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Special points of Interest:

- **Multi Faith Retreat in the Forest at Dwellingup May 16th –18th**
- **Induction Training Day Followed by Mass for Volunteers from The Shopfront**
- **Snippets from the ER Camps**
- **New Regional Coordinator WA**



HARMONY WEEKEND—Celebrating our Diversity

ALL ARE WELCOME

Once again the Edmund Rice Centre Mirrabooka is holding a multi faith weekend in the forest at Camp Kelly, Dwellingup.

We invite you to relax and enjoy the beautiful bush setting, sunrise, sunset, birdsong, the stillness— an encounter with the spirit within and around you.

Enjoy the welcome to the land; learning about aboriginal culture and an informative bush walk with Indigenous leaders from the area;

Some of the activities include Religious Beliefs and Practices, Sharing Stories around the Campfire; multicultural meal and music, song and dance and toasting corn on the fire.

Sunday morning brings a choice of Tai Chi or Morning Prayer with an English translation from the Ko-

ran. Breakfast is followed by a Multi Faith Service before we head home.

Exploring the difference and diversity of the universe and the uniqueness that is in all things brings a realization that we are all people with our own spirituality, but under it all we are very similar.

We would like to thank the West Australian Office of Multicultural Interests' for their sponsorship and support of this weekend.

Accommodation is dormitory style—bring warm clothing, sleeping bags etc. Registration closes on May 9th.

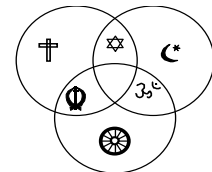
Cost \$5 per person & \$10 per family.

The 'multi faith logo' opposite is used on the Edmund Rice Centre banner.

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MULTI FAITH LOGO



The upper symbols represent the three younger religious traditions, Christianity, Judaism, & Islam. The symbols below represent the three older traditions, the Crossed Swords of the Sikhs, the Buddhist Prayer Wheel, & the Hindu Symbol for 'OM', the chant before meditation. The three circles represent the partnership that exists between these traditions. The 'empty space' symbolizes how each one, in their own way, understands the 'eternal' We use this Logo as a sign of respect for the faith & spirituality of all who come to this Weekend.

THE SHOPFRONT

MAY 15TH INDUCTION TRAINING DAY & MASS FOR THE SHOPFRONT VOLUNTEERS.

An Induction and Ongoing Training Session for volunteers will be held on Thursday 15th May at 11.am in the Seminar Room of the Catholic Pas-

toral Centre, 40/a Mary St, Highgate.

Archbishop Barry Hickey will celebrate Mass at 4.00 pm in the Pastoral Centre Chapel. He will commission the Committee of Management and all volunteers during this Mass. The role and function of Shopfront is to provide a

place for people requiring assistance, fellowship and hospitality. The Shopfront is run by volunteers who offer assistance in a friendly, non bureaucratic manner and who network with other agencies to obtain the appropriate assistance.

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WHAT IS ERCKWA?

www.edmundricecampswa.com.au

This is just a note about ERCKWA for those readers who may not know about it, or are not quite sure what it actually does. Edmund Rice Camps for Kids WA Inc. is a community based organisation that serves the needs of young kids (aged 7-16) and their families that are often overlooked by other services.

Edmund Rice Camps for Kids provides holiday camps and other recreational activities for kids who would not otherwise have such opportunities,

supporting kids 'at risk' or 'in need'. These children are referred to ERCKWA from a variety of agencies that have recognised that they come from situations that are experiencing some sort of pressure. This pressure may be financial, cultural, social or emotional. Given the nature of the service provided, the kids that attend the programmes come from all areas of Perth, represent a wide variety of cultural and religious backgrounds and whose life experiences differ greatly.

ERCKWA also promotes the development & training of the young adults who serve as Volunteer Camp Leaders. The role of a leader on these camps is more than purely recreational. For each child taken on camp there is a volunteer leader. Leaders are there to serve as a friend, companion and mentor. Camp Leaders are mainly recruited at the end of year 12 from Edmund Rice Schools and various other Catholic Schools.



JANUARY CAMPS

Edmund Rice Camps for Kids WA has had a very busy year so far, with January camps being a massive hit with kids and volunteers alike.

January 2008 saw approximately 100 children

and over 120 volunteers involved in crazy camp activities at Tuppin house at Moore River.

For over half of the children attending, this was their first experience of an

Eddie Rice Camp and they will all be invited back to join camps again this July, at Dwellingup.

Many volunteer cooks, kitchen hands and bus drivers etc also take part in running and enjoying



MINI CAMPS

MARCH ENVIRONMENTAL MINI CAMP

This year has also seen a continuation of the October 2007 "Environmental Camp", with all those who attended in October spending a weekend away (a mini camp) this March to learn more about our environment, and plant some trees along the river's edge. The partici-

pants really enjoyed the fishing and sand boarding that were also a part of this camp.

MAY INDIGENOUS MINI CAMP

Two other mini camps will be running this year with an indigenous mini camp to be held in May at Moore River where the theme will be fishing and fun.

AUGUST REFUGEE MINI CAMP

A refugee mini camp will also be held at Mundaring in August. This camp will focus on bush survival and have all participants sleeping in tents and learning bush skills.

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*I have been a volunteer in the ERN for many years & I look forward to this new venture. Please send me any information about events and celebrations in your ministry before they happen so that I can promote them in the Network. I look forward to meeting you soon.
Cheers, Jill*

ERN REGIONAL COORDINATOR WA (New ERN WA Position)

The position of Edmund Rice (ERN) Co-ordinator is to aid the Oceania Networking and Development team in maintaining contact with individuals associated with the Christian Brothers and the Edmund Rice Network in Western Australia; to keep them informed and to encourage participation in future endeavours of the Christian Brothers Oceania and associated entities. Officially, I was appointed to this position in WA on April 28th 2008 and can be contacted on mobile phone **0414 629 218** or as below.

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