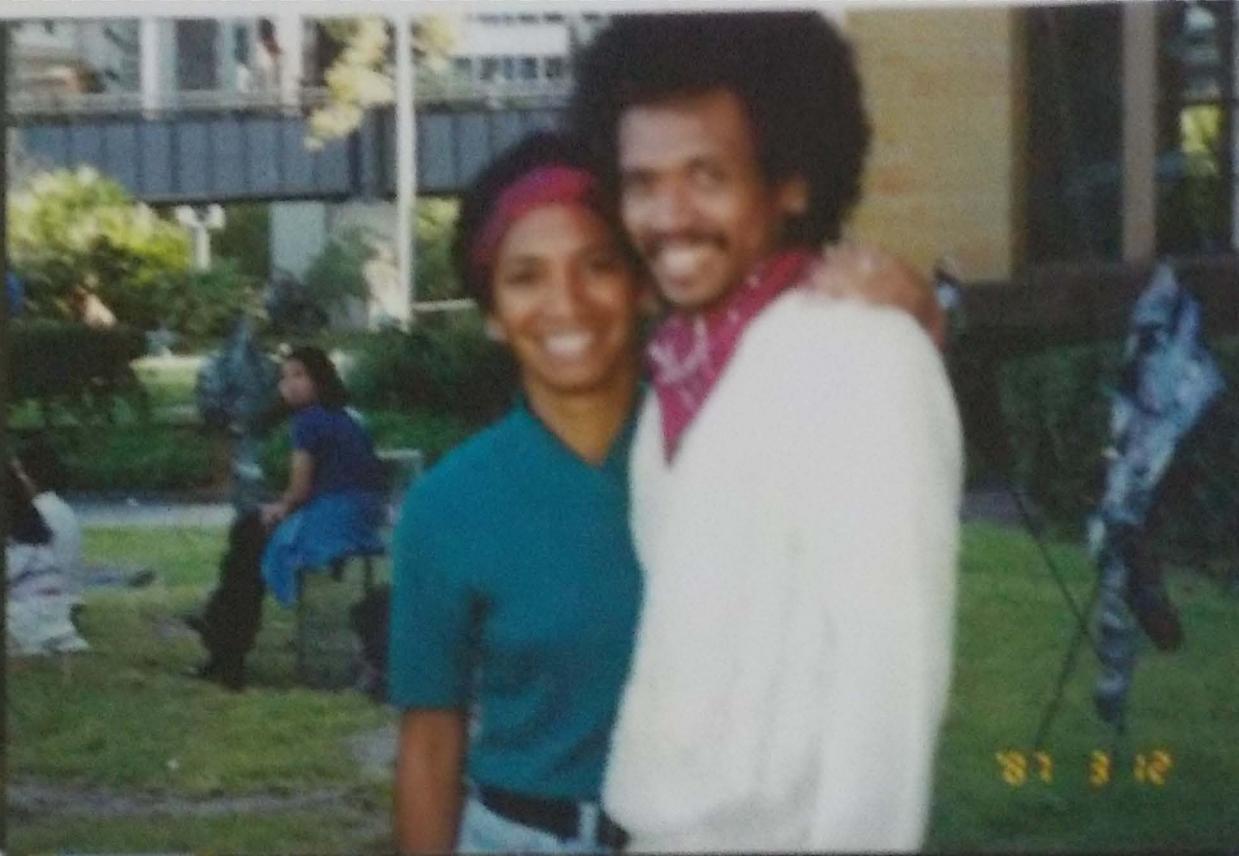
*Canberra Union Voices'*  
book of scores for four-part choir,  
words, translations & background  
information for 10 songs of East  
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songs, and 3 songs of the south  
Pacific. A CD of CUV singing the  
songs is part of the set.

The songs are: Patria! Patria!, Kolele Mai, O Hele Ho (Kdadalah),  
Foho Ramelau, O Hele Le, Bi Bere Maubere, Mai Mai O Nia Rain,  
Ina Lou, Hakotu Ba (the UNAMET song), Voices from the Internet,  
Inanay, Mantaku, Baba Wain, Ad Atat Mili, One Day Sorry Song,  
Tagi Sina, Taku Mana, & Siva Siva.

Check the Canberra Union Voices website for  
availability after 20 May 2005:

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*thanks to artsACT & UnionsACT  
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ABE BARRETO  
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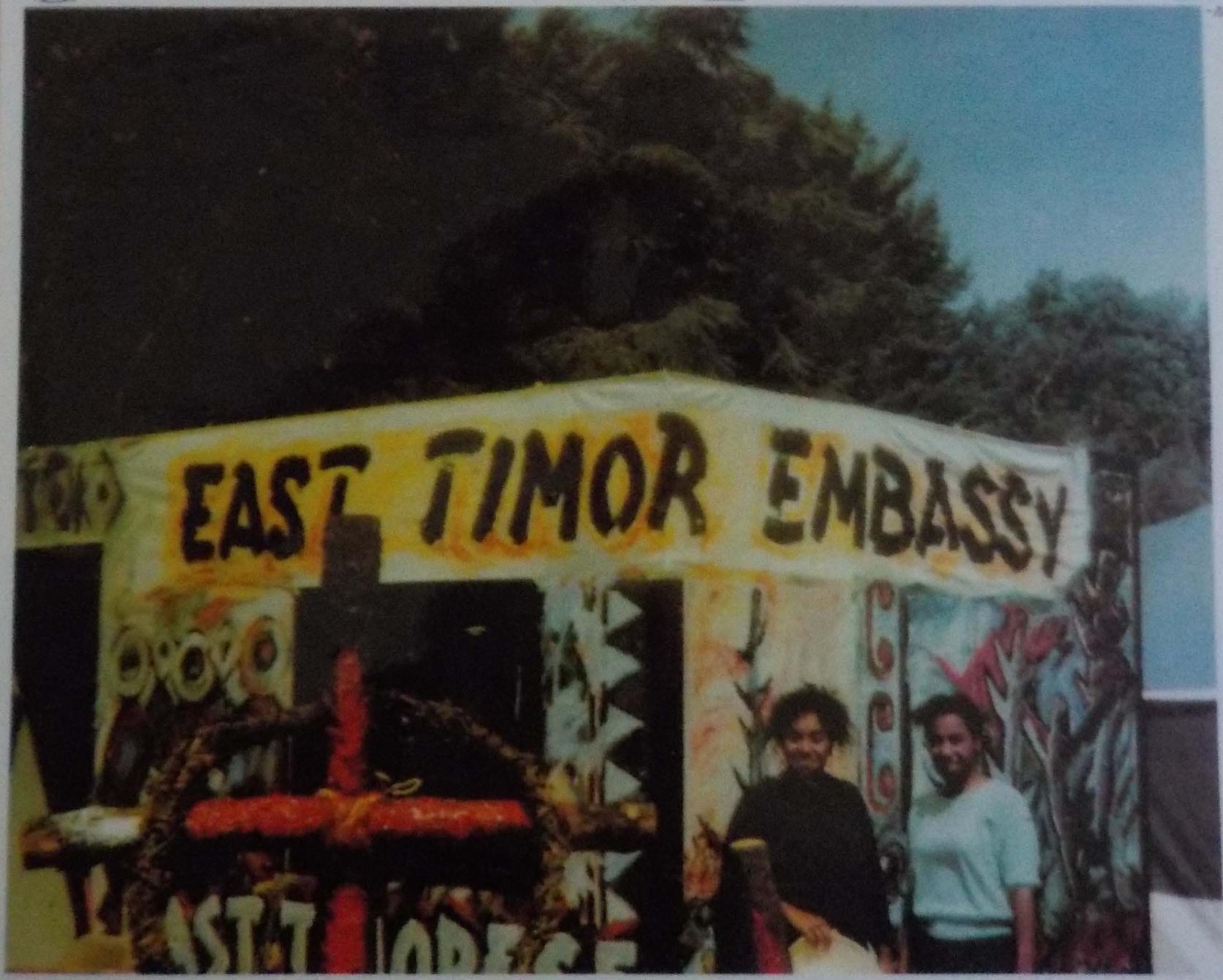


ABE had  
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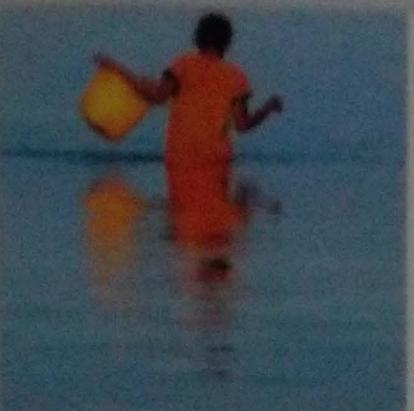
ABOVE - OUTSIDE INDONESIAN CONSULATE, SYDNEY (5/9/99) BELOW 'AFTER SANTA CRUZ' - INDONESIAN EMBASSY ENTRANCE (PHOTOGRAPH BY RICHARD DAWSON)



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## Myths and Facts

### myth

*"There is already a boundary and East Timor wants to move it."*

### fact

East Timor has never had maritime boundaries. The Timor Sea Treaty and the Joint Petroleum Development Area are merely temporary arrangements put in place while negotiations for permanent maritime boundaries take place.

### myth

*"If we change our current treaties with East Timor, it will cause our borders with Indonesia to change."*

### fact

Our borders with Indonesia have been set since 1972. They cannot change without both countries agreeing to change them. Indonesia has nothing to do with Australia's negotiations with East Timor. East Timor is having separate negotiations with Indonesia.

### myth

*"Australia has too much to lose by giving East Timor this gas and oil."*

### fact

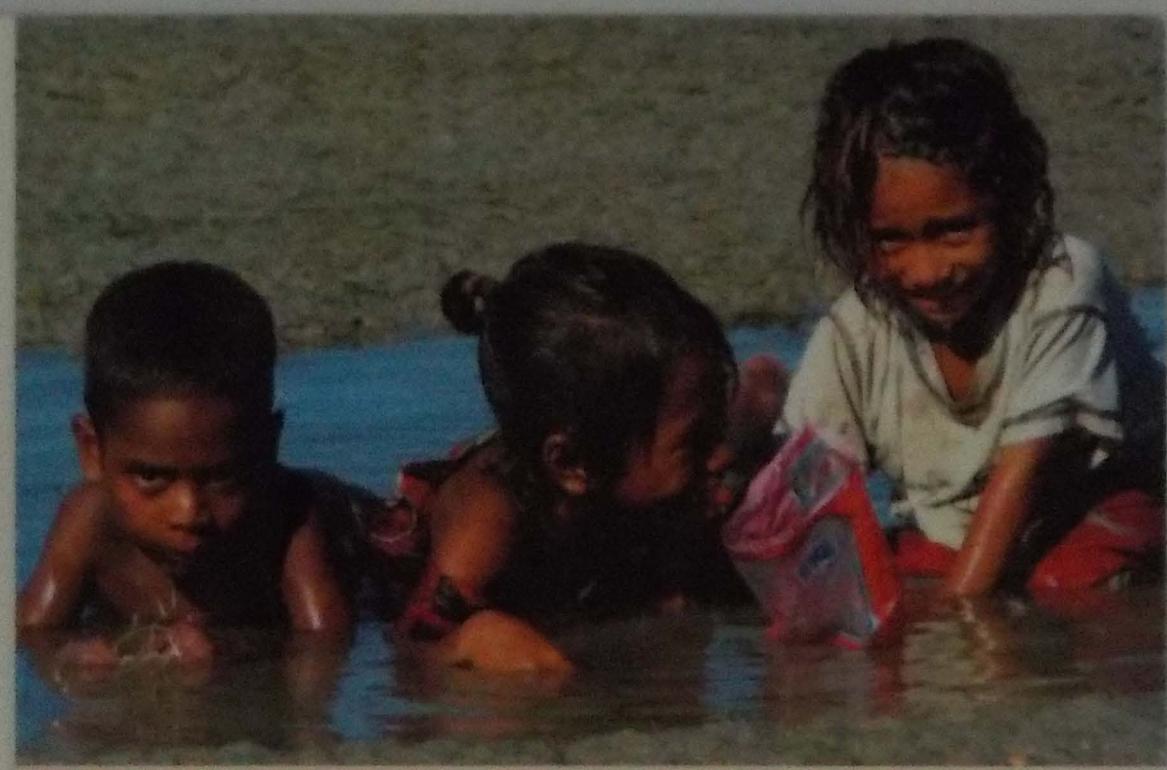
Australia has vast territorial waters and there are numerous gas and oil fields in Australia's Exclusive Economic Zone that are not under dispute.

### myth

*"Australia has been very generous to East Timor, we don't need to give them our oil."*

### fact

While Australia has played a very popular and stabilising role in East Timor from 1999, over the same period of time the Australian Government has taken more in disputed oil and gas royalties than it has given to East Timor in combined military and humanitarian aid. This issue is not about charity, it is about justice.



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East Timor is one of the poorest countries in Asia with poverty related conditions that most Australians would never tolerate in our own country.



## What is the issue?

For various historical reasons East Timor has never had maritime boundaries. Now, after its long struggle for independence, East Timor as a sovereign nation wants to settle its boundaries with neighbouring countries in order to define and control its national land and sea territory, and to benefit from its own natural resources.

East Timor is currently negotiating maritime boundaries with Australia and wants to settle overlapping claims of Exclusive Economic Zones by following current principles of International Law. Current International Law favours resolving such situations by establishing the maritime boundaries half way between the two countries, coastlines along the 'median line'.

However, as the Australian Government is currently profiting from gas and oil fields located much closer to East Timor than Australia, it is being uncooperative in negotiating permanent maritime boundaries with East Timor.

Two months before East Timor's independence in 2002, Australia pre-emptively withdrew from the maritime boundary jurisdiction of the two international arbitration bodies used to settle maritime boundary disputes: the International Court of Justice (ICJ) and the International Tribunal on the Law of the Sea (ITLOS).

This leaves East Timor with no legal forum in which to challenge Australia's actions and the negotiations for permanent maritime boundaries are locked in a David and Goliath-like dispute.

The Australian Government continues to deplete gas and oil fields that are located closer to East Timor such as the Laminaria Corallina fields (see map overleaf) while East Timor, which is in desperate need of revenue to create working health and education systems, cannot benefit from its own natural wealth.

## What is Australia doing to resolve this issue?

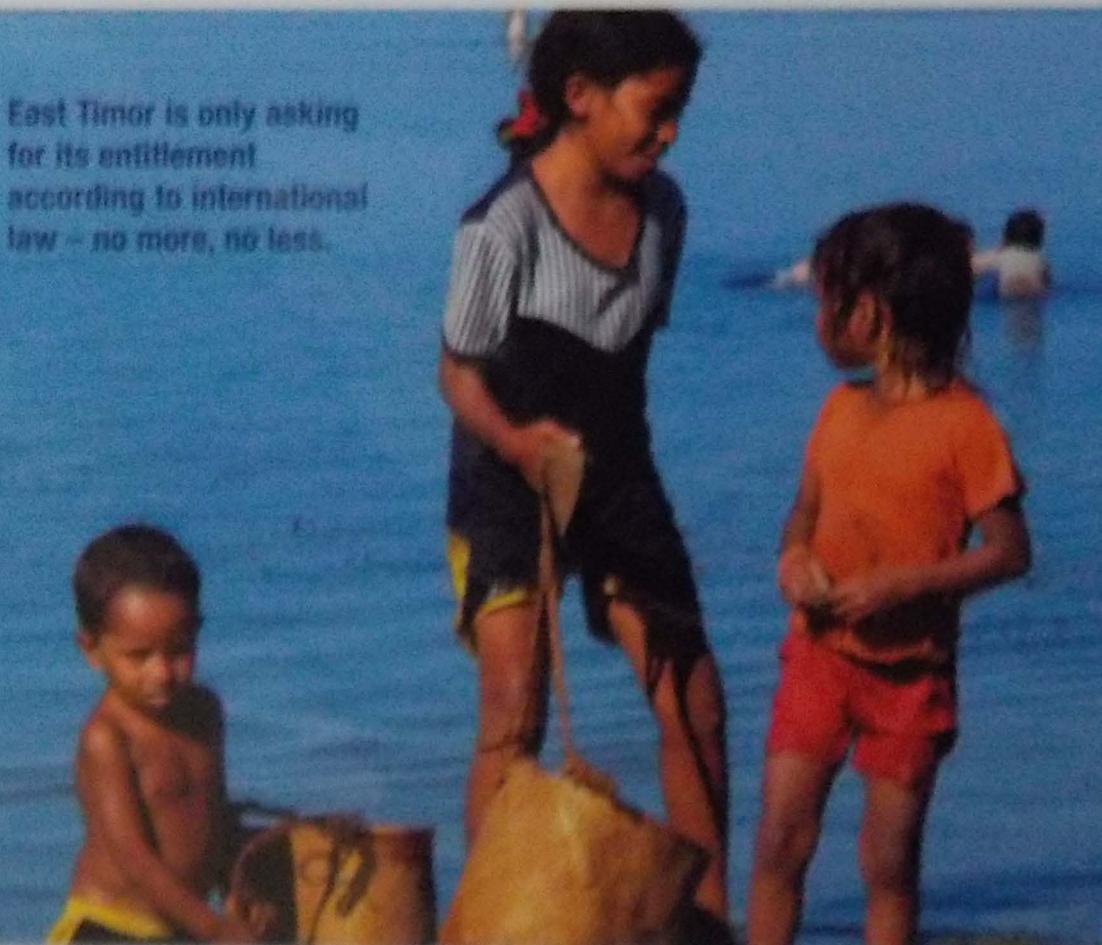
Unfortunately, the Australian Government's approach to this issue isn't one to be proud of.

In the absence of maritime boundaries Australia is obliged under international laws to act with restraint with regard to accessing the gas and oil fields. However, on average the Australian Government has taken \$1 million of royalties from disputed gas and oil fields every single day since 1999. On top of this, the Australian Government is still continuing to grant new exploration licences to petroleum companies in contested areas.

Unless dramatic progress is made in negotiations, the Laminaria Corallina fields, which lie twice as close to

East Timor as they do to Australia, will have been completely depleted by the time a maritime boundary is set with East Timor, meaning that East Timor may never see the revenue that it is legally entitled to. The Australian Government is also attempting to take a grossly disproportionate share of the large Greater Sunrise gas field that is only 80km from East Timor.

In general, the Australian Government's approach to the negotiations has been one of stalling and bullying as the longer the maritime boundary remains undefined, the more money the Australian Government stands to make from gas and oil royalties belonging to East Timor.



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## the Binding words

The words of the late peace poet Denis Kevans helped heal the wounds of war and gave impetus to Australia's anti-war movement. Kevans will be honoured at the inaugural "Your Friends Will Never Forget You" Memorial Anzac Eve Peace Festival at Leichhardt on Friday that will feature poetry, art, film and music. See page 11

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Sun also rises — Pedro Uanet Remejo, 9, and his mother; who gave birth to him in the UN compound.  
Photo: Jason South

# A free Timor, but the price is high

East Timor voted for independence 10 years ago, but its people await a better life, writes Lindsay Murdoch in Dili.

**T**he first time I saw Pedro Uanet Remejo he had just poked his head into the world as gunfire was echoing around the United Nations compound in Dili.

It was at 3.15 am, probably the darkest hour of six long nights we spent huddled together as pro-Indonesian militias looted, raped and killed on Dili's streets. I was dicing two carrots away on a concrete floor.

Pedro did not cry much and his mother, Juana Remejo, muffled the noise of her sobs on their couch, so I never woke.

Instead of opening my eyes to see killer's front over the same wire fence, as I had feared, I saw a bewailing Mrs Remejo cradling her newborn son on a piece of cardboard. "I am very happy my baby is alive," she told me.

That was September 7, 1999, eight days after East Timorese defied intimidation and voted to break away

from Indonesia, precipitating a wave of bloodshed that left 1,500 Timorese dead and most of the former Portuguese territory destroyed.

As East Timor prepares to mark the 10th anniversary of that August 30 vote, I find Pedro in a poor suburb of Dili, where his mother, like most Timorese mothers, battles to feed and educate him and four other children aged between five and 15.

Pedro is short, skinny and blind in one eye, having been hit in the head with a rock two years ago.

He smiles as shy. "I want to be the Bechtel minister," he said, when I asked what he wanted to do later in life.

Mrs Remejo, 36, asks if the Melbourne Jesuit priest Peter Hosking is also returning to Timor as it was him who baptised Pedro.

At Mrs Remejo's insistence, Father Hosking gave him the middle name Uanet, the acronym for the United Nations mission that made it possible



Then ... a one-year-old Pedro waves for the camera. Photo: Jason South

for 900,000 East Timorese to win their freedom.

"A white doctor who was in the compound suggested the name and I thought it a great idea in recognition of the UN saving our lives," she said.

Mrs Remejo was heavily pregnant when she ran with her husband and two children to the UN compound as militia were rampaging through the streets.

The family was refused entry, but when militia appeared to open fire on people who were screaming to be allowed into the compound, she and scores of others climbed the fence, pulled themselves over razor wire and jumped to the ground inside.

Many were cut and bruised.

"We were petrified. We believed they were going to shoot us all. I believed climbing the fence was the only way to save my baby," Mrs Remejo said.

Television footage of women and children scrambling and being pushed over the wire shocked the world and forced the UN to open the gates to 2000 refugees.

Pedro was born two days later in an area of the compound that had been set up as a makeshift clinic where a couple of doctors worked around the clock in primitive conditions.

Just as East Timor has struggled to develop during the past 10 years, Mrs Remejo has struggled to bring up Pedro and her other children.

Five years ago, her husband abandoned her and the children. Since then she has run a small

carpentry business on her own. But it is hard to make a living.

"Many Indonesians have come back here to start up similar businesses," Mrs Remejo said.

In 2006 she fled Dili amid violent upheaval and spent six months in a refugee camp.

When she returned, the business and the small, corrugated-iron home where she and her children live in one tiny room had been looted. "We had to start all over again," she said.

Mrs Remejo has written twice to the UN pleading for help with caring and educating Pedro but has received no reply. She said Ian Martin, the former UN head in East Timor, had promised her in 1999 that Pedro would receive a scholarship that would help his education.

"I never got one, never the chance of the course," Mrs Remejo said.

She said Pedro's damaged eye needed assessing in case the sight could be restored but she could not afford a doctor. She struggles to find the money to send him to school.

"I hope my country can grow better. I want a better life for my children."

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## EAST TIMOR ON FILM

**GEORGIE ARNOTT** spoke to three documentary-makers about the ethics of filmmaking and the Australian government's 'triumphant' attitude toward East Timor.

Australian peacekeepers continue to be held by government and media as the heroes of East Timor for their intervention there in late 1999. Yet how many Australians are aware that our government has more recently been actively negotiating the new country out of a fair share of gas and oil profits from the Timor Gap?

Australia's political relationship with East Timor, one of our closest and poorest neighbours, has been historically complex. However from the handful of Australians who bravely lobbied for human rights throughout a 24-year occupation, to the many who wanted to help any way they could when the country was virtually decimated in 1999, over the past 18 years, thousands of Australian people have formed close relationships with the East Timorese land and its people. Throughout that process, many of us have also learnt a great deal about the political complexion of oil.

Jenny Hughes, Carmela Baranowska and Martha Emerman are three Australian women who have well explored their relationships with East Timor through their being the director and producer of *Circle of Stones*, a documentary based in the East Timorese district of Suai, and author of the website *Circle of Stones*. Carmela directed and produced the feature length documentary *In the Circles of Stone* and is currently in production with *Welcome to Independence*, while Martha's documentary *Children of the Circles* explores cultural identity and survival through the stories of two East Timorese Roma-like women.



GEOERGE ARNOTT: MARCHESA BARANOWSKA: EAST TIMORESE WOMAN IN MARINA SANTOS'S DOCUMENTARY *CHILDREN OF THE CIRCLES*



JENNY HUGHES: JENNY HUGHES: DOCUMENTARY *CIRCLE OF STONES*



MARTHA EMERMAN: MARTHA EMERMAN: DOCUMENTARY *WELCOME TO INDEPENDENCE*

### MARTHA EMERMAN

For me, filmmaking is a form of personal expression, but also a vehicle for raising awareness of such issues as human rights, peace and social justice. With *Children of the Circles* my purpose was to convey the importance of Timorese living in the diaspora, and in particular those in Melbourne's Timorese community. I chose two young women who were born in East Timor but grew up in Australia in *Family Action* in the Timorese struggle. Although they didn't suffer in the same way as those inside Timor, they still had to grapple with the difficulties of displacement, exile and reuniting dual identities.

I think the film conveys their experience in a way that helps other Australians to understand. I hope it also makes audiences think about such issues as our current treatment of refugees and Australia's relationship to the region.

An ethical challenge that I always face in filmmaking is balancing my power as director with the rights of the people in the film. I think it's very important for a film's 'subjects' to have some say in how they're represented. They need to be consulted and if possible brought in so the film can be able to comment on the film before its completion.

The Australian government wants to appear heroic in East Timor but their real agenda is to control the oil. One way for us to oppose this is to make films in which Timorese people can tell their own stories and express their own aspirations.

### JENNY HUGHES

I was politicised through my personal life, through marriage, activism and feminism, and through communication studies, as I come at my film from a political place. I'm inspired with documentaries, but I'm getting more and more interested in fiction and animation.

I'm making films that are essentially about relationships between people in Australia and in East Timor. By focusing on friendships, broader issues emerge. It's an exploration of culture and the way in which we communicate with people from other cultures.

The intention for *The Journey for the East Timorese* is to help, come about through the process of collaboration. *Circle of Stones* is based on my friendship with a writer, an artist and a activist. The plan is to give my confidence to those artists, and let them experiment. I am myself an experimental filmmaker; it's about challenging the boundaries of language and culture.

I think *Journey* is incredibly innovative; it's cinematic in nature and character. I'm as fascinated in process as I am in outcome. I would never need to have had the confidence to begin *Circle of Stones*. *Circle of Stones*, however, is more grounded in my identity. Developing a website allows me to work more empirically. My work is about original indigenous 'Australian' work. I prefer writers to do something where my thinking would often run with what's going on in my personal life. I can't deny the fact that I've spent the last thirty years being a mother and a grandmother and that this changes my work practices dramatically. [www.circleofstones.org](http://www.circleofstones.org)

### CARMELA BARANOWSKA

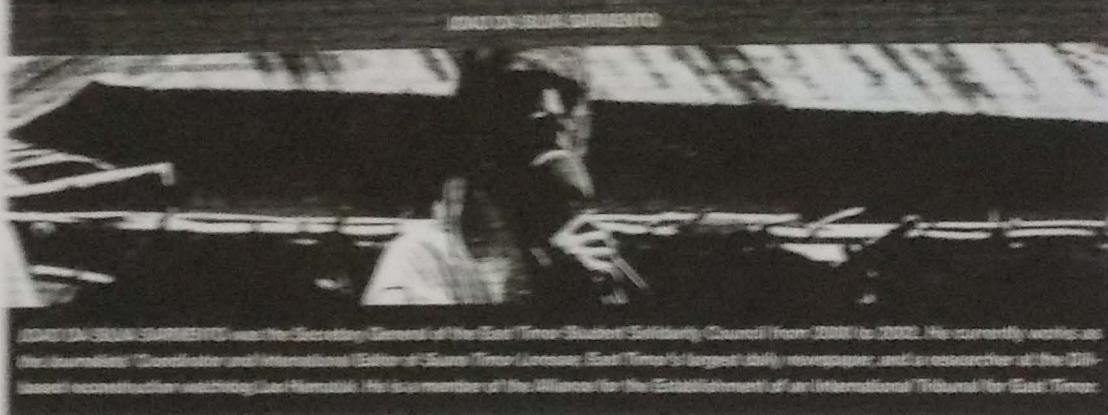
After returning to Indonesia after having been away for about a lot more than five years, I'd about never been there again. I'd about forgotten and when I went back and it's about anything, Indonesian have responsiveness, which are challenging. You start off with someone you assumed to be a mate machine, but then can't fully understand it. And that's really odd.

The big issue for me is how do you represent reality? While there's been a move to make films from outside the documentary, I want to explore the conventions that get more like feature films so that people can sit down for an hour and a half and be transported to a particular experience. I want to meet people there and to make people laugh, not only the audience but the people I'm filming as well.

For me, what's odd when I go back Timor is to be extremely connected to the people. I've always lived there where the filmmaker is living with the people they're filming.

The pressure points for change that have occurred over 20 years in East Timor and Australia. That's the situation that we are very rarely hear. What we hear in the mainstream media from people like myself. But if people don't know what their world, they aren't as amazing as it seems. I forgive.

# (IN)JUSTICE IN EAST TIMOR



It is more than one year now since East Timor gained its independence and many things have been achieved in this short period of time. As a reflection of the people's commitment to maintaining the peace of the world, East Timor has become a member state of the United Nations. However, a widespread sense of justice, which is central to the stable and sustainable future of East Timor, is being polluted by East Timorese rulers and the UN itself.

Starting with its colonial days the East Timorese have suffered immensely. Josem Guterres, the President of the East Timorese Council of Resistance (CHRT) and former Commander-in-Chief of FALINTIL, begged the United Nations' Passover Government who was unwilling to hand over control of East Timor.

A similar situation was presented in early September 2002, when the UN's office invited Al Gore to attend a political consultation of the country's international relations. Gore was an Indonesian Foreign Minister from 1981-86, during which time he witnessed a catalogue of acts of the Indonesian community, including, during that time, the most brutal massacres ever committed within East Timor. Gore also insisted on calling the issue of East Timor power in international affairs.

Adding an moderator at the meeting, Raisa power, Raisa is a retired General. And Raisa -- 40% of your working as an advisor to Indonesian President Megawati Sukarno -- respect her family, saying that he supported the policies of Raisa to forget the stain and animosity between the two nations in order to continue business.

The result, as defined by Raisa, is a great relationship between the two countries, without any animosity or developing peace. However, the question is whether a sustained peace can be built without justice for the atrocities that were

committedly increasing anti-aggression East Timor during 24 years of cruel occupation. People with common sense will certainly say that this is not possible, and this group is represented by figures such as East Timorese chief proverbs, Longan Women, and Belo Carter Pela Governo Sisa.

By putting poor relations with Indonesia before justice, the East Timorese have been lied, lied, deceived and insulted and not to police itself. In doing this they have given assets (armour) to punish the generals and colonists who were responsible for the violence in East Timor which killed more than 200,000 people.

In 2004, Indonesia has been asked for its acknowledgment of political will to cooperate with the UN's Special Crimes Unit (SCU) to enable people to be tried in East Timor. Consequently the SCU have tried nearly 20 people within East Timor, while more than 200 perpetrators of crimes against humanity will live in impunity -- their self-ruins.

Our East Timorese brothers are not helping the matter when our brother general, Weston, who, incidentally has nominated himself to run in the 2004 Indonesian Presidential elections was indicted by the SCU. Jose Ramos Horta New Zealand, however, said that the East Timorese government opposed the indictment.

The impact of the attitude is that it weakens the commitment of the people to justice, now and in

the future. On one hand the government is trying to build respect for a new political system and the rule of law, but on the other hand, in promoting impunity for the crimes of both the Indonesian occupiers and the resistance movement.

The establishment of an international tribunal for East Timor's victims has now long been struggle for the people of East Timor and the international solidarity movement.

The United Nations has assisted the people of East Timor by maintaining stability for the past three years, but East Timor is still far from stable. There should be no pride in the so-called most successful UN mission ever in bringing international justice. The UN mission in Timor will end in mid 2004, but the world organization still has an unfinished obligation to establish an international tribunal. And the rulers of East Timor should play their role.

In an interview with the World Peace Review, Xanana Gusmao, insisted that he was the most important and much of the East Timorese people. He also claimed that East Timor was a new democratic country committed to good governance, promoting justice as a fundamental aspect of democracy and building a strong civil society. But the reality on the ground is different. Xanana has failed to be the mouth of the victims of 1975-99, who demand to be recognized.

Xanana's priority is reconciliation, which often means simply forgetting the past.

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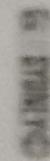
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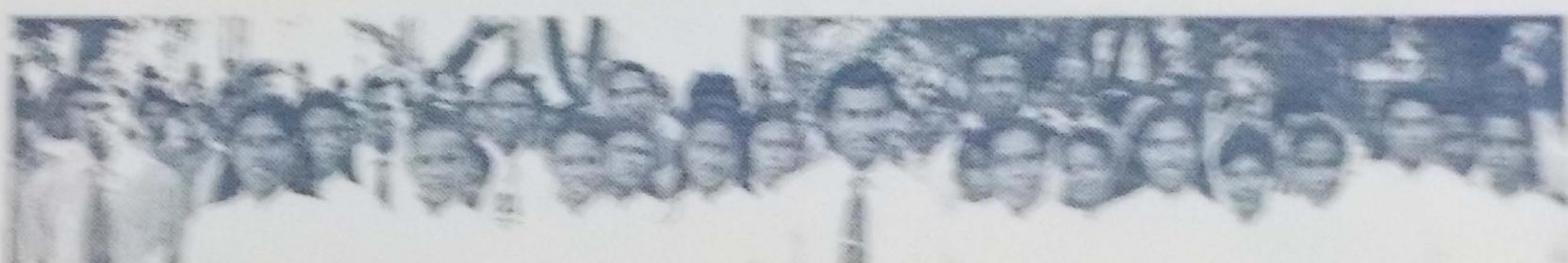
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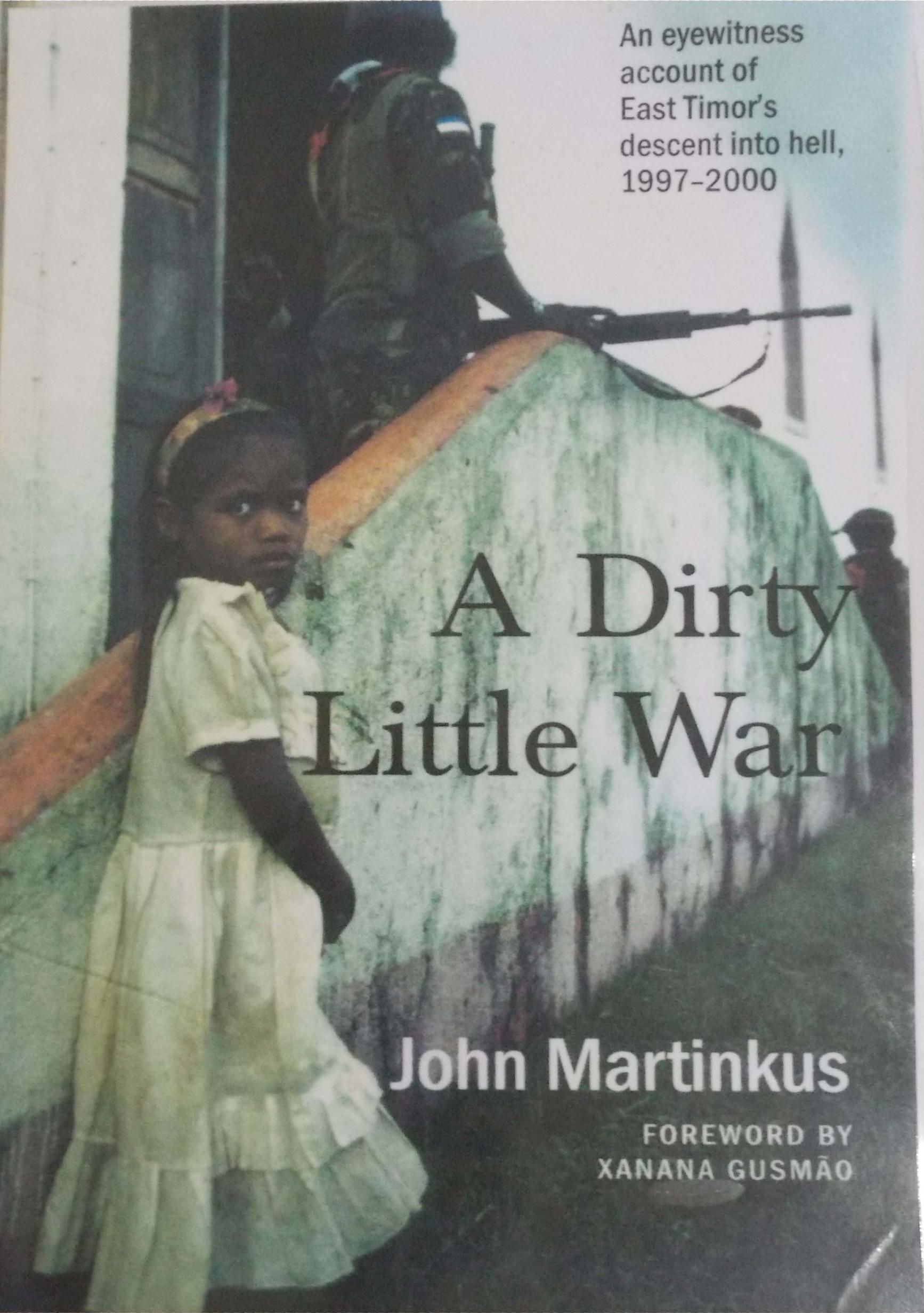
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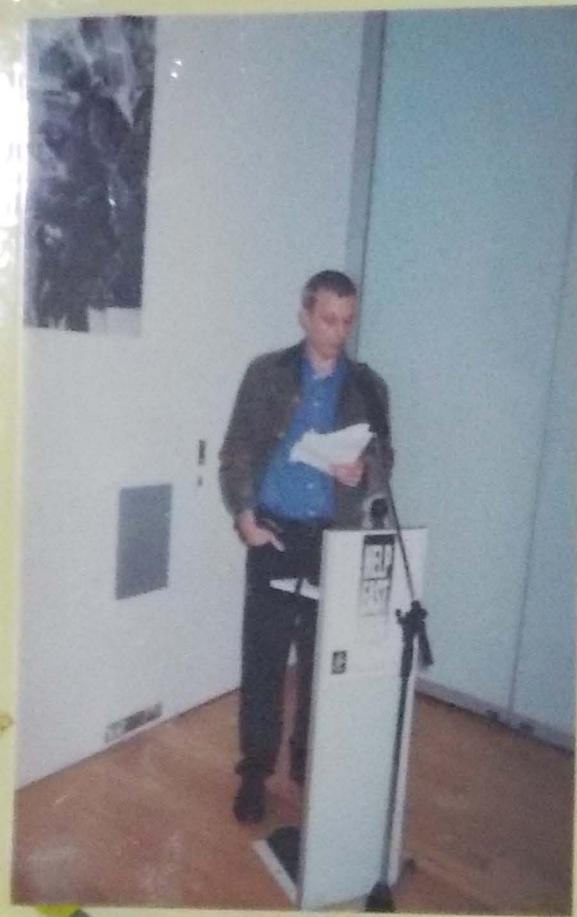
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Open Letter to Parliament by Russell Anderson Arrested and deported while attending the 2nd Asia Pacific Conference on East Timor (APCET II)

This letter gives an insight into the reason why APCET II was a legal meeting and not "banned" as reported by some sources. It also describes what happened on Saturday morning when the meeting was invaded by over two hundred pro-government 'thugs', subsequently leading to the arrest of all participants and deportation of all foreigners.

I was invited to APCET II as a representative of the "Australian Coalition of a Free East Timor" (ACET) and I am a member of the regional group the, "Lismore Friends of East Timor" (LiFET). I arrived in Kuala Lumpur on Tuesday 5th of November and was at the APCET II organisers office each day and was kept informed on the proceedings.

### Friday | 8 November

All the foreign participants and Malaysians went to the Asia Hotel where the conference was being held and where all participants were booked in to stay during the three days. We all attended the 3pm press conference launching APCET II and afterwards held a workshop to establish relations with each other and elect a number of committees.

Reports in the media from the Deputy Prime Minister, Dr Anwar Ibrahim were contradictory. While he said 'We have made a ruling that the conference should not be held and we hope they (the organisers) will abide by it'. Asked whether they (the organisers) "would have to apply for a permit to hold the conference, Anwar said they need not do so if they were holding it behind closed-doors."

Anwar also made similar threats to the conference in front of news crews. But once the cameras were turned off he approached the APCET organisers and said 'I think you should go ahead with the conference'. This was conveyed to me by several organisers of the conference.

### Saturday - 9 November

The conference started on the fourth floor of the Hotel at 9am with an invocation and offering of prayers. Because the arrangements had got this far we all felt confident and relaxed that we would have a constructive dialogue about a peaceful resolution to East Timor over the next three days.

At 9.45 shouting was heard and the minders closed the doors to the conference room as the shouting grew louder. As banging and smashing on the doors began we had no idea who our attackers were. I wondered whether they were armed with baseball bats, knives or guns.

The banging on the doors continued for 10 min. The doors began to rock on their hinges as some participants held the door fearing for what would eventuate. Most of the participants sat on the floor and took a non-violent stance clearing away chairs to the side. Partitions were unfolded to try and add some more protection from the aggressors.

The middle door gave way and I heard one of us yell 'their'. I felt a chill go through me as they rushed towards us.

It was a chilling fear of the uncertainty and my mind cast back to those split seconds before Indonesian soldiers in 1991 without warning opened fire on defenceless East Timorese.

I didn't think they would shoot us all with machine guns but I wondered if they had pistols. They threw chairs, tables smashed glass and kicked and destroyed the partitions to get to the people sitting on the ground.

As they engulfed us I thought there would be bloodshed. They pushed and shoved and yelled insults inches away from our faces. In English they said 'get out'. Some of us joined arms and stood around the ones sitting down. They were very well organised. There were strong elements of thuggery and for the next half-an-hour we were subjected to extreme provocation. When they started hitting one of us one of them would scream out 'no violence'.

The violent 'thugs' would be pulled away but only to be let loose on someone else. To our credit we acted non-violently and did not provoke the situation. After half-an-hour of this berating they gave us five minutes to get out or they said they would use force. We decided to go out peacefully fearing even more intense violence and linked arms as we moved out slowly.

While they didn't use physical punching to the face the potential for this was always present.

As we got halfway out the doorway police arrived. APCET II organisers told us to move back in. The police asked the pro-government force to leave. Upon which a number of them efficiently ordered their invading force out. It became very clear to us when more police arrived and eventually blocked us from leaving that this disturbance had been the incident the police needed to come in and deal with the conference.

After approximately an hour and a half the police asked us to disperse and then immediately told us we were under arrest. Our passports were taken and kept. The Malaysian authorities never told us why we were under arrest or why we were being deported.

We were taken to an immigration building for three hours, then to a security room at the airport. This three hour wait was uncomfortable and we weren't absolutely sure if we were going to a Hotel. Answering our questions they would say we were going to the Airport Hotel in half an hour but three hours passed before we left. At the Airport Hotel we had armed soldiers and police guarding the exits, at one time there were 20 guarding us.

### Monday - 11 November

We all returned to Australia on Monday morning. I found out from my wife that I had been deported because I had not filled in my visa card correctly. Ticking "social/holiday" and not "conference". However some detainees had ticked the "conference" box when entering Malaysia. This made no difference. They were also deported. The APCET II conference organisers have recently informed us that we need not have filled in the conference box on our visas because it was a private meeting and not a public conference.

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On our return most of us were saddened and angry that the Prime Minister Mr. Howard had reacted in such a way that had put the blame on the foreigners attending the conference and had not questioned enough the thuggery and violence towards Australian citizens. By his statements Mr. Howard seems to give his approval of this thuggish behaviour.

I was also saddened because we had just returned home and it may have been an opportunity for Mr. Howard to speak with us.

It is now becoming clear that APCET II was organised within the Malaysian law and it was not officially banned. Mr Howard's statements have also aligned himself with the Malaysian government and not the Malaysian rule of law. Asian governments acting above the law should not be supported by Australian governments.

I think that Mr. Howard's statements have given this support. Taking more time to respond and seeking a more principled and balanced stand would show support for the Malaysian NGO's and a section of the Malaysian community that wanted this conference to go ahead.

To help create a more secure future for Australia in the Asian region our governments would do well to support the NGO's and individuals calling for human rights, democracy and peace.

### Thursday - 14 November

The UMNO Youth leader Zahid Hamidi who was in Accra with the Malaysian Prime Minister Dr Mahathir, admits that he ordered this violent mob to stop the conference.

It has become clearer that there was no legal ban on the conference since Judge K.C. Vohrah from the Malaysian High Court ordered the release of the detainees and said that based on the documents in front of him "There is nothing to show that ... the meeting [APCET II] was banned by the government." He also criticised irregularities in the police investigation.

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