

## A big boost for our work

It has been an action packed three months since our last newsletter.

Dr Noel has all the latest on our recent patients in his column opposite. Three lives are saved, thanks to the support of Australian donors and hospitals.

Organisationally, we've also made some great strides. I am proud to report that academic and author Professor Damien Kingsbury has joined our board. Damien's knowledge and networks in Timor-Leste will be invaluable to our work. We have also boosted our capacity by appointing five skilled volunteers to ongoing positions. More about our new volllie crew overleaf.

Recently you may have seen patient Arminda, 12, on the front page of the Sunday Age and in a moving photo essay on Fairfax news sites nationally by our talented volunteer photographer Mathew Lynn. A happy outcome was a significant donation by the Andrew Jack Charitable Trust, based in Warrnambool, Dr Noel's home town. This is a great boost for our work and we are deeply grateful.

In other fundraising news, we have just been officially designated a charity, so soon donations will be tax deductible. You can visit [www.easttimorheartsfund.org.au](http://www.easttimorheartsfund.org.au) to find out how to give.

Thanks again for your support.

– **Ingrid Svendsen, chair**

## 'Profoundly satisfying'

### Medical roundup with Dr Noel Bayley

I went to Dili in April for very busy clinics at Bairo Pite Clinic, seeing previous patients (all doing extremely well), and new referrals. These included Arminda Soares, 12, and Maria Filipa, 33, both with very severe mitral stenosis. I'm always excited when I see patients with this problem, as I know a superb treatment (balloon mitral valvuloplasty) is available. Last month my colleague, Professor Rick Harper of MonashHeart, performed this procedure on Arminda and Maria, and both are now well.

More technically challenging was Leonito Carlos, 18. Leonito's severe rheumatic disease caused a very enlarged heart. He was approaching death without surgery. Leonito is now doing well after a double valve replacement last week at Royal Melbourne Hospital.

My role in East Timor Hearts Fund is profoundly satisfying; the amazing support from fellow board members, our volunteers and the community makes it a joy. I'm astonished at the generosity of Australians, and particularly humbled by the support from the Warrnambool area. On this note, sincere thanks to the House Music group, whose excellent benefit concert raised a very welcome \$2500.

– **Dr Noel Bayley, medical adviser**

# We our volunteers

## The unpaid professionals giving their all

The reason we can dedicate 100 per cent of donor gifts to patient care is because we are all volunteers here at East Timor Hearts Fund. Please meet our new volunteer recruits:

**Leonie Harcourt-Mansfield, volunteer marketing co-ordinator.** Leonie runs her own businesses, Visual Innovation Australia and HMS Print Management. She's a marketing whiz who has whipped our social and online presence into shape, with more to come.

**Tim Johnson, volunteer board support officer.** Tim is an international development grad, who's volunteered all over the world, including Christmas Island detention centre. Tim makes light work of our admin, and adds value with fantastic media and social media ideas.

**Mat Lynn, volunteer official photographer.** Mat's worked in East Timor before, doing work with Bairo Pite Clinic and the Tour de Timor cycling event. For now, he's confined to Melbourne, so we're thrilled to have him unleashing his penchant for social justice based photography with us.

**Katie McKenzie, volunteer patient support officer.** Katie is an international development grad who speaks Tetum and has had experience working in East Timor. She's a whiz with sorting out all sorts of challenging logistical issues for our patients.

**Haiyan Wang, volunteer accountant.** Haiyan is a financial accountant with our corporate supporter and pro bono legal advisers, Russell Kennedy. Haiyan assists our finance director Naida Beltrame, and is helping set up all of our financial systems. We are thrilled to have someone of Haiyan's calibre on our finance team.

## Big bequest a welcome gift

We are delighted to announce our first major philanthropic bequest, from the Warrnambool-Portland-based Andrew Jack Charitable Trust. The fund's trustees made the significant donation after reading about us in the Sunday Age recently. As a charity founded in Warrnambool (Dr Noel Bayley's home town) and one with a strong track record and no administrative overheads, the trustees were certain Mr Jack would have approved.

Andrew Jack was a bachelor farmer and champion cattle breeder. At his Portland property Garvie, named after his father Garvie Kenneth Jack, he turned out first class cattle renowned for regularly topping the local beef sales.

He was a community-minded man, heavily involved in Portland Rotary Club and a major supporter of the Rotary Foundation. He was interested in improving health care in developing countries and, according to those who knew him, was careful with his money and valued organisations that shared this quality.

Andrew Jack sadly passed away in 2011, aged 74, and left his property and his sizeable estate to charity.

East Timor Hearts Fund is honoured to receive this significant contribution, which will allow us to extend the scope of our work. We thank the family of Andrew Jack, and the trustees of his fund, Stephen Blaker, Patrick Howman and Kym Stock. We undertake to continue to be a cause of which Andrew Jack would be proud.

– Ingrid Svendsen, chair

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