

Xanana Trust Information

Vocational Education Development in Timor-Leste



The Xanana Vocational Education Trust was established in July 2005 to help Timor-Leste develop a self sustaining vocational education system which will assist it to rebuild through skill based economic activity.

The Trust's mission is to raise funds for distribution to approved organisations or individuals in Timor-Leste for the purpose of developing a vocational education system contributing to productive employment outcomes. These funds will be distributed according to agreed criteria including openness, equity and results achieved.

The Trust has set down nine guiding principles for its work

- to be outcome based
- foster sustainable programs
- East Timorese partnership
- involvement of participants
- open and transparent operations
- be cost effective
- monitor effectiveness
- incremental development
- regular review of activities

Patrons:

- ✿ His Excellency Kay Rala Xanana Gusmão, President of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste.
- ✿ The Honourable Sir William Deane AC KBE, former Governor General of Australia.

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- ✿ Mr AHR(Royce) Abbey AO DCM.
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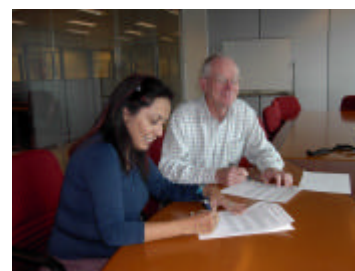
Building a New Future for Timor-Leste

The Trust has a comprehensive plan for assisting with the development of a vocational education system in Timor-Leste.

One aspect of the plan is to offer Vocational Training Assistance Grants to East Timorese vocational education providers. The grants will enable these training providers to give young people some of the practical skills needed to have an impact in the workforce. Some of the existing programs already underway are:

The East Timor Development Agency ETDA has developed a "Fundamental Office Skills" course for unemployed young people. The Trust will fund their attendance at this Certificate 1 level course. The Trust will receive structured feedback about the job outcomes for course participants. The Trust has a great emphasis on job development rather than simply training for the sake of training.

Trust Chairman *Geoff Donnelly* and ETDA Director *Palmira Pires* sign a "Letter of Agreement".



Dili Institute of Technology (DIT) has developed a new Certificate course in basic Automotive Maintenance. Again the course is principally for unemployed young people. Practical work experience is an important part of the course. The course includes a module to help gain employment or possibly start their own micro business.

Don Bosco Agricultural School at Fuiloro fills a vital role in the training of young people in the Los Palos area which is at the eastern end of the country and quite remote from Dili. The Trust is pleased to be helping Don Bosco develop training in horticulture for young people using newer more productive techniques not common in a largely subsistence agricultural community. ✿



Horticulture training at Don Bosco includes a study of tissue culture techniques.

A Strategy for Success

Nothing breeds success like success!

Professor David Beanland AO is almost a legend at RMIT. David was, until his retirement in 2000, the founding Vice-Chancellor of RMIT University. David has wide experience in South East Asia tertiary and VET developments.

Ian Predl AM is a similarly well known in TAFE circles in Australia. Ian was CEO and Chairman of the Victorian TAFE system in the mid 1980's and has distinguished himself since then as a consultant to government and industry.



Ian Predl and David Beanland.

Luke McNamara is an Assistant Director of Western Institute NSW. Luke worked in Timor-Leste for a year

on an AusAID project assisting the Timor-Leste government to develop their vocational education legislative and administrative framework.

Kaye Schofield is also very well known throughout Australia.



Kaye is very highly respected as one of the nation's leading researchers in the field of adult and vocational education.

She works as an independent analyst, commentator and VET policy consultant.

Neil Black recently retired as Director of North Coast Institute of TAFE in NSW. Neil is one of the most respected leaders of TAFE in NSW and is widely known throughout Australia.

David, Ian, Luke and Kaye form the Trust's VET Development Group. Neil will join the group after his retirement holiday. The Group will work with East Timorese stakeholders, to bring the Trust's strategy for success in Timor-Leste to fruition. ✿

Difficulties in East Timor

There is now an even greater need for the Trust's programs.

I am sure you have been deeply disturbed at the recent events in East Timor. I certainly have. But the patient and courageous leadership being shown by President Xanana Gusmão provides a cause for inspiration and hope. The special relationship which developed between Australia and East Timor during the Second World War was rekindled after 1999 when we as a nation, were able to repay some of our debt of honour to the East Timorese. I am thankful that our mutual friendship has enabled them to call for our help, and for us to respond quickly and professionally.

The recent sad events demonstrate very clearly the great need for the work of the Trust to proceed with increased vigour as soon as conditions in East Timor permit. There is now an even greater need for the youth to develop skills that can lead to jobs, to have hope for the future, rather than resentment and hatred. Indeed, recent events have served to underline the Trust's fundamental message that vocational education is the key.

By supporting the work of the Trust, you can make a difference.

Sir William Deane
June 2006

Fundraising can be Fun An East Timorese Night Out.

On July 8th, over \$3500 was raised in support of the Trust's Dili Institute of Technology Support Program.



Two hundred lucky people enjoyed a night of East Timorese music and fun.

The New East Timorese Ambassador, His Excellency Hernani Coelho Da Silva, was warmly welcomed and many people took this informal opportunity to chat with him.

Thanks to John Bainbridge and Clifton Creative Arts Centre in Richmond Vic. who donated use of their wonderful venue, the night was a great success.

Photographer Ross Bird generously displayed his dramatic photos taken in East Timor in late 1999. ❀

Governance is Vital.

The public must be sure that donated funds are being transparently and professionally managed.

The Trust is very fortunate to have the active support of its two Patrons, His Excellency Kay Rala Xanana Gusmão, President of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste and The Honourable Sir William Deane AC KBE, former Governor General of Australia and distinguished High Court Judge.



A distinguished group of Honorary Governors (listed overleaf), form the Patrons' Council of Governors to provide additional guidance and support for the Trust.



Trust Honorary Governors the Hon. Justice Frank Vincent QC, and Sir James Gobbo AC, with Board Member Allen Martin (centre).

Trust Company Board

The Trustee Company (XVET Limited) Board is chaired by Mr Geoff Donnelly. Geoff was a former Man. Director of Norwich's Financial Services companies, and a recent director of Australian Drug Foundation. He is currently a Director of Health Professionals Insurance Australia and Chairman of their Audit and Compliance Committee. He is part of the Intrepid Foundation supports community projects throughout south east Asia.



Other Directors on the Board include widely known and respected Kevin Bailey, Honorary Consul General for Timor-Leste in Melbourne, and Executive Chairman of The Money Managers Ltd; Allen Martin, a former Director of Overseas Service Bureau, the Asthma Foundation of Victoria, and currently Director and Hon. Treasurer of the Victorian Brain Injury Recovery Foundation Inc; Dr. Richard Curtain, a public policy research consultant with an emphasis on youth and employment - particularly related to developing countries; and Chris Trueman who is also the Trust's CEO.

All Trust Directors and volunteer personnel act in an honorary capacity. The Trust has no paid employees at this stage of its development. ❀

How You Can Help.

An organisation reliant totally on volunteers needs people of goodwill, energy and skill.

And for those without the time to commit, the Trust encourages and welcomes your financial support.

Becoming a Volunteer

There are many opportunities for people with specific skills to assist the Trust with its work. Like any professionally run organisation, the Trust needs staff who can carry out a myriad of administrative, public relations, publicity and fundraising functions.



Trust volunteers like Phyllis Kelly ensure that the day to day work of the Trust is done in a timely and professional way.

To discuss offering your skills email or phone Chris Trueman. Email to: chris.trueman@xananatrust.org
Or phone: (03) 9690 6501.

Becoming a Supporter.

It's a great feeling to be a supporter of an organisation like the Xanana Vocational Education Trust. You have the knowledge that your support is transformed into something wonderful and worthwhile in East Timor. And you benefit by being able to mix with like minded people of good will at Trust functions and be kept informed about Trust activities.

Register your interest at the Trust website: www.xananatrust.org

Becoming a Donor

The young people of East Timor supported by the Trust are the ones who will benefit from your generosity. An ongoing contribution to the Trust's "Sponsor a Student for a Semester" program is a great way to help personally. Contributions start from only \$150 each six months, and enable student places to be funded in East Timor.

Download a form from the Trust website www.xananatrust.org, or make a donation online.

Arrange for a Trust Guest Speaker

Corporate and club donations and support and are the lifeblood of an organisation like the Trust.

If you would like to arrange to hear more about the Trust and its work:

Contact Chris Trueman by email chris.trueman@xananatrust.org or phone (03) 9690 6501. ❀