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Christian Brothers'
Agricultural School,
Tardun

NEWS AND VIEWS FROM THE DIRECTOR



Director Steve Bowman

Recently, the **Edmund Rice Centre Mirrabooka Inc** was informed that a grant application submitted to the WA Government Office of Multicultural Interests was successful and that **\$150,000** would be made available over three years to support our "Language for Living in Australia" Program. Since it began in 1998, the Centre has provided English classes to refugee migrants and those seeking asylum in Australia. This important and essential service has been made possible thanks to the generous efforts of many qualified volunteer teachers. Students from various colleges and universities have also been involved in assisting teachers. Under the new arrangements, this program will continue, but will be greatly enhanced by the employment of a part-time coordinator, bilingual workers and curriculum writers who will develop and deliver a literacy program incorporating local information about living in Australia.

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This development will enhance very important living skills—skills that many of us who were born in Australia take so much for granted. A further aspect of the program will be the development and delivery of workshops about Multicultural Australia and the Refugee Story in those colleges associated with the Centre, so that students will be better prepared for their work-placement experience.

I am grateful for the support of the Office of Multicultural Interests and the ongoing commitment of our volunteers. I feel confident that this program will contribute greatly to the settlement experience of newly arrived families in

our community and, through the information workshops, foster a greater appreciation for the valuable contribution refugee migrants make in our community.



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INTERNATIONAL WORLD YOUTH DAY CELEBRATE

Please join us on

SUNDAY 9 AUGUST 2009

3pm to 6pm

HERB GRAHAM RECREATIONAL CENTRE,
CHESTERFIELD RD, MIRRABOOKA.

FREE COMMUNITY CONCERT EVENT



EDMUND RICE CAMPS for KIDS WA
COMING SOON: QUIZ NIGHT - Sept 4th 2009
BALL - November 14th 2009



VOCATION MINISTERS CALLED TO THE WEST

CATHOLIC VOCATIONS MINISTRY AUSTRALIA
MEDIA RELEASE



The Biennial National Conference of Catholic Vocations Ministry Australia (CVMA) was held at St Thomas More College in Perth 14 – 17 July. The vocations slogan of one regional Australian diocese is “What good news are you proclaiming today?” Delegates at the conference proclaimed in myriad ways, the good news of the coming of the Kingdom.

Five Christian Brothers were among the delegates from religious orders and dioceses of Australia, New Zealand and PNG. Bernard White and the Edmund Rice Community Perth took a leading role in logistics and presentations for the week.

While it might be thought that vocations to religious life and priesthood are an increasingly rare species, there were plenty of youthful faces and no sense of gloom among the 108 delegates, who had travelled from all states and territories as well as New Zealand.



There were three keynote speakers, **Alice Nelson**, a young Perth Catholic novelist and social justice advocate who has just published her first novel *The Last Sky*, spoke of the importance of STORIES, especially listening to the stories of the voiceless.

Stories of people give dignity and resist the dehumanising forces.

Our stories are a retelling of God's incarnation.

The shortest distance from the Gospel to people's lives is a story.

Story telling is about being fully human. Jesus did it!

Alice invited all to visit often the *imagination*, through literature and art and all kinds of storytelling. She said that the public imagination is “the capacity to know that the stranger is like you – someone's son, someone's daughter,” and so on. The failure of the public imagination leads to racism and injustice. She insists that it is “the *unimagined* life that is not worth living”.

Bishop Tim Costello SDB, Auxiliary Bishop of Melbourne, brought a strong scriptural perspective to participants' anticipation of the coming of the Kingdom. He spoke on **The Coming of God's Kingdom** and its centrality in the life and preaching of Jesus.

The Kingdom of God is always a GIFT to be received.

The invitation is always there, the offer of God's reigning presence, the offer of God's shepherding care.

In the end, the Kingdom of God is not a place, but a person, a relationship of love, an acceptance of an invitation

The human is a vehicle of the Divine. So the very humanness of members of the Church is no obstacle to God's presence and action and bringing about of the Kingdom

What Kingdom values are we Brothers called to keep alive and before the face of the Church through the living of the charism that we have received?

Religious Life is an expression of a passion (expressed in Edmund, the founding brothers, the present members) **for the Kingdom of God. Ultimately (religious life) is about God's passion.**

Fr Carlos Massieu from Mexico the third keynote speakers. shared his spirituality of the divine will, as lived by Luisa Piccarreta.

A variety of workshops gave participants the opportunity to learn and exchange skills and gather in interest groups.

Workshops included a presentation on the mysteries of *Facebook* and possible uses of Networking sites in Vocations Ministry were given by four young adult members of the Edmund Rice Community. The conference room gave way to

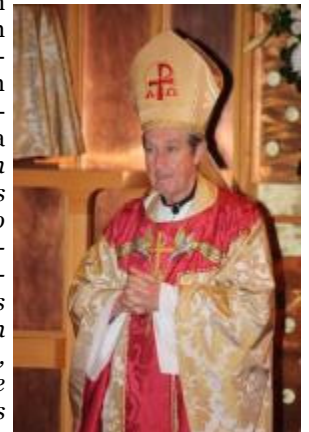
the road as delegates set off on ‘excursions’ to places of interest such as Notre Dame University, Mary MacKillop Centre, South Perth, and the Redemptorist Monastery at North Perth.

Another was a visit to the Edmund Rice Community, Salter Point, where the young people shared their experience of the community, their reasons for being part of it and their links to Vocations ministry.

Daily Mass, the prayer of the Church and plenty of lively conversation stimulated and encouraged conference delegates to return home with renewed enthusiasm and commitment. Executive Officer Veronica McCluskie SGS said, “*This has been a marvellous conference. It was great to be able to network with so many vibrant and enthusiastic people from the consecrated life, diocesan priesthood and laity. As Archbishop Hickey indicated when he celebrated the Eucharist with us, Vocations ministry is certainly alive and well and in good hands. It was encouraging to see the wide range of cultures, ages and ways of life represented.*”



Bernie Gartland, Chris Mousley, Simon Purcell, Bernard White, Simon Titley, Sean McManus, John Webb, Phil Joyner.



Conference Delegates -CVMA WA 2009

Br Sean McManus & Br Bernard White

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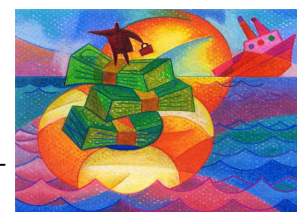
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WHAT'S ON IN AUGUST?

Saturday 22 August: Manage a Not-for-Profit Organisation Successfully!

Between Governance and Mission-Centricity: Challenges for Not-For-Profit Managers and Boards

Not-for-Profit organisations are expected to practice high ideals and be focussed on labour-intensive services to the public. Despite being cash-strapped, they are simultaneously expected to meet governance and accountability requirements. The purpose of this Intensive is to assist the not-for-profit sector to manage and integrate each of these imperatives. David Gilchrist, Adjunct Professor of Not-for-Profit Leadership and Management in the School of Business University of Notre Dame and Assistant Auditor General for WA, will share with participants various models relevant to strategic planning, resource allocation and governance control. The Intensive mixes presentations, group exercises and discussions. Participants will share their experience and knowledge, and have opportunities to network



UWA Interhealth

Dr Suma Kaare will be a guest lecturer at UWA's Global Health Short Course - an exciting new Interhealth-WAMSS (Western Australian Medical Students Society) initiative, designed to provide West Australian students and public with an avenue to learn and engage in issues of international health. Suma will be speaking on "Poverty: Explaining its causes". Read more about UWA's Global health course



What's been keeping us busy?:

"Empires, Regions, Utopias" Symposium

ERISJ Director David Freeman has just returned from a symposium organised by the Institute for Advanced Studies University of Western Australia. Conducted residentially in New Norcia and concluding at UWA, David joined researchers from UWA, Murdoch, La Trobe and Ateneo de Manila Universities. The Symposium theme was 'Empires, Regions, Utopias' examining and linked up to the leading-edge work of participants in these fields. David presented on the work of ERISJ within a session devoted to 'Centres, Journals, Networks, Publishers.' He outlined ERISJ projects and programs across social justice education, research, and advocacy, and explained the Institute's reasoning in working to build skills, insight, hope and resilience among social justice supporters.

David was also recently appointed as a Councillor of the Australian Catholic Social Justice Council

College Students Training

Fifteen students from the College of Innovation and Industrial Skills recently visited the ERISJ to learn Human Rights Documentation Projects, to learn more about the International legal context of Australia's welfare policies. The students, the majority of whom were from India and Nepal, and the Institute's Dr. Suma Kaare and David Freeman, discussed and shared stories on the ways in which welfare policies of their countries reflected the spirit and intentions of the UN Declaration on Human Rights. Meshack Mollel had this to say: "We enjoyed the visit to ERISJ, we have come to know some international human rights laws in relation to Australia's social welfare context. We had a chance of knowing the programs and services offered by ERISJ in helping the community and creating fairness to all. It is our expectation that one day we will be back to learn more."



Other Social Justice Networks - Upcoming events

Wednesday 5 August - Film Night for Hiroshima Day

Footprints for Peace is screening the documentary "Dublin to London Peace Walk for a Nuclear Free Future" at 7pm at La Tropicana Cafe in Fremantle. Come and listen to the stories they will share about the global resistance to nuclear weapons and waste.

Thursday 6 August - People for Nuclear Disarmament - Hiroshima Day Vigil

Sixty-four years ago, the destructive power of the atom bomb devastated Hiroshima in that terrible flash, brighter than a thousand suns. About 100,000 people died. Three days later, the same nightmare came to the people of Nagasaki. This vigil is to say never again must nuclear weapons be used. Location: Corner Hay and William Sts, Perth. Time: 12-2pm.

Saturday 8 August - Miss Africa Film Night

Miss Africa Perth 2009 presents the film "Live and Become" to launch the 'African Girl-Mother' Initiative in WA. The film tells the story of an Ethiopian boy who is passed off by his mother as an Ethiopian Jew to escape his ravaged country. Tickets available through BOCS (9484 1133). For more information, call 0413 772 269 or 0411 390 214.

Saturday 8-Sunday 9 August - Remembering Hiroshima and Nagasaki Peace Walk

Join FANG and Footprints for Peace for a two day peace walk towards a nuclear free future. On Saturday departing from City Farm, Perth at 10am – arriving at the Cottesloe Civic Centre at 5pm. On Sunday leaving the Cottesloe Civic Centre at 10am and arriving at the Fremantle Arts Centre at 2pm. All are welcome – join the walk for as long as you can, an hour, or the whole way. For more information phone 0402 180.

Monday 10 August - Conversations on Tap (University of Notre Dame)

WA Attorney General, the Hon. Christian Porter MLA and Dr Richard Hamilton, Senior Lecturer of Philosophy and Ethics, discuss the topic "Can we find Social Justice in Market Liberalism?". Tickets \$10. Doors open 5:45pm.

Ending 21 August - Petition in Relation to the Death in Custody of Mr. Ward

The Deaths in Custody Watch Committee is collecting signatures on a petition calling for "fundamental changes to the system of transport of detained persons." Download and sign the petition and send it back before 21 August. NB: Information about other organisation's events is provided in good faith, but we can take no responsibility for omissions or errors. If you have news, an event, or link you'd like included, please email admin@erisj.org.au by the 25th of each month for possible inclusion in the next 'Living Justice'.

For further information contact: admin@erisj.org.au



QUIZ NIGHT

**Thousands of dollars
of prizes to be won!!!**

Plus: **AUCTION GAMES RAFFLES**

7pm - Friday 4th September

Gibney Hall, Trinity College

Light snacks/soft drink available

Tea/Coffee provided

Novelty
Rounds:

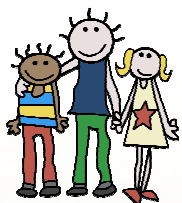


\$15
per person

To reserve your table (8 people)
please contact Ashley Little on:

Ph: 93652811

Tables strictly limited - sold out last year so be quick!



Edmund Rice Camps
for Kids WA.

**Fundraising for kids
camps and activities**



The last Sunset over Tardun

NOW

*Our home is now totally empty
And the sun is setting once again
All is quiet and still now
But will our sun rise again?*

Now

*Is it us the last small remnant
Who must loudly and boldly cry?
Is it our memories that must wither, I wonder?
Or is it only old Tardun that dies?*

Now

*We do have much to be proud of
And reasons to be happy and glad
Many good things were so helpful
Even though some bad things were so sad*

Now

*Gone are the years so vibrant and strong
Gone are our bell calls piercing and long
Gone are our laughters and gone are our songs
Gone are the children who always belonged*

Now

Gone is old Tardun, so what did go wrong?

(This Poem was composed in honour of the closure of Tardun)

Peter Thrupp – 2009

Christian Brothers, Agricultural School Tardun



We Honour past and present Tardun Communities & all friends of Tardun as this proud school closes its doors for the last time. Your loyalty, commitment & energy over the years has been legend and will never be forgotten. We grieve with you and pray that the Holy Spirit will watch over you & hold you close. God bless, from the ERN Community WA.

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

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



***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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