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## WELCOME BACK!

It's that sinking feeling you get when you have to set an alarm for the first time in four weeks.

Or when you realise you only got through five of the seven seasons of Gilmore Girls/whatever boys watch and you won't have time to watch the last two for another few months.

Yes, holidays are over.

But every cloud has a silver lining, and in this particular case, it's the shiniest, sparkliest lining of all – *Generate is back!*

The program has kicked off for Semester 2 right across the country. For some states, that meant a mid-year retreat. And unlike Vegas, what happens at the mid-year retreat doesn't stay at the mid-year retreat.

Nope, it gets plastered right across the front page of The Generator of course!

### Rohan Nathankumar

Tasmanian Generator

After a hectic and stressful month of exams, cold weather and sickness, a mid-year retreat was exactly what the Tasmanian Generate Ninja Tribe needed to get back into that Oaktree vibe!

We started off with some celebratory pizza which is standard dinner procedure for an epic night. We went back to the abode of our fearless leader, Henry Fowkes, where we had a deep and much-needed session of team bonding.

After a night of intense snoring, coughing, sneezing, sleep-talking, we all woke up tired and in poorer

August  
mid-year retreat

health than we remember, but nevertheless, eager to dive into Semester 2 of Generate.

After some pancakes, which is standard breakfast procedure for an epic day, we ventured out into town and got into some serious team-based activities. We busted out some rhymes, designed the greatest Generate T-shirts known to man and educated the public on issues of global poverty in true Oaktree spirit.

The highlight of the retreat was definitely the team bonding we did the previous night.

We reminisced and reflected on how much we have learnt, grown and achieved through

Generate in Semester 1, both as individuals and as a group. It was just that hit of inspiration and motivation we needed to get ready to make real change over Semester 2.

The most exciting part about Generate in Semester 2 is going to be putting the many skills we have learned into action when delivering our projects.

Hopefully, as the Tasmanian Generate Ninja Tribe, we can continue to educate Tasmania further on issues of global poverty and advocate for its eradication!



## Why Generate is beyond amazing... (aka project profiles)

We know you've all been super busy planning your projects to raise money and awareness for Oaktree's work in East Timor. And from what we've seen so far, your events and campaigns are going to raise the (metaphorical) roof. Here are just two of the fantastic projects Generators are organising around Australia.

**busking  
baFuturu**

## Busking Ba Futuru

profile by Rachel Chapman, SA

Our group has decided to organise a fundraising gig called 'Busking Ba Futuru', which translates as 'busking for the future.'

Our gig will not feature generic bands; instead it will be a showcase of local busking talent. We believe that this point of difference will generate local media attention and encourage a large and diverse audience.

We've had some really creative ideas about how to generate hype in the city on the night of the gig, like having a group of buskers on the street near the venue to promote the gig and encourage pedestrians to come past and check it out. There will also hopefully be a small group of travelling buskers walking the

streets of Adelaide promoting the event and leading people to the venue.

We want to create a musically and culturally diverse performance space for Adelaide buskers whilst at the same time raising money for the Oaktree Foundation's peace building projects in East Timor. Profits will be made from the door charge, and also from coin donations that the audience will be encouraged to place in hats that will be at the front of the stage (in true busking style). There will also be donations accepted from the buskers that will be performing on the street.

A lot of planning has already gone into the event. We have some amazing ideas which are finally starting to materialise. We have been able to secure a really great venue for the gig (The Jade Monkey, Twin St, Adelaide). We have also made initial contact with several

buskers and have received really positive responses so far.

Promoting the event will be our priority in the coming weeks. We intend to contact several channels of local media as well as using Universities and social media to promote our event.

We need to continue making contact with buskers and lock in performance times. The logistics of how the sound engineer will need to operate given the diverse range of instruments featured needs to be considered and confirmed as well.

*August-September  
generator projects*



## East Timorese Cultural Evening

profile by Elyse McInerney

Our project was an East Timorese Cultural Evening held at the Melbourne East Timorese Activity Centre in Richmond on the 19th of August.

We had a three-course dinner catered for by an East Timorese cook and speeches by Oaktree volunteers and METAC members. We worked in partnership with the head of METAC, Jorge de Araujo, to invite members of METAC as well as our own guests.

Our idea was that by inviting our friends and families as well as people from METAC we would be able to make the experience more personal and real for our

guests who have never had much exposure to East Timor before.

We were aiming to both raise funds to support Ba Futuru, and raise awareness among our families and friends of the obstacles that face East Timor. By having speeches by METAC members, we were able to give our guests a personal understanding of the problems and challenges for development.

We wanted to make the cause we are fundraising for more real for our guests by allowing them to share their experience of our event with people from East Timor, as well as educate people about the work that Oaktree is doing to try and make a difference there.

A lot of work went into organising the event, including locking in our venue, catering and live Timorese musicians through METAC. METAC also helped us find some East Timorese speakers.

We organised promotional fliers and sent out invites on Facebook and email as well as encouraged people to book their tickets online. We also arranged sponsorship to cover the cost of our catering through Toll Holdings, which is a transport company who have an East Timor division and were happy to support our cause.



### TIMOR-LESTE CULTURAL EVENING

Friday the 19<sup>th</sup> of August - 6:30pm  
Melbourne East Timor Activity Centre  
9 Belgium Avenue Richmond  
\$20 concession / \$30 adults

Come along and hear the experiences of Timorese who have witnessed the highs & lows of life in Timor Leste, and enjoy a wonderful 3 course Timorese meal.



## More Give, Less Take... Thank you to NAB!

A lot of amazing people put a lot of resources into making Generate the high quality and successful program that it is.

A big thank you needs to go out to all of those involved in Generate, including our major sponsor NAB.

NAB have been big supporters of the Generate program this year. This is a testament to their commitment to equipping and training youth, and to making a real difference in the lives of those who need it.

Generators have benefited from NAB's support, with the use of the NAB Learning and Development Space (and a tasty morning tea!) for a day retreat.

NAB has also provided training to some of our wonderful facilitators.

"The facilitation training run by the National Australia Bank for our Generate team was a highly engaging and interactive workshop.

"I especially enjoyed learning about the 4MAT model of facilitation, and hope to use this with my team of facilitators over the coming semester.

"Whilst Jono and Jo presented new techniques and gave us practical tools, they also facilitated discussion amongst the group so that we could freely ask questions and learn from each other's experiences. It was a highlight of our few days together!" said Liz Rhodes, National Generate Director.

*So on behalf of the whole Generate team, a big thank you to NAB for all of their support this year!*



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*October graduation = party time*



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