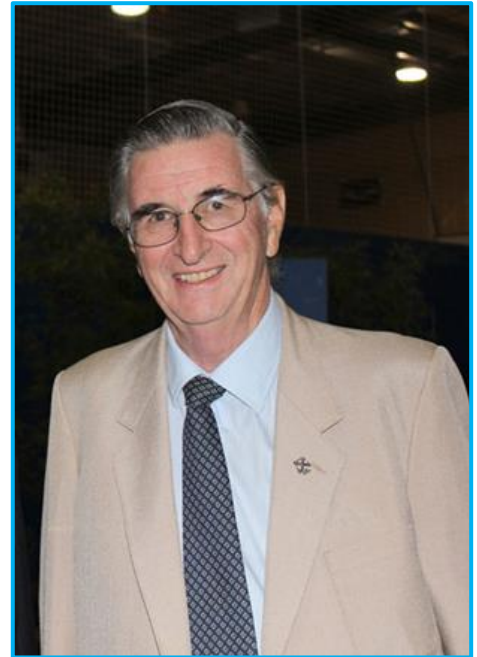


CONGRATULATIONS TO BR FRANK

Congratulations to Br Frank Hennessy. Br Frank was a 2016 Australia Day Honours List recipient of the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) for Service to Education, and to People who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing. Many in the Diocese would know Br Frank, he spent two periods of his professional life at St Paul's College Ballarat (now Damascus College): firstly as a teacher in 1970/71 and then as Principal from 1983-1990.

For over fifty years of enthusiastic ministry in such areas as primary and secondary teaching, working with abandoned children, teaching in East Africa, working with refugee children, caring for ageing brothers and now for the past couple of years Br Frank has been working in Timor Leste.

The Christian Brothers have been in Timor Leste for around sixteen years and Br Frank is continuing their valuable work. They support three primary schools and eight pre-primary centres in the sub-District of Railaco, catering for nearly five hundred children across five villages.



Back in 2013 Br Frank spoke to the Damascus College Community about his work in Timor Leste and the challenges of working there saying there is much still to be done and funds are needed to support this important work. This continues to be the case.

Br Frank has said that to be a Christian Brother in Timor Leste simply means being with the people. Listening to them and sharing life with them – the barriers of language, culture & tradition do not matter.