

# LIBRARIES, LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT IN TIMOR-LESTE

An evening with Kirsty Sword Gusmão and Steve Bracks

MONDAY 11 MAY 2009, 6.30–8PM

Don't miss this unique opportunity to learn about and support education in the developing nation of Timor-Leste.



**Kirsty Sword Gusmão**, Goodwill Ambassador for Education in Timor-Leste, and Chairwoman of the ALOLA Foundation, will talk about the critical role of libraries in strengthening education structures and community development in Timor-Leste.



**The Hon. Steve Bracks**, former Premier of Victoria and now Special Adviser to Xanana Gusmão, Prime Minister of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste, will describe his work and reflect on the country's ongoing development needs.

**Venue:** Village Roadshow Theatrette, State Library of Victoria (Entry 3, La Trobe Street)

**Tickets:** \$25

**Bookings:** Phone Shirley Jones or Patti Manolis on 03 5241 6151 (credit-card payment), email [patti.manolis@geelonglibraries.vic.gov.au](mailto:patti.manolis@geelonglibraries.vic.gov.au), or use the attached booking form.

All proceeds from ticket sales will go to Library Books for Timor-Leste, to support the acquisition of library books, literacy materials and library skills training for Timor-Leste.

Libraries in Timor-Leste play an important role in literacy development, and in facilitating the free flow of ideas and information that is fundamental to democracy. The Xanana Gusmão Reading Room in Dili, founded by Kirsty Sword Gusmão in 2000, was the first public library in Timor-Leste established after the 1999 vote for independence. It plays an important role in collecting material about Timor's history, culture and identity, and making that material available to the community.



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Patti Manolis, Library Books for Timor-Leste  
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