

SEE THE WOVEN ART OF EAST TIMOR IN ACTION

Tricia Johns, an Australian volunteer working in East Timor for 7 years is coming to Sydney in November with two East Timorese women who will demonstrate and explain the art of "TAIS" weaving. "Tais", the traditional cloth, is handwoven on a simple back strap loom.

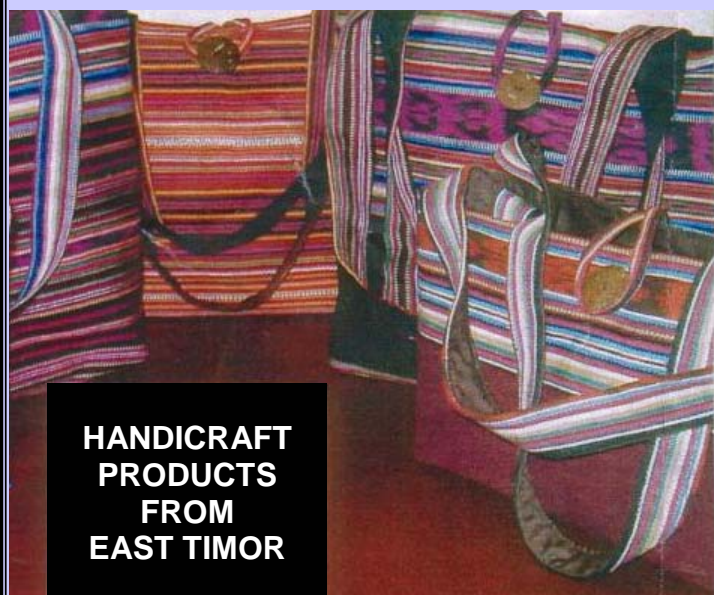


Rufina Dos Santos heads the Timor Women's Self Help Group sewing workshop, and Filomena Pinto is a master weaver. With Tricia, they will appear at weaving demonstrations in several locations in November. The products are sold in East Timor and elsewhere through the Women's Woven Art project, which now provides income to over 100 women in East Timor.

There will be opportunity to purchase the traditional large weavings as well as new products made from handwoven cloth, such as Document & Laptop Cases, Yoga Bags, Handbags, Phone Cases, Scarves and Tableware.

This is a chance to assist Australia's closest neighbor through purchases of its products, and help the women of East Timor build a market here.

We are still seeking donations to pay airfares for the Timorese women to come to Australia. Donations can be made through **Union Aid Abroad/APHEDA** or the **Australian East Timor Association**.



**HANDICRAFT
PRODUCTS
FROM
EAST TIMOR**

WEAVING DEMONSTRATIONS:

Saturday 10 November 1 – 4 pm
Afghan Interiors, 451 King St, Newtown

Sunday 11 November 1 – 4 pm
(with floor talks)
TAP Gallery, Burton & Palmer Sts,
Darlinghurst

Thursday 15 November 3:30 - 7pm
(talks at 5:30pm)
College of Fine Arts,
Greens Rd & Oxford St, Paddington
(with Consul General Abel Guterres)

Saturday 17 November 1 – 3 pm
Enlightened Elephant
43 Erskineville Rd, Erskineville
(with singer Trude Aspeling)

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