



# Edmund Rice - Networking WA

## ERN WA SUNDOWNER 2009



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### Special points of Interest:

- Sundowner 2009  
Aquinas College
- English teachers desperately needed at  
ERC Mirrabooka
- Every Human Has  
Rights Campaign
- ERISJ –What's on in  
April 2009
- Easter Reflection



Conversation was all a-buzz as people mixed and mingled, catching up with old friends and meeting people they had heard about through the Edmund Rice Network.

Formalities provided an opportunity for acknowledging and promoting the various Edmund Rice Schools & Ministries in WA.

All present were welcomed and thanked for their continued support and involvement in the network as we celebrated being part of one body with a common founding story. We were invited to think of our different ministries, schools, gifts and stories as the colours of the rainbow. Each individual colour is beautiful on its own, but put the colours together and something far more amazing shines.

We then began the formalities with a Welcome to Country by Nyoongar Elder Marie Taylor. This was a very special part of the evening as Marie warmly welcomed us in her own language and then in English. She finished by saying that we are many, we come from many backgrounds, but we are all Australian.

The ERN candle (specially made in the colours of the rainbow) was lit by Frank Norton of Aquinas College and several candles each in a different colour were then lit from the ERN candle by representatives of the various ministry groups.

People were invited to stand as their ministry was named and those who are part of more than one ministry were asked to stand each time. It was inspiring to see so many people involved in several different ministries.

Our theme was taken from the letters of St Paul (Corinthians.1, 12: 4-12)

*'The body is a unit, it is made up of many parts; and though all its parts are many, they form one body'*

At different intervals in this process we paused to listen to how our scriptural tradition reminds us of the gift that each part adds to the whole.

Br Steve McLaughlin Director of Networking, Communications & Development came from Brisbane

and shared his hopes for the ERN and the future directions for the ERN that have come from the Munnar Chapter.

The Ministry highlighted for the 2009 Sundowner was the Edmund Rice Centre Mirrabooka. Steve Bowman, the Director of the Centre, showed a power point outlining the services that are provided there and talked about some of the highlights of the year.



Br Joe Lauren from New Zealand spoke about the ERN, using the analogy of a flock of starlings - flying in formation as one body. His story of two young men in New Zealand and their commitment to the ERN

was inspirational.

Plaques given for their many years of service. were presented by Br Pat Kelly to Rob Marshall past Board Chairman for ERCKWA & Tony Curry past Board Chairman from ERCMWA. Unable to be present to accept their plaques were Michael Thomas past Board Chair, & Nick Lynch past Principal of CBAS Tardun



A display and a short video about the Edmund Rice Community from Redmond Street was set up and members of the group served food and drinks.

throughout the evening. Cont.



## CRY FOR HELP FROM ERC MIRRABOOKA

### THE ERC MIRRABOOKA IS IN DESPERATE NEED OF ENGLISH TEACHERS FOR THE MIGRANT EDUCATION PROGRAM

On behalf of the Chair of the Edmund Rice Centre, Mirrabooka, Jim Elliot, we are posting a plea for assistance.

The Edmund Rice Centre at Mirrabooka cannot meet the demand for English language classes! We desperately need qualified Teachers to help us. You don't need to be ESL qualified (though if you are, that's great!) but you do need to have a teaching qualification and ideally some experience teaching at school or TAFE.

These voluntary positions are **EXTREMELY** rewarding as you are able to give practical assistance to people who are keen to learn and participate in their new homeland.

If you are able to help, please contact the Edmund Rice Centre on:

Phone: (08) 9440 0625 or 9440 1920 and say you are interested in being a Teacher at the Centre.

Fax: (08) 9207 1178

Email: [ercmwa@westnet.com.au](mailto:ercmwa@westnet.com.au)

You can visit our website at

[www.edmundricecentremirrabooka.com](http://www.edmundricecentremirrabooka.com)

Thankyou for giving this your earnest and immediate consideration.



## Edmund Rice Centre Youth Leadership Group

The Edmund Rice Centre Youth Leadership Group is hosting an event as part of the Every Human Has Rights Campaign ([www.everyhumanhasrights.org](http://www.everyhumanhasrights.org)) on Saturday the 18th April at the Hainsworth Centre 29 Hainsworth Ave Girrawheen from 10:00 am.

This Campaign was launched by The Elders, a group of notables including Nelson Mandela, Desmond Tutu and Mary Robinson, dedicated to global peace and prosperity ([www.theelders.org](http://www.theelders.org))

The aims of the Campaign are to promote education about the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and have people read it, embrace it and choose to live by its principles by signing it as individuals.

They also recently ran a stall to promote the campaign at the Global Village event hosted by the Office of Multicultural Interests and collected 101 signatures.

April's event has the full support of the Campaign, and promises to be an enjoyable and educational day for all, with the leaders giving seminars on topics such as the Declaration and how to live it, The Elders, The United Nations and more. There will also be multicultural food, entertainment and other festivities.

We hope you can help us to make this years event bigger and better than ever. It would be great to see the people of Perth stand up for human rights and show the world that we can make a difference. (More information in attached Flyer)

Joe Moniodis. Multicultural Sports and Leadership Coordinator

## ERN WA SUNDOWNER 2009 *continued*



The evening concluded with some members of the ERN leading us in the first part of the closing prayer, and everyone joining in for the final section. Our thanks to all who participated in the ceremony and to everyone for coming along to the Sundowner to celebrate the past year

Thanks also to the Edmund Rice Community and friends for the pleasant and professional way in which they helped on the night.

We especially would like to thank Mark Sawle, Headmaster, & the Aquinas Community for their hospitality and support in running this function. In particular, we thank Kym Patiniotis the Personal Assistant to the Headmaster, for her good advice & hard work in organizing this event.







**Edmund Rice Centre  
Youth Leadership Group  
invites you to sign  
The Universal Declaration  
of Human Rights**

**THE RIGHT  
TO FREEDOM  
FROM FEAR**

**RESPONSIBILITY  
TO PROTECT**



**Come and join us for a  
day of multicultural food,  
fun and information  
about human rights**

**Multicultural Food**

**Show your support  
for human rights!**

**Hainsworth Centre  
29 Hainsworth  
Avenue Girrawheen  
Saturday 18th April  
10:00am – 5:00pm**

**Our Youth Leaders will  
give presentations  
about topics related to  
human rights,  
including The Elders,  
the Universal  
Declaration and the  
United Nations**

**Entertainment**

**EVERY  
HUMAN  
HAS  
RIGHTS**

**For more info contact the Edmund Rice  
Centre on 9440 0625 or email  
ercyouthleaders@gmail.com**



This event is conducted in partnership with Every Human Has Rights Campaign. If you can't make it to the Hainsworth Centre on the day, you can still sign the declaration at <http://www.everyhumanhasrights.org>



## EDMUND RICE INSTITUTE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE FREMANTLE



### Why volunteer with us?

Reasons to become a trained ERISJ Volunteer include:

- achieve heightened awareness of Social Justice issues in order to become a valued Social Justice Volunteer worker;
  - many positions we make available are in areas otherwise difficult to get involved in as an outsider;
  - volunteering experience with us supports your progress in various fields of employment; and
  - we offer Certificates and documented evidence of volunteer hours worked
- Your **Volunteer & Internship Coordinator** **Laurina Kersten**. [Email Laurina](#) or call her on +61 8 9432 2410.

### **The team at the ERISJ, Fremantle**

### **WHAT'S ON IN APRIL**

**Friday 10 April (Good Friday) - A Social Justice Stations of the Cross liturgy** will be held at 10am in Russell Square, Northbridge. Each of the 'stations' in this liturgy revolve around a contemporary issue of social injustice, the suffering borne by people and the way forward. Created by the Sundowner Community and Ruah Community Services.

### **Wednesday 29 April: Trafficking of Humans Talk**

Dr. Suma Kaare, Social Justice Education Coordinator, will present a talk on behalf of ACRATH, the Australian Catholic Religious Against the Trafficking of Humans. The event will be hosted here at ERISJ from 6:00-7:30 PM on Wednesday, 29 April. Hope to see you there!

**RSVP for the above event (gold coin donation):**

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### **Our Community Engagements**

- The Director of ERISJ, David Freeman, is teaching a Masters of Education unit at the University of Notre Dame, Fremantle campus, during Semester 1, exploring the social justice and environmental understandings of Catholic social teaching. Over 25 students are currently enrolled in this unit.
- Dr. Suma Kaare, our Social Justice Education Coordinator, delivers a guest lecture to students at Curtin University on the intersection between Gender, Development, and Human Rights.
- We offer Service Learning capacity-building workshops for University of Notre Dame students preparing to start their 40-hour service learning placements with various social justice agencies in Western Australia.
- We are involved with University of Notre Dame Business School Marketing, Events and Public Relations undergraduate and Masters students whose Semester 1 and Semester 2 placements are to assist the Institute in all of these areas.
- University of Notre Dame filmmaking students are currently filming a documentary about the Institute and its work.
- David Freeman and Dr Suma Kaare will be keynote speakers during Edmund Rice Week 2009, held in Adelaide from 4-7 May. The numerous events they will facilitate and speak at seek to variously build insight, commitment and skills for social justice work.

### **Aboriginal Australia - exciting new partnership**



The Institute has accepted an invitation from Aboriginal elders to become a major partner in one of the largest Aboriginal-run projects in Western Australian history. The project straddles eight major fields, with the first (Cultural Corridors) being a juvenile justice diversionary program. Seen together, the eight projects aim at nothing less than the full revival of Aboriginal people in Western Australia as well as new forms of partnership with, and learning from Aboriginal people by the rest of the population. Initiated within Nyoongar Western Australia, these projects have built so much momentum and excitement during the past 12 months that there are already suggestions they 'go Statewide'. Stay tuned for much more information in coming issues of Living Justice, and on our website.



*Photo by ActU.Social*



*Photo by Anatoli Axelrod*

## HOLY WEEK 2009

*While they were eating, Jesus took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to His disciples, saying, 'Take and eat; this is my body'*

"It is sometimes hard to reconcile the violent tragedy of Jesus' death with the calm way we relive those events at Mass. Calvary was confused and chaotic, the Resurrection stories are full of human emotion and yet Mass seems so orderly. How can Mass embody the experience of Easter? The answer is that Mass is only orderly and predictable if you believe that Mass is over and done with when people leave the church building. It isn't. The last words are among the most important in the whole celebration: 'go in peace to love and serve the lord'. This is an invitation to live as Jesus lived: to feed others in all ways, material and otherwise, that Jesus feeds us. Around the time of Easter, it is good to remember how those closest to Jesus had no idea what sharing his table would mean in their lives. It is impossible to predict what it will mean in ours".

*Some people who cannot see what nourishment they could be bringing, do not realise that they can become bread for others. They have no confidence that their word, their smile, their being or their prayer could nourish others and help them to rediscover trust. Jesus calls us to give our lives for those we love. If we eat the bread transformed into the Body of Christ, it is so that we become bread for others.*

—Jean Vanier, *Community and Growth*.

Finding God's Traces Michael Mc Girr

## ABORIGINAL EASTER SCENE



**Image is an Easter Scene depicting the Last Supper and the Crucifixion**

Source: [circleofdionysius.blogspot.com/](http://circleofdionysius.blogspot.com/)

## RIP

*We give thanks for the life of*

**Br Norbert  
Tuppín**

4<sup>th</sup> November 1922 – 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2009

*Our sincere  
condolences and love to all his family,  
the Christian Brothers  
and his friends.*

*May Perpetual Light shine upon him.  
May He Rest in Peace.*



## EASTER BLESSINGS

God bless you  
and yours  
this

Easter Season

and in the year  
to come



**Thank you  
to everyone who  
sent information  
in for this issue.  
Please keep the  
news coming in  
for the next issue.  
Blessings,  
Jill**

**Online link:  
[Christianbrothers.com  
.au/ernwa](http://Christianbrothers.com.au/ernwa)**

**With thanks to Br  
Berkeley Fitzhardinge**

The position of Edmund Rice Network (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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