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At the Mal Nairn Auditorium Foyer (Red 7), Casuarina Campus, Charles Darwin University

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A Short-Lived Enthusiasm, illustrated with many rare photographs, seeks to discover why it was that Australia established the Dili consulate with such enthusiasm in 1946, but by late 1949 was considering withdrawing its consul and closing the facility altogether. In the event, the consulate remained open and a description is given of the situation up until 1971, when its doors were closed for good. Australia, however, seems to have lost interest in the colony well before then.

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Locating Democracy contains a selection of papers presented at a symposium, Locating Democracy: Representation, Elections and Governance, held in Dili on 26-27 April 2010. The symposium was organised in response to the local government and decentralisation reform policies of the Timor-Leste government. Part of the reform program is the establishment of municipal assemblies, with the aim of making democracy more representative. Four districts were being prepared for the first municipal elections to be held in the second half of 2010, with elections in the remaining nine districts to have been held in 2011. There has been much discussion about this process in Timor-Leste and it was considered that a symposium that brought together a range of stakeholders concerned with the reform program shortly before the associated laws were to be introduced to parliament would be a timely event.

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