



The third 'Library Books for East Timor' Trivia Night

Friday 6 October 2006, Hawthorn Town Hall (Melbourne, Victoria)

Continuing the great work in supporting East Timor's libraries a third trivia night will be held on Friday 6 October 2006 at the Hawthorn Town Hall. Brian Nankervis, Melbourne-based writer and comedian, will be the guest Master of Ceremonies Extraordinaire along with other guest trivia masters including Lonely Planet's Tony Wheeler, Reading Books and Music CEO Mark Rubbo, and Anne-Marie Schwirtlich – State Librarian and CEO of the State Library of Victoria. Tickets are \$50 per person. All money raised will go directly to East Timor libraries. Attendance upwards of 400 people is expected.

Libraries in East Timor are heavily used, despite their very poor condition. It should come as no surprise after over 400 years of colonisation and 24 years of occupation that most libraries across East Timor are, without exception, housed in war-ravaged or neglected buildings requiring serious building maintenance. They have none of the equipment and facilities we regard as standard for library services. Public library services are essential to develop reading skills, information services, social programs and skills-based training. Most East Timoreans rely on libraries for access to learning materials and study space. Funds are

desperately needed as most libraries in East Timor have no income and therefore no way of acquiring new books and other learning materials.

A group of dedicated people from the Victorian Public Library Network and the State Library of Victoria have organised two successful Library Books for East Timor Trivia Nights at the Hawthorn Town Hall in 2004 and 2005. An incredible \$58 634 was raised at these two events to assist East Timor's fledgling library network. The organisers of the event are participating purely and completely on a voluntary basis. Partners involved to date are Viclink-Victorian Public Library Network, Australian Volunteers International, State Library of Victoria, Friends of the SLV, Maribyrnong City Council and City of Boroondara.

Why this event?

We aim to raise money to:

- Provide funding for the development of library collections in relevant languages including Tetun, ▶



The Aceh Provincial Library, Banda Aceh, late February 2005

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Media literacy award for teacher-librarians

New award for media literacy enhancement

Teacher-librarians who have been making an impact on media literacy in their school can enter for a new award. It is sponsored by EnhanceTV and the Australian School Library Association (ASLA). This national award recognises and honours outstanding Australian teacher-librarians who demonstrate a high level of achievement in the award criteria, making a positive impact on media literacy within the school.



The award carries cash prizes from EnhanceTV, for use in the library. The first prize is \$1000, and two Highly Commended prizes are also awarded, \$500 each.

The Teacher Librarian Innovation Award for Media Literacy Enhancement is open to qualified teacher-librarians who belong to one of the ASLA member associations and whose school is licensed by Screenrights. (ASLA points out that all government schools and most other schools are licensed by Screenrights.)

The award criteria and entry form can be downloaded from <http://www.asla.org.au/advocacy/award/EnhanceTV.htm>. Nominations must be endorsed by the member organisation of ASLA.

Entries close on 16 October 2006, and must be submitted electronically.

- ▶ Portuguese, Bahasa and English for the development of East Timor public library services. It is envisaged that approximately \$25 000–\$30 000 will be raised from this event.
- Support the acquisition of literacy and information skills in East Timor.
- Increase community awareness of the issues faced by the world's newest and Asia's poorest nation and Australia's close neighbour.

How can you help?

Sponsorship is sought. So that the entire proceeds of ticket sales can go directly to East Timor we are looking for assistance in covering costs associated with the provision of food, prizes and event costs.

Catering: can you help with provision of food? We are seeking caterers who are able to contribute food. Alternatively sponsorship by way of funds for the purchase of food is welcome.

Donations of prizes for trivia night attendees and for silent auction are sought. No prize

is too small or too big!! As well as the opportunity to contribute to a major event that will be of direct benefit to the people of East Timor, we will also acknowledge your contribution at the event, on the program and in media releases.

Attend the event. It will be a great night out and you will be directly contributing to rebuilding East Timor. Tickets are \$50 per person.

Volunteer: you can make a great contribution by joining the organising working group and/or by helping on the day of the event and at the event itself. Tasks include venue set up, wine sales, preparation and serving of food and drinks and other event tasks.

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