



Australia East Timor Friendship Association SA Inc

Annual Independence Dinner *– a celebration for Timor-Leste*

6.00pm for 6.30pm Sunday 24 May 2009
Ming's Palace
157 Gouger Street, ADELAIDE

Please join us to celebrate eight years of independence and to raise funds for projects in Timor-Leste.

Guest Speaker:

Sr Susan Connelly
of *Mary MacKillop East Timor Mission*
“Friends Do Not Forget”

Hear why the **Mary MacKillop East Timor Mission** will nominate the nation of Timor-Leste for the award of **Companion of the Order of Australia (Honorary)**

On March 31, the **Mary MacKillop East Timor Mission** called for the recognition of the unique contribution of the Timorese people to Australian soldiers during World War II. Over 40,000 Timorese died, yet there has been no adequate official recognition of their role in assisting Australia in this war. “This omission must be amended” says Sister Susan. “The practical measures many Australians are taking to assist the Timorese to overcome the effects of their recent history must be accompanied by a clear statement of our World War II debt to them.”

The **Mary MacKillop East Timor Mission** began with the response of the Sisters of St Joseph to the request by **Bishop Carlos Belo** (Nobel Peace Laureate) in 1993 for help for the people of East Timor. He spoke of his hope for “the building up of a new society in peace, reconciliation and forgiveness.” In that spirit the Sisters of St Joseph work with Timorese to foster a range of opportunities for the advancement of the people of Timor-Leste, especially through literacy education in the Tetun language. They support the people in health education, advocacy, compassionate care and other educational and cultural initiatives.

Special Guest:

Abel Guterres

Consul General for Timor Leste

In 1999 Abel Guterres visited his homeland for the first time in 20 years during the period leading up to the August 30 referendum and was confronted and threatened by pro-Indonesia militias. Later that year he visited again but this time it was to a Timor freed from the Indonesian occupation. During the period of his exile Abel represented the **CNRT (Council of National Timorese Resistance)** in Australia and New Zealand and headed the East Timor Relief Association. Since 2002 he has represented the new nation of Timor-Leste as Consul General in Australia. He will soon take on a new role representing Timor-Leste in Europe. The Australia East Timor Friendship Association looks forward to this opportunity to celebrate with Abel the achievements of the Timorese people, and to toast his contribution before bidding him a fond farewell.

Cost \$25 members/concession or \$35 non-members

Registration Form and Payment MUST be received by Wednesday 20 May

(Catering numbers must be finalised on 20 May – we are unable to accept late payments/bookings!)

CHINESE BANQUET MEAL

(PLEASE ADVISE on the Registration Form if you have vegetarian or other dietary requirements.)

Please bring cash or cheque book! There will be fundraising raffles and Silent Auction on the night!

Proceeds will support Timor-Leste charities

For further information:

Phone **Miriam on 08 8295 6481** or phone **Mark on 0422 968 531**
or e-mail aetfa.sa@gmail.com (subject: Dinner Bookings)

For more information about AETFA and membership, visit: www.aetfa.org.au

Registration Form – Independence Dinner, Sunday 24 May 2009

Post to: AETFA-SA, PO BOX 240, GOODWOOD SA 5034

I/ we will attend the AETFA Dinner/Independence Celebration

Name.....

Address.....

.....Postcode.....

Phone..... E-mail.....

Please provide full names of all people at your table – maximum 10 to table – where applicable:

	Member or Concession \$25	Non-member \$35	Special dietary needs
1. YOUR booking details.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Name.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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8. Name.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. Name.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. Name.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

PAYMENTS DUE (___x\$25) + (___x\$35) = \$ _____

Plus you can donate to pay for Timorese students to attend \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____

Payment Details:

*(cheques to be made payable to **Australia East Timor Friendship Association or AETFA-SA**)*

Payment by: Cheque/Money Order Deposit at BankSA# Internet banking transfer#

#DATE Deposited/Transferred ___/___/___ Do NOT post cash

Total Payment \$ _____

Post to: AETFA-SA, PO Box 240, GOODWOOD SA 5034

(The information below - BSB, Account Number and Account Name - can be used for Internet Banking Transfers. Please ensure YOUR PHONE or MOBILE No. is entered as REFERENCE.)



BankSA Deposit slip

Date deposited to account: ___/___/___

BSB	Account Number	Account Name
105-900	952 850 740	Australia East Timor Friendship Association

Payer Phone or Mobile No. as REFERENCE: _____

Cheque Details

Cheque No	BSB No.	Name/Cheques Drawer	Amount
_____	_____	_____	\$ _____
		Cash	\$ _____
		TOTAL DEPOSIT	\$ _____