



NEWSLETTER

EAST TIMOR COMMUNITY CENTRE OPENING

The Official Blessing & Opening of the East Timor Community Centre took place at Benarra in Graceville, Brisbane on 21st November 2009.

It was a very successful day due to good planning and hard work from the members of the steering committee headed by Sr Eufemia Lacerda and Fr Wally Dethlefs along with many others.

This event was to commemorate the official opening of the East Timor Community Centre – the first of its kind in Brisbane, by the Timor Leste acting Consul-General Mrs Ines Da Costa Moreira as well a welcome speech by the representative of Benarra, Uncle Des Sandy who spoke about the Aboriginal history of the area. This was followed by a speech from Sr Eufemia Lacerda who has done a lot for the Timorese community in Brisbane and she will be sadly missed as she has been transferred to Darwin, followed by Fr Wally's speech about the history of the East Timor Community Centre. After this was the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding between the East Timor Community Centre and the chair of Benarra Community Development Association.

Whilst the Memorandum of Understanding was being signed there was traditional singing and dancing by members of the Brisbane East Timorese youth. There was also paintings and artwork from East Timorese youth available for sale.

And of course it all finished off nicely with lots of Timorese food and refreshments including the organic Timorese coffee.



Mario being presented with Tais at opening of East Timor community centre

ASSISI COLLEGE

We would like to give a big thank you to the year 9 students in the business technology class and the teachers at Assisi College in Coomera, who as part of their business plan studies raised the amount of \$817.45 which they donated to East Timor Childrens Fund. These funds will be used to set up a library/study at the Dominican Orphanage in Dili with books, desks and whiteboard.

ST MARY'S PARISH COOMER

In November St Mary's Parish in Coomera on the Gold Coast held its final Sacramental Celebrations for the year with 26 children taking part. As part of this process the children made donations to the East Timor Childrens Fund to the value of \$145-00 which will be sent to the Dominican Orphanages in Dili and Soibada, East Timor in time for Christmas. Once again many thanks to the children for their effort as well as to St Mary's Catholic Parish Coomera for this donation.

Once again, many thanks

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