



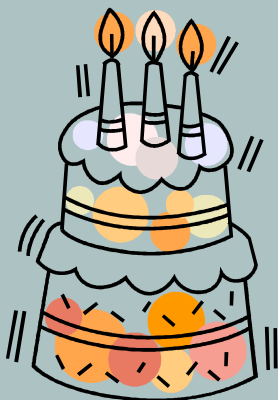
Edmund Rice - Networking WA

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Special points of Interest:

- Edmund Rice Camps for Kids WA 500 Club
- Oceania Province First anniversary Celebrations.
- Edmund Rice Community Prayer Group
- TOBA Art Exhibition Trinity College Oct 17th –19th 2008
- Celebration Dinner for Indigenous Year 12 Students. Donella Brown
- ERISJ Group Dinners 18-25 yrs—Oct 14th & 21st 2008
- Edmund Rice Community Information Days
- Harmony Weekend Oct 17th to 19th 2008
- Victorian ERN Gathering Oct 18th 2008



Edmund Rice Camps
for Kids WA.

500 CLUB

'BUILDING THE FUTURE'

What's the 500 Club

The Edmund Rice Camps for Kids WA (ERCKWA) 500 CLUB is open to 500 donors (individuals or corporations) who pledge to donate \$500 a year for as long as they can.

We aim to raise \$250,000 annually in order to:

- increase services and programmes to kids and families in need
- add new programmes: FUNFEST, Mentoring and further regional development
- establish EDMUND RICE HOUSE, the new headquarters of Edmund Rice Camps for Kids WA (proposed development for 2012)

ERCKWA 500 Club - Building the Future

How it Works:

The ERCKWA 500 Club is open to individuals and corporations who pledge an annual donation of \$500 (all donations are tax deductible).

Pledges are not binding however we hope members will continue to fulfil their commitment for as long as they can.

Pledges can be fulfilled annually, quarterly or monthly.

With permission, ERCKWA 500 Club members will be recognised on the ERCKWA website and in the ERCKWA Annual Report. ERCKWA 500 Club members will receive regular communications and have the opportunity to meet one another and learn more about the ERCKWA at special events.

We look forward to you joining us. Thanks in anticipation of your support.

EDMUND RICE HOUSE

The Future of Edmund Rice Camps for Kids WA

Edmund Rice House is a purpose built facility to be created as the new headquarters of Edmund Rice Camps for Kids WA.

Through donations and support of the ERCKWA 500 Club, Edmund Rice House is earmarked for development in 2012. This new facility will allow for the further growth of programmes and services, help to improve the profile and support of Edmund Rice Camps for Kids WA within the community and provide a welcoming place for kids, families and volunteers to gather regularly.



Edmund Rice House features:

- 4 offices
- Reception area
- 2 meeting rooms (small and large)
- Multi-purpose room
- Storage space (for equipment and resources)
- Training facilities
- Outdoor area for training and activities



Original prospectus and model designed by Norman Little Project Management Services.

Contact Ashley Little from Edmund Rice Camps for Kids WA to request a ERCKWA 500 Club registration pack on (08) 9365 2811

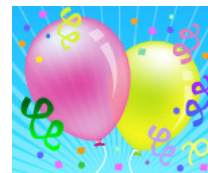
EDMUND RICE NETWORK CELEBRATIONS

The Oceania Province of the Christian Brothers celebrated its First Anniversary on October 1st 2008.

Celebrations have been held across the six countries of the Oceania Province. Brother Pat Kelly invited all the staff at Westcourt Support Centre WA to a special reflection followed by morning tea. A birthday cake was enjoyed by all present.

There is a First Anniversary letter on the Oceania website from Brother Vince Duggan, Province Leader, Christian Brothers Oceania Province

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EDMUND RICE COMMUNITY, REDMOND STREET PRAYER GROUP

We all come together with great anticipation for our Prayer Group meeting as we take time out of our busy schedules to partake of a sumptuous meal, (laced with plenty of humour), after which we find rejuvenation together in prayer and reflection. We have a roster, prepared by Trish at the beginning of each year, which allocates who is bringing what in the way of food and who is preparing the prayer/reflection for the evening. We get to know each other on a deeper level and the depth and goodness of all present is a very humbling experience. The presence of the Young Edmund Rice Community members who are living in community with Terry and Bernard greatly enriches this experience both in sharing the meal and when they are not out at the 'Soup Kitchen', University, work, or otherwise occupied, are able to share our prayer.



Seated From left: Cheryl Meta; Jill Parker; Fr Dominic Savio; Trish Beale; Jeff Beale; Mark Cocks; Ellyce Cocks; Joshua Cocks; Kelly Cocks with Macey; Hilary Fowle; Mike Parker; Mary Davis; Chris Davis ; **Standing:** Chris Mousley; Bernard White; Terry Casey.



Jeff and Trish Beale have been involved with the Edmund Rice family in Perth for over 20 years. With 4 sons through the Christian Brother schools, their involvement has included school boards and committees, vocations committee and the Edmund Rice prayer group. As Jeff says, we have been inspired by the ethos of Edmund. He was a family man, a husband and father, a business man and educator. A man for all seasons. We love the regular sharing of food and prayer at Westcourt as part of the world wide family of Edmund Rice.

Br. Terry Casey: Terry is a member of the Regional Formation Team WA/SA and contact person for Brothers Formation. Living in the Edmund Rice Community in Perth with Br Bernard White and five young people he enjoys retreat work as well as bushwalking. Eco spirituality has a special interest for him as he shares his passion for discovering our relationship with all of creation with many groups.



Mark and Kelly Cocks are new to the group. Kelly is an Artist and Mark, after teaching at Aquinas college for 28 years has diversified into work in the oil & gas industry. Having triplets and then Joshua, it is nice to take time out for spiritual enrichment. It is special to be able to share the experience together with other like-minded people.

Chris and Mary Davis have been privileged to be part of the group for a number of years and we have witnessed the spirit of Edmund move people – some to new and adventurous horizons and others who are inspired to join us. Our group is diverse so we learn much about each other and learn to be community. We share our stories, share a meal, and serve each other. Then we pray and reflect together. We always leave our gatherings refreshed and renewed and ready to face the challenges that await us.

Hilary Fowle I feel very comfortable being a member of the Edmund Rice Redmond Street Prayer Group. My first connection with the Christian Brothers was at the time of my sons' education. Then followed employment in CB establishments and awareness of the Edmund Rice ethos. Hence, over time, many friendships have been formed with the Brothers and lay people who have similar outlooks on life as I have.

Cheryl Meta Being a part of the Prayer Group gives me that sense of 'belonging' which I realise is important for me. And true belonging has responsibilities. Under Trish's co-ordination we each take turns to cook a small part of the meal or prepare the prayers for the night - making true the axiom the many hands make light work and a very enjoyable night."

Mike and Jill Parker. Mike is a Consulting Civil Engineer and Jill is ERN Regional Coordinator WA. We have been involved in many different ways with the ERN in Perth for over 25 years. Our sons attended Trinity College and this led to involvement with the school board, and various committees in the wider ERN. We have been in the prayer group since it was based at the Waterford community— our prayer begins from the time we gather and deepens during the reflection time. It is a very humbling and enriching experience. Mike sums it up :- "In the periodic sharing of our ongoing life stories over a meal and glass of wine, against a background of seeking awareness of our creator, the moment becomes a prayer without formal prayer—a remarkably unexpected outcome".

Father Dominic Savio CSsR. I am a Redemptorist Priest and not part of the "hell fire and brimstone" era, but I am certainly humbled to share God's Word. The group has been family to me. But what touches me most is the camaraderie that exists. It is truly genuine. I personally feel enriched with the fellowship. The word "Christian" best describes the group for me.

Br. Bernard White I have been in the prayer group since 2001 when it was based at the Waterford community. Ministry involvements include Campus Ministry at Clontarf Aboriginal College ;Vocation Coordinator for Christian Brothers WA;& Community Leader for Edmund Rice Community. The monthly prayer group gathering is something I always look forward to and enjoy. Living with young adults is great, but its also good for me to be able to socialise and reflect with "grown ups". The breadth of life experience we all bring to the reflections is a great gift.

Right back: Caroline Nevin (not included in top photo)



2008 TOBA ART EXHIBITION TRINITY COLLEGE



Growing up with a mother who taught her to appreciate the beautiful shapes and textures in nature taught Feature Artist Kelly Cocks to appreciate the beauty of colour, texture and design in the world around her.



Sleeping Beauty

Kelly trained as a graphic designer then pursued a career in newspapers. Working from her home studio Kelly is now working on canvas and developing a new style. Curvaceous women created in bold impasto acrylics create a frivolous ambience while abstract pieces containing crystals and other textural elements create a hypnotic fascination. Circle **17 - 19 October** in your diary to



Ceremonial Tea

come and view Kelly's creative work as well as a variety of other artworks including Paintings, Sculptures, Ceramics, Pottery, Glassware and Handmade Jewellery. **Attend the Exclusive Preview** and be the first to purchase while enjoying sumptuous canapés and a selection of premium wines & champagne as you enjoy the exhibits.

ALL ARE WELCOME

**with Feature Artist
Kelly Cocks**

EXCLUSIVE PREVIEW
Friday, 17 October
6.00pm to 9.00pm
Tickets are \$44.00 per person
(no door sales)

GENERAL PUBLIC VIEWING:
(No Charge)

Saturday, 18 & Sunday, 19 October
11.00am to 4.00pm
Gibney Hall, Trinity College,
Trinity Ave
East Perth

Contact : Diane Millar ,
9223 8132
millar.diane@trinity.wa.edu.au

CELEBRATION DINNER FOR INDIGENOUS STUDENTS

On the 24th September the Indigenous Ministry hosted a celebration dinner for 4 of the Indigenous boys who have completed their year twelve education in Edmund Rice schools in WA. In a relaxed and pleasant setting at Monterey's Restaurant in the Sheraton Hotel we shared story, shared a meal, and caught up with old friends.

During the evening the Oceania Indigenous Consultant in WA, Donella Brown thanked the boys for their commitment to their education at an Edmund Rice College. She asked the young men to reflect on who had been significant in helping them achieve this goal and urged them to seek out and thank any teachers or friends who have supported them. The most important challenge for the guys is to again thank their parents and other members of their family who have been there for them along this journey.

John Robert, Eric, Callum and Dylan have become successful young Indigenous men by the fact that they have persevered and completed their education to year 12. It is indeed a great milestone and we congratulate them for their commitment and sacrifices over the years. Donella also thanked the parents for their continued belief in Edmund Rice Education and for the support and sacrifice that they have made over the years.

Donella also asked the guys to remain connected to their college, to consider returning there sometime in the future and in some way continue to contribute to their college. She also challenged the guys to remain faithful to the values of the Edmund Rice Vision, to continue to be "men for others".

During the evening we reflected on the fact that our circle was incomplete without Fr Michael McMahon. We all recognised that he was with us in spirit and that he was a 'man for others' and truly lived that in his chaplaincy at Trinity.

The boys are carefully considering their options for the future. They talked of taking a gap year to work and earn some money; considered their University options; the options available at Western Australian Performing Arts Academy; Traineeships; and Scholarships. All are great choices for these young men who are now faced with a few decisions to make for their future.

Congratulations to the Trinity boys—John Robert Gallagher, Eric Bin Sali and Callum Morich and to Dylan McCarthy from Aquinas College. We thank them for their achievements over the years and we wish them well in their future as young men.



Group Dinners

Tuesdays : 6pm—8pm
COST: \$12 (incl drinks)



To book: 9432 2400 or admin@erisj.org.au

**Edmund Rice Institute for
Social Justice
Group Dinners
18-25 YRS**

14th & 21st OCTOBER 2008

Our intention is to provide opportunities to get to know each other socially, celebrate friendship and life, and encourage informal support networks. Each group is free to choose - or decline - to invite guest speakers, or play musical instruments, or play a DVD, or swap jokes, or talk seriously about life or social justice

No commitment is required. It's entirely optional whether you attend every time, occasionally or just once. The only rule is to help set up and clean up after.

Book in advance to assist catering:
admin@erisj.org.au
or call 9432 2400.



information days



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young adults to live and grow"*

\$90

per week

**information
days**

sun 2 november
4.00 - 6.00pm

wed 5 november
6.00 - 8.00pm

*please rsvp by
fri 31 october*

light meal provided

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You Tube

**myspace
.com**

bebo

xt3

51b redmond st
salter point
wa 6152

9450 0900
0439948981

**contact
Br Bernard
White**

edmundricecommunity@gmail.com

HARMONY MULTICULTURAL WEEKEND

Friday evening
17th October 2008

to

Sunday 19th October 2008
CAMP KELLY DWELLINGUP

Contact: **Steve Bowman**
08 94400625



**WELCOME
TO ALL**

2008 ERN GATHERING IN VICTORIA



Theme: **DARE TO BE DISCIPLE**
(continuing from General chapter)

The programme consists of 4 workshops. Each workshop will contribute to an overall understanding of our Gathering Theme: **Dare to be Disciple in the Edmund Rice Network.**

Workshop 1: Our Edmund Rice Network Story

This is an invitation to reflect on that part of your own story that has drawn you to the Edmund Rice Spirit and Charism.

Workshop 2: An Australian, Earth-centred Spirituality

As disciples who dare to be different, we are drawn into the new consciousness and challenged to embrace an Earth-centred and cosmic spirituality. Celebrated Australian author, David Tacey will lead us in reflection on the elements that lie at the heart of an Australian Spirituality

Workshop 3: Daring to be a Disciple who goes to the Edge.

You are invited to interact with the personal witness of 3 women who, in their ministry, have worked with people at the very edge of our society. Glenys Dellamarta & Anne Dixon, both Good Samaritan sisters and Brigid Arthur, a member of the Brigidine congregation have been involved with ministry to prisoners, refugees, the homeless and women who have been drawn into prostitution.

Workshop 4: Finding the God that Exists Beyond Religious Boundaries. In the ERN we are challenged to explore the bigger God through embracing an interfaith dialogue. Using a contemporary film, our facilitators Peter Harney and Mary Murphy, will lead us in an exploration of the Congregation Chapter's call to deepen our understanding of the powerful presence of the Spirit within the various religious traditions. This workshop will further enhance our sense of the God that exists beyond religious boundaries.

There are four people travelling from WA to Victoria for the Conference. These include: Michelle Jack from ERCKWA; Jesse Moniodis & Pashtana Yad both from ERCMWA Youth Leadership Group & Jill Parker ERN Regional Coordinator WA

Date: Saturday 18th October

Hosting Ministry: St Bernard's College, Essendon

Contact : **Danny Moore**, dmoore@stpats.vic.edu.au
Peter Hay, Peter@amberley.org.au

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. I can be contacted on mobile phone **0414 629 218** or as below.

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We have no time to listen to the poor—often they have to come again and again—walk long distances—sick, tired, in pain—to tell us of their want—of their suffering and we, because we are busy about many things, we have no time to sit at their feet and listen... To all who suffer and are lonely—give them always a happy smile—give them not only your ears but also your heart.

*Kindness has
converted more
people than zeal,
science or eloquence*

Mother Teresa



Once again, thank you to everyone who sent information in for this issue. Please send in any news about your Ministry for inclusion in the next issue.

*Cheers,
Jill*