

INFORMATION SHEET - SCHOOLIES TIMOR-LESTE

BACKGROUND

With growing community embarrassment and disillusionment with the personal, health and financial costs involved in 'Schoolies Week', Youth Action Kalamunda and the Rotary Club of Kalamunda have created "*Schoolies Timor-Leste*". This community supported initiative is providing seventeen Year 12 students from local Kalamunda schools with a 'Schoolies Week' alternative as a way of celebrating the completion of 12 years of education– namely joining a Team that over a two week period that will engage in a variety of community building activities in the small Timorese village of Triloka.

Timor-Leste is the world's newest nation and West Australia's nearest international neighbour. It is a country with strong historic links to Australia. It is also a country with immense developmental challenges, including the lowest GDP per capita income in the Asia/Pacific region and extremely high unemployment rate.

The overall goal of this initiative is to create a unique life opportunity for both East Timorese and Kalamunda young people to think and act as global citizens, develop mutual cross cultural awareness, achieve personal challenges, learn new life skills and positively make a difference to the quality of life for members of a small Timorese village.

PROJECT TASKS

Hosted by the local NGO – Fundasaun Lafeek Diak and a technical training college, Centro Treino Integral e Dezenvolviment, the Team will undertake a range of activities including -

- painting the community health clinic
- renovating the village hall
- creating a youth sports area
- conducting children and youth game sessions
- teaching English
- planting trees

The "*Schoolies Timor-Leste*" Team will be joined by a group of unemployed local young men and women in these activities.

PARTNERS – SPONSORSHIP

The total Project cost exceeds \$60,000. Students are paying their own travel costs, but there are significant costs regarding building materials and local travel.

The Project has attracted significant sponsorship support. ConocoPhillips, Community Vision Kalamunda, Kalamunda Chamber of Commerce, Darling Range Rotary Club, the Shire of Kalamunda, the ruMAD? Program, Bristle and the Bank of I.D.E.A.S have already joined the Rotary Club of Kalamunda and Youth Action Kalamunda in terms of financial sponsorship.

This Project has been accepted as a Rotary Australia World Community Service Project, which enables full tax deductibility for any business or individual contributing.

If you would be interested in contributing directly to the fundraising auction on 11th October, could you contact:

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