



NEWSLETTER

GARAGE SALES

BLACKHEATH RSL, 2 Bundarra St Blackheath

Saturday 18 April 9am-2pm

Next sales: 12 September and 21 November 2026

Drop off donations at RSL on preceding Friday from 3pm

Plants, clothes, books, household goods, toys

NO TEXTBOOKS, MAGAZINES OR LARGE HOUSEHOLD ITEMS, PLEASE



CONCERT FOR TIMOR-LESTE 2026
 Fundraiser for the Blue Mountains East Timor Supporters
 All proceeds go towards creating opportunities for women and children in Timor-Leste

THE SPOOKY MEN'S CHORALE
MARGARET & BOB FAGAN
THE BEARDED LADIES

Sat 23 May 2PM
 Phillips Hall,
 Blackheath Community Centre

Tickets: \$40 or \$35 (Concession)
 Purchase by scanning QR code or through Humanix website
 Afternoon tea served • Doors open 1:30, finishes 5:30
 Entry via side entrance in the park

CONCERT FOR TIMOR-LESTE

Featuring the incredible line up of the

Spooky Men's Choral with **Margaret & Bob Fagan**, and the **Bearded Ladies**.

Saturday 23 May 2-5 pm

Blackheath Community Centre, Great Western Highway Blackheath

Tickets: \$40 or \$35 concession.

Use the QR code to buy your ticket early!

LAUNCH OF TIMOR-LESTE GIVING CIRCLE

On Saturday 28 March BMETS held a garden party to launch the **Timor-Leste Giving Circle** to provide ongoing funding for **university scholarships, teachers' stipends and women's groups in Hatobuilico**. Guest speaker **Domingas Soares Gama** gave a moving account of the life-changing support she received from BMETS. [Click on this link](#) to find out how you can get involved!



MEANWHILE IN TIMOR-LESTE ...

Tatiri Women's Group members are planning an expansion of their centre to build a restaurant, which will be resourced by BMETS fundraising. This will lead to income generation and skills development within the group.



Blue Mountains resident and Aboriginal leader, Aunty Glendra Stubbs OAM made over 20 quilts to keep the babies born at Maubisse hospital warm - delivered by BMETS and Alola team

Lesley and Jude, together with maun Acácio met with the Timor-Leste Minister for Education, mana Dulce Soares about the senior secondary school in Hatobuilico. Only in Timor could a meeting be arranged at such short notice.



The new Taureme pre-school opened on 17 April. BMETS arranged funds from Giving Together and Andrew M^cNaughton Foundation for the construction. Garage sales have funded the fit-out.



ABOUT US...

BM East Timor Sisters / Supporters are an unruly though systematic and committed group of women (and some blokes) who have been raising funds and developing projects in Timor-Leste for over 20 years.

We are proud to say that thousands of women and their children have benefited from this effort: gained scholarships and graduated from university; attended a BMETS supported senior secondary school, primary school or preschool in the remote area of Hatobuilico; participated as members in eight active women's groups working to build their own economic independence, and advocated for rights and opportunity for LGBTIQI+ young people and people with disabilities.