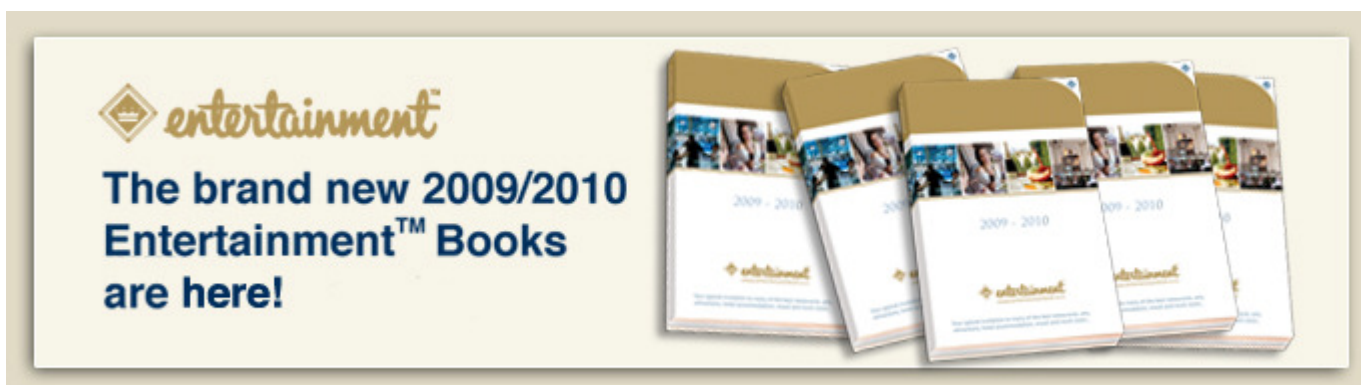


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## EDMUND RICE INSTITUTE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE

### WHAT'S ON IN JULY:

#### Join Us July 25th and learn from WA Trade Unionism!

**Rebuilding Social Solidarity: Strategies from West Australian Trade Unionism: Saturday 25th July, 10am-5pm**

Our presenter, Simone McGurk, is Assistant Secretary of UnionsWA, the peak organisation that represents all Western Australian trade union affiliates. Simone has worked for WA trade unions for more than two decades, interspersed with a stint as an ABC radio announcer. In this Intensive, Simone will show us:

- Contemporary trade union contributions to rebuilding social solidarity in WA and beyond;
- Leading-edge techniques for effective community campaigning;
- How these techniques differ from traditional trade union campaign methods;
- The necessity of connecting with the Australian public on core values for a civil society; and A community-based human rights approach that includes yet transcends wages and conditions.

Contact: [erisj.org.au/registration](http://erisj.org.au/registration)

#### Recent News at ERISJ

##### One-day Intensives and Professional Development Series

We have revamped our schedule of one-day Intensives in an effort to energize our Social Justice Education program. These Intensives also contribute to our Professional Development Series which offers workplaces the chance to acquire key competencies of social justice. Training enables your organisation to achieve its core objectives regarding social responsibility and social justice.

Seen in this light, social justice skills become central to quality assurance, excellence, best practice and productivity once measured via fidelity to organisational priorities. For more information about our PD program . Contact: [erisj.org.au](http://erisj.org.au)

##### ERISJ attends Rights of Child Conference in Bangkok

Our Volunteer & Internships Coordinator, Laurina Kersten, will attend the Bangkok Child Rights Training Conference later this month. The ten-day event is hosted by the Franciscans International Bangkok office, which specialises in Human Rights training. Edmund Rice International representatives from India, the Philippines, Papua New Guinea and Australia are among the twenty-five participants from the Asia-Pacific region taking part in the trainings. Some of the topics include: Convention on the Rights of the Child, Child Protection Principles of Child Rights Programming, UN Mechanisms and Special Procedures, New Sociology of Childhood, and Applying rights-based approaches (RBA). Laurina will also attend the Asian office for the UN during her visit.

##### "Time to Rethink Our Treatment of Aboriginal Australia"

##### David Freeman's Media Statement in Fremantle Gazette and Fremantle Herald

On Thursday 25 June two local newspapers, the Fremantle Herald and the Fremantle Gazette, released a statement by ERISJ's Director David Freeman regarding the treatment of Aboriginal elder Mr. Ward, who died in custody. David called for a large ex-gratia payment to Mr Ward's family and a complete rethink of our community's engagement with Aboriginal persons. David was also quoted in an article in the *Canning Times* which can be viewed on line .



# BROTHERS' RETREAT PERTH JULY 4-10, 2009

## The Spirit Moving in Our Midst



Twenty-five Brothers from across Western Australia, Adelaide and even Melbourne gathered at Aquinas College, Perth for a retreat based on the documents and vision of the Brothers'.

Munnar Chapter 2008. They were led by Peter Harney and Trevor Parton, in a delightful setting enhanced by the views of the Canning River complete with dolphins, pelicans and a sea Kestrel. Pat Kelly the Cluster leader hosted the group and arranged facilities and transport.

An Aboriginal Smoking ceremony was led by Donella Brown, the Brothers' Indigenous Consultant in the West, as part of a welcome to the land. She invited all to share what "land" they came from.



The retreat focused on the Munnar Chapter vision to be open to exploring the Mystery of God in all of Creation and to be open to

deepening our understanding of Divine Mystery in all of life.

Some of the ways we did this were :

A re-reading of Philip Pinto's Letter to the Oceania Chapter

A masterful telling of the Universe Story by Trevor Parton.

Visits to a Buddhist Temple, a Bahai Centre and a Mosque, led by Richard Mavros and Catherine Tesoriero of the Western Region Formation Team.



In all we had a rhythm of prayer, presentation, personal reflection and sharing in what we called the "Upper Room". At certain times we put on personal "Spirit Stoles" to emphasise our desire for the Spirit to move in our midst.



Some of the lines heard and sometimes reheard :  
*The first language of God is silence* (Meister Eckhart)

*Ready yourself for a surprise.* (Trevor Parton)

*We're in prophet business!* (Trevor Parton)

*Prophets come from those who reflect on God's creation.* (Peter Harney)

*In us are the same atoms as were in Jesus Christ* (Thomas Berry) – and in Mohammed and Buddha. (Peter Harney)

*We are not separate from the Earth, we are one with the earth.* (after Einstein)

*If the Earth is hurt, I am hurt* (John Seed, Australian Ecological thinker)

*I honour you Earth and with respect I tread lightly.* (A Navajo walking meditation)

*Dialogue expands the space for the Spirit to be present.* (Renee Stephens)

*The more diverse is our ecosphere, the more healthy is our life. So our diversity is a blessed thing for us. It's a sacred thing to be different.* (Peter Harney)

*If you feel comfortable (at the end of the retreat), we have failed you.* (Peter Harney)

**Sean McManus**



## TRINITY COLLEGE

### SEPTEMBER 4TH 2009

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## QUIZ NIGHT

# Edmund Rice Camps for Kids W.A.



**Welcome  
to the  
Creation Spirituality Retreat  
at  
St John of God Retreat Centre  
47 Gloucester Crescent  
Shoalwater, WA, 6169**

**Weekend**  
**6 – 8 November**  
**Fri. 5PM – Sun. 4PM**  
**Cost: \$200**

**Week**  
**6 – 12 November**  
**Fri. 5PM – Thurs. 9AM**  
**Cost: \$500**

**Presenters:**  
**Shelley Barlow RNDM**  
**And**  
**Michael Godfrey CFC**

**Shelley** offers retreats and teaches “The New Story of Creation” at Perth’s Maranatha Institute of Adult Faith Education.

**Michael** has undertaken courses in North America and Ireland, and recently offered retreats and Creation Spirituality programs in East Africa.

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See attached form

***Praise for the Sacred Universe  
in whom all beings share communion  
Praise for the All-Holy hidden in all***



***Welcome to a weekend / week  
contemplating the New Story of Creation  
being revealed to us in our day.***

***You are invited to  
deepen your awareness of the  
mysterious beauty of the cosmos  
and sacredness  
of the environment.***

***An ideal setting for this retreat  
is provided by the  
spacious grounds and gardens  
of St John of God Retreat Centre  
and the rugged beauty  
of its coastal location.***



A. K. Hagesaether

***The Path***

*In his or her life,  
Each person can take one or two attitudes:  
to build or to plant.  
Builders may take years over their tasks,  
but one day they will finish what they are doing.  
Then they will stop, hemmed in by their own walls.  
Life becomes meaningless  
once the building is finished.  
Those who plant suffer the storms  
and the seasons and rarely rest.  
Unlike a building, a garden never stops growing.  
And by its constant demands  
on the gardener's attentions,  
it makes the gardener's life a great adventure.*

Paul Coelho .

***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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