



Ngaraseseb

President
Kerungil Augustine

Main Activities

- Cleaning the village
- Cleaning the historical sites in the rock islands
- Helping with members funerals
- Farming
- Protecting the environment
- Preparing food for Airai State events



Background of Establishment

Ngaraseseb roughly translates to "Members of burning fire". This is a traditional women's group of one of the six villages in Airai State called Ordomei. This group has been around since before World War II.

Purpose

This organization helps the community in any way they can, from taking care of their village, to farming for food security. They also support the State as requested.

Member's Voice Ms. Kerungil Augustine (Translated by Ms. Doran Inabo)

We are the traditional women's group in the hamlet and have been around for a very long time. Any women from Ordomei or has any ties to the village can join our group as long as they pay their dues (\$2 a month) and stay active in our activities. We currently have 37 members, and together, we help the community by farming and providing food security for the community, giving food to the schools, the hospital and families in need, cleaning historical sites and donating money to help with the funerals. We also do projects such as helping school children plant clams in the conservation area in Airai and plant trees and grass to prevent the sediments that come from the roads and constructions from going into the ocean.

In 2016, we were given a project to clean up the rock island called Orrak, which has become one on Airai's historical site. The site is a home of some of the remains of some people during World War II. We continue to maintain the site twice a year. During one of our usual clean-up projects of the site in 2018, we had visitors, a group of Japanese tourists. We decided to prepare lunch for them. We made them local food and placed them in woven baskets for each one of them. They were all so excited and happy. After they finished their meals, they told us they wanted to help clean the site as well! We cleaned the rock island together and had a beautiful day.

I have a farmhouse next to the farm that I keep open for the members to freely use. This is also where we can all meet up, have lunch and rest before going back to work in our individual farms. This farmhouse was built many years ago, and with all the typhoons in the last few years, it is slowly breaking apart. We hope to be able to redesign and renovate this building in the future so it can be properly and safely used again.

We will continue to help and support one another and the activities of the organization will continue for generations after generations.

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