

# TIMOR-LESTE PARTNERSHIP PROJECT



Looking for ADVENTURE?

Looking to travel to some AMAZING places and meet NEW friends?

Want to make a REAL DIFFERENCE to the lives of others?

If you answered **YES** to any of these questions, then we would love for you to join us for two weeks of fun and adventure, while undertaking meaningful community service projects in Timor-Leste.



Following the success of the project in 2011 at Aimutin Public School, we are looking for a new team of *passionate* and *enthusiastic* Rovers, Rotaractors and Rotarians to help improve the health and sanitation for young people at another primary school in Dili, the capital of Timor-Leste. The school will be chosen by Timor-Leste Scouts, Rotarians and members of Rotaract. . Team members will work on jobs such as painting or general repairs around the school.

They may also help in the construction of toilets at the school which will be funded as a major component of the partnership.

Participants will work closely with local Rovers, Rotary and Rotaractors from Dili throughout the project.

The team will also have recreation time to immerse themselves in the vibrant Timorese culture ... and have that 'Timor-Leste experience'. Activities may include browsing the *tais* markets, visiting the iconic *Christo Rei* statue, and exploring the spectacular countryside and outer districts surrounding Dili.

The project will be organised and led by a team of Rovers, Rotaractors, Rotarians and Scout Leaders from Australia and Timor-Leste.



### THE FACTS:

**WHO:** the project is open to any Rover or member of Rotaract, over the age of 18 at the time of the project

**WHEN:** the project is currently planned to be held during **July 2012**, for about two weeks. Exact dates will be finalised close to the time given flight, participant availability and the local circumstances in Dili.

**HOW MUCH:** each participant is expected to contribute around \$2,500 toward the trip, which includes return airfares from Darwin to Dili, accommodation, food and group equipment. Participants will need to **make their own way to Darwin** which is not included in the contribution above. This contribution may be reduced if we all can source funding. As well, fundraising is being pursued with Rotary, the ACT Government's "Dollars for Dili" campaign and others to raise USA\$30,000 to pay for the construction of the toilets by local (Dili) builders and the equipment the team will need for work on the school.

Still interested? Fill out the *Expression of Interest* form on the following pages and email to: [timorlesteproject@gmail.com](mailto:timorlesteproject@gmail.com)



so that we can keep you informed of developments and let you know as we building the team for 2012!

**FURTHER INFORMATION:**

Check out our project webpage (<http://scouts.com.au/main.asp?iStoryID=18463930>) or the team blog from the 2011 Project: <http://timorlesteproject.wordpress.com/>.

Comments? Questions?...please do not hesitate to contact Nicky Strachan (Project Leader): [timorlesteproject@gmail.com](mailto:timorlesteproject@gmail.com)) or phone 0429 425 619

## Timor-Leste Partnership Project 2012

### 'Expression of Interest' Form

Information collected on this form will be entered into a confidential database and will be used only for the purposes of the Project. A comprehensive application and medical form will be sent out to interested applicants at a later stage.

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| CONTACT PHONE NUMBER   |  | MOBILE        |     |
| SCOUT GROUP (state/territory):   |  |               |     |
| EMAIL ADDRESS: <i>(Note: given the nature of this project, emails will form the primary mode of communication)</i> |  |               |     |

## **Some questions about YOU!**

These questions are designed for us to understand what interested you in the project and what you bring / hope to get out of it. Just a few sentences/dot points under each question would be great!

*Why do you wish to be a member of the Timor-Leste Partnership Project 2012 team? (e.g. travel, experience another culture)*

*What skills do you bring to the project; and what would you like to gain from it? (e.g. working with others)*

Please return your completed application form (including questions about you) by email to: [timorlesteproject@gmail.com](mailto:timorlesteproject@gmail.com) by **30th November 2011**.