

Russell Kennedy Lawyers helping to mend broken hearts

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East Timor Hearts Fund is delighted to welcome leading law firm Russell Kennedy Lawyers as a major sponsor of its 2017 Run Melbourne team.

CEO Stuart Thomson Russell Kennedy's decision to get on board with the team was just of the myriad of ways the firm was supporting East Timor Hearts Fund.

"Russell Kennedy is a quiet hero in the East Timor Hearts Fund story. Since 2012, Russell Kennedy has partnered with East Timor Hearts Fund, way beyond an allocation of 'six-minute billing units'," Mr Thomson said.

"As well as solving our legal and tax issues, Russell Kennedy provides CBD office accommodation; meeting and event venues; catering and event support; networking opportunities; administrative support and more.

"This practical support is a key reason we've been able to transform in just five short years from charity start-up to an emerging development-focussed medical NGO."

Mr Thomson said support from partners including Russell Kennedy would see former patient Bete Naben return to join the East Timor Hearts Fund team at Run Melbourne.

Since successful surgery last November to repair a "hole in the heart", the mother of three and sports teacher had resumed teaching and playing soccer and volleyball.

Mr Thomson said he met with Bete and her family on a recent visit to Timor-Leste and Bete was keenly looking forward to showing off her newfound health at the run.

"We are truly fortunate to have a friend like Russell Kennedy. I'm looking forward to seeing staff from the firm out in force at Run Melbourne on 30 July, alongside our volunteers, medicos and our event ambassador Bete."

Paul Gleeson, Managing Director at Russell Kennedy Lawyers, said he was very proud of the way that staff at the firm actively engaged in initiatives that directly benefited community partners, such as fundraising or donating time to undertake legal work for organisations such as East Timor Hearts Fund.

"I hope the Run Melbourne fundraising drive will be successful for the Fund and I look forward to seeing a large contingent of staff at the start line," Mr Gleeson said.

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