

## MANUFAHI TEACHER TRAINING CENTRE

Opening Ceremony for the Manufahi Teacher Training Centre  
11 January 2010

The ceremony began on the veranda of the Rialau Primary School with 10 delightful young Timorese girls and boys in traditional dress, performing a welcoming dance for the official party.

This consisted of Senor Alfonso (Ministry of Education-Dili), Senor Carlito (Superintendent of Education-Manufahi District, Senor Arentes( Manufahi District Government, representing Filomeno Tilman), Pat Foley(CE) Helen White( TL Teacher Placement Program) and Ian Burnet(Rotary).



Senor Alfonso and Pat Foley formally cut the ribbon at the entrance to the Training Centre and the official party, followed by the Australian volunteers, the District Teachers and others entered the school.

Catholic Education had prepared two banners with photos of Timorese children and the logos of Rotary, Terra Sancta School and the Diocese of Parramatta and Broken Bay which really looked good and were placed either side of the official table.



Senor Carlito welcomed the official party.

Speeches were given by all concerned.





Ian Burnet on behalf of Rotary thanked all the donors both big and small, and thanked the volunteer teachers for the enthusiasm they had brought to the teacher training that would commence in the Training Centre. He then said that we all should be proud of the fact that local expertise and local building materials were used to build the Training Centre, and thanked the builder Olivio, the carpenter Francisco, as well as Stan Brown who were all at the opening ceremony.

The following day, classes commenced in the Training Centre with 3 of the Australian volunteer teachers giving mathematics training to 25 Manufahi District teachers in the new building, and the other 3 Australian volunteer teachers giving English training to 15 Manufahi District teachers in the one of the classrooms in the old building.





