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Special points of Interest:

- ERCKWA Carnevale Ball - Kellie Pickford
- Christmas Celebrations for Salter Point Prayer Group.
- Jubilee Celebrations.
- ERISJ December 2010.
- ERN WA Sundowner March 15th 2010



Christmas Blessings



Edmund Rice Camps CARNEVALE BALL for Kids WA.



On Saturday 14th November Edmund Rice Camps For Kids WA held a Carnevale extravaganza to raise much needed funds for it's camps and programs.

Guests arrived at The Duxton in Perth, many with masks in hand, to be greeted by The Dance Collective Dancers in full Carnevale costume. Pre dinner drinks were served and guests mingled and were involved in photos whilst taking in the atmosphere.



When the 170 guests entered the ballroom they were treated to some contemporary dancing, gondolas, masks and other amazing decorations provided by Kate Wilson Events. The room looked fantastic and got everyone into the mood for the evening ahead. Throughout the night the food and drinks flowed whilst everyone was entertained by a quartet of singers, auctions and photos from camps.



A highlight for most was when Kate Clucas, past participant and leader, took the stage to speak about her experiences within the organisation. Her heart felt speech barely left a dry eye in the room. It was a fabulous way to relay to the guests the impact that camps can have.

The volunteer of the year award was also received with this year's winner being Tarni Raich a dedicated volunteer who has been involved in camps, mini camps, the Karratha program & many other activities during the year.

The guests then spent the night dancing to the tunes of DJ Pumba and mingling with corporate guests, volunteers, teachers, parents and friends of the organisa-



tion. The night was a huge success with over \$18,000 dollars being raised to go towards Edmund Rice Camps For Kids WA programs.

This amazing event would not have been possible if not for the huge amount of work by volunteers Brooke McCamey, and Marylin Raina who worked tirelessly organising the night and sourcing donations. Thank you to Brooke, Marylin and everyone that attended the ball and made it such a fun and successful event. Also thanks must go to a number of businesses that supported this event, without their support the night would not have been such a great success.



We would like to thank our Major Sponsors for making this event such a success



CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS AT SALTER POINT



There was a buzz of excitement as people arrived to greet one another for Christmas celebrations at the **Salter Point Prayer Group and Intentional Community** this year. Everyone wore something red or green and Bernard got right into the occasion by wearing his Father Christmas tie. The community members had set the scene with beautiful decorations, a Christmas tree, and the Nativity scene of the birth of Jesus placed as a focal point at the head of the elegantly set dinner table.

There was a great deal of humour as one Father Christmas closely followed by another appeared to meet and greet everyone. The pillows stuffed under their jackets caused much hilarity as they struggled to keep them in place.



After an appetising first course of fresh prawns and finger food we sat down for Dinner. It was Bernard's turn to lead the prayer for the night and he changed the usual format by starting the prayer at the beginning of the meal as we gathered at the table. The theme was "The Light of Christ" and we took turns to read St Luke's Gospel about the birth of Jesus, pausing as we read to quietly reflect on how the Gospel relates to our own lives today.



A delicious main course of roast turkey, chicken and vegetables with lashings of gravy followed. Bernard's favourite Christmas toy came out to entertain us throughout Dinner and Fr Dominic Savio was quite intrigued. (In the hat)

Following the main meal we continued the prayer by each taking a candle from the table and joining together in a semi circle around a drop down screen to watch images on a DVD while raising our candles and singing "Go Light Your World".

Dessert was a choice of either plum pudding or a delicious steamed pudding with orange brandy sauce, both served with all the trimmings. The puddings were so scrumptious that several people just had to have a little serve of both.

We were delighted to have the company of Sister Jeanette, a Josephite nun from Victoria who is visiting WA to experience life with the Edmund Rice Intentional Community, as she is planning to set up a similar community in Victoria.



Sister Jeanette 3rd from the left

Our appreciation to Bernard and the Community for the wonderful warmth and hospitality extended for this special celebration and throughout the year. We all look forward with great anticipation to our meetings. They really do recharge the body and the soul. Wishing you and yours a blessed and a very happy Christmas from all in our Prayer Group.

JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS 2010

It is customary for Brothers in the WA Cluster to celebrate their Jubilees, in anticipation, in December of the year prior to the celebratory year.

Congratulations to the following WA Brothers celebrating Jubilees this December:

Brother Tony Kelly - 75 years.

Brother Basil Hickey—60 years

Brother Philip O'Loughlen _ 60 years.

Brother Oliver Pickett—50 years



With love and much appreciation from the Edmund Rice Network Community WA

EDMUND RICE INSTITUTE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE

WHATS ON IN DECEMBER AT ERISJ ?

Wednesday 2 December: Fairtrade Workshop 3pm - 5pm

This is a **free** professional development workshop for networks to come to a better understanding of the fair trade movement. Fairtrade Labelling Australia New Zealand (FLANZ) Business Development Officer, Daniel Mackay, will lead the discussion on Fairtrade commodities and craft. Limited numbers. Call the Institute on 9432-2400 for more information or to register. Alternatively email admin@erisj.org.au

Friday 4 December: Core Insights that Underpin Social Justice

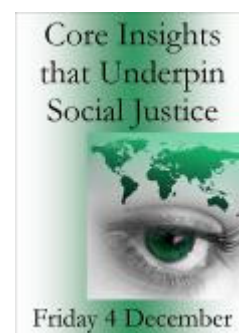
Presenters: David Freeman and Dr Suma Kaare

Many, perhaps most people believe themselves to be in favour of social justice. But what does this mean? At the precise moment that it is suddenly fashionable to support social justice, the phrase has often come to mean pretty much anything that its user wants it to.

It matters that the core insights that give 'social justice' rich meaning are understood. One of many reasons goes to the heart of democratic, non-violent politics. To have any chance of implementation, social justice needs a critical mass of supporters who truly understand what they are supporting, especially if they are to bring others along with them.

This Intensive provides participants with a deep understanding of the underpinning insights and knowledge that make social justice empirically and ethically convincing. The day comprises a highly interactive engagement with the 35 core insights that Freeman identifies, and will be of great use for anyone:-

- curious to know more before they decide if they support Social Justice, or
- who considers themselves a Social Justice supporter and wishes to ensure that their support is informed enough to be persuasive to others, or
- who may have criticisms of Social Justice and is open to testing their assumptions.



David Freeman is Director of the Edmund Rice Institute for Social Justice Fremantle. Social justice has been David's main focus for over three decades, involving social and political activism, study, teaching and writing, and paid and volunteer work. David has taught Sociology and/or Political Science at four Australian Universities, and been a Fulbright Scholar and Visiting Fellow at Harvard University. He has worked in, or consulted to, the government, community, church, youth and trade union sectors. Volunteer commitments have included being secretary of an Amnesty International branch, being a member of the Aboriginal Treaty Support Group, campaigns to build support for self-determination by the East Timorese, and recent appointment to the Australian Catholic Social Justice Council.

Edmund Rice Institute for Social Justice is based in Fremantle, Western Australia and is a ministry of the Oceania Province of the Christian Brothers. Its mission is to build community commitment, capacity and action for social justice.

Its website provides opportunities for readers to undertake training and education programs in social justice as well as opportunities for immersions and volunteers and internships. [tp://www.erisj.org.au/ht](http://www.erisj.org.au/ht)

ONLINE LEARNING THROUGH EDMUND RICE INTERNATIONAL FREE

Like to learn more about how you can take effective action for justice at a global level? Want to know more about the work of Edmund Rice International (ERI) and how you can be part of it?



Then why not sign up for the [ERI online course](#) which aims to raise awareness about more effective global action for justice? No prior knowledge is assumed for this informative and interesting non-academic course. Best of all it is free and you can work through the material at your own pace. It is designed for busy people who would like a basic understanding of how organisations such as ERI can work within the UN system to bring about improved outcomes for the most vulnerable people on our planet and for our earth itself. Divided into eight topics, the course contains material for reading and reflection, some questions for discussion and an opportunity for chat with like-minded people around the world –

(an optional feature), some suggestions and guidelines for engaging in a simple exercise in advocacy of your own choosing and some quizzes to test your own understanding – (there are no marks or grades associated with the course).

You are welcome to sign up and work through the course individually (each topic takes about two hours to work through) or better still to form a group and work through it together!

“Blessings brighten when we count them”

Maltbie D. Babcock



**WELCOME
TO
ALL**

**RELAX OVER A
GLASS OF WINE OR
A CUPPA**

MIX & MINGLE

**ENJOY THE
DELICIOUS FOOD**

**MEET WITH
FRIENDS
—OLD & NEW**



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MARCH 15TH 2010 5.30 PM

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Happy Christmas

*May the joy of His coming touch your life
and bring peace to your heart.*

*Wishing you and yours all the blessings of
the Christ Child at Christmas time and in the
year to come.*

Jill

**Thanks
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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