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Loss for Timor felt by many

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TO casual acquaintances, Kevin Sherlock was an unassuming former newsagent from Adelaide, who lived a quiet life in the suburbs of Darwin.

To his many friends throughout Australia and Timor Leste, he was a legend who had meticulously researched and documented the history of Timor.

Mr Sherlock's work researching and documenting Timor literature began in 1974 and is now the most significant collection of documentation of the country's history.

The long-term Darwin resident passed away on October 2.

His research collection consisted of thousands of books, newspaper clippings and documents all meticulously indexed and kept in folders in individual plastic sleeves and was given to Charles Darwin University following his passing.

His honest and respectful demeanour and sincere passion for his research left a mark on all those he came across in his travels to research, document and preserve the Timor Leste national identity.

Mr Sherlock's research has been accessed by students and academics from around the globe as it is a rare collection of records about Timor under Portuguese colonial rule.

His work for the Timorese people was formally recognised in May 2010, when he was officially honoured by President Ramos-Horta at a ceremony in the National Parliament in Dili.



Researcher Kevin Sherlock