



Edmund Rice - Networking WA

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end - Walking beyond
our Boundaries.**
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ERN COORDINATORS MEET IN PERTH



Back row: Br Paul Robertson, Oceania Leadership Team; Danny Moore, RC Vic; Jill Parker, RC WA; Donna Mulhearn, RC NSW; Matt Clayton, Project Officer Aus & NZ. NCD; Br Jim Darcy, RC Qld. Front row: Damaris Kingdon, RC NZ; Natasha Siebert, RC SA; Dr Mary Murphy, Director Formation; Br Steve McLaughlin, Director Networking, Communication & Development.

At the conclusion of the 2008 Congregational Chapter in Munnar, a document was released that captured the essence of the gathering and is to be used to nurture, inspire and guide the Edmund Rice endeavours around the world. The final pages of this document deal specifically with the role that members of the broader ERN have, not only alongside the Brothers in their works, but also alongside them in their decision making processes.

With this goal in mind, their first step was to appoint Regional Coordinators of Networking all around the Oceania Province. Each regional coordinator is employed to implement various strategies, events and communications that will nurture and promote the future growth of the Edmund Rice Network in their Region – as part of the Oceania and global ERN.

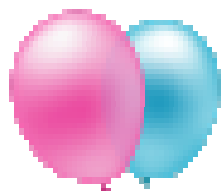
The Christian Brothers have discerned that in order to nurture and ensure the growth of the Edmund Rice Network and to move forward in ways that are truly in consultation with key stakeholders, there needs to be a group of people established in each major city that can act as an advisory group to assist at Regional and Oceania levels in the direction setting for mission, ministry and community. These groups will be known as Wisdom groups and Members will be drawn from a variety of Ministries, Schools and Network people.

The Regional Coordinators from Oceania meet face to face three times a year, usually for three days, and communicate by teleconference when necessary. This was the first time that they have met in Perth. The major topics discussed at this meeting were the Oceania Gathering planned for July 2011 in Adelaide. and a meeting, to be held in Brisbane July 2010, of representatives of the new Wisdom Groups from each Region.

The newly appointed WA Wisdom group will be inducted at the Sundowner 2010 and is being held at CBC Fremantle at 5.30pm on March 15th. Members of the group consist of Gus Irdi Chairman-Irdi Legal; Steve Bowman-ERCM; Donella Brown-Indigenous Ministry; Trevanna Cooper-CBC Fremantle; Gordon Dean-Trinity College Perth; Richard Mavros-Formation Officer WA; Chris Mousley-ER Intentional Community Redmond St; John Richards-Aquinas College Salter Point; Sandro Sandri-CBC Fremantle; Catherine Tesoriero-on Maternity Leave from Trinity College; Br Bernard White-Vocations Ministry WA; Br Pat Kelly-Cluster Leader

Harmony Week

2010



Girra Mirra Festival

Harmony Week celebrations are scheduled for:

**Thursday 18th March 2010 at Mirrabooka Square Shopping Centre,
Mirrabooka**

Friday 19th March 2010 at Liddell Park, Girrawheen

Girra Mirra Harmony Week Festival 2010 intends to celebrate and share experiences between the vast ethnicities and cultures that exist in the area of Mirrabooka, Girrawheen and surrounding areas. ALL community groups, associations, schools and individuals are invited to be involved, contribute to the celebrations and share their talents and/or experience.

What Can You Do?

Share a story
Music and dance Performances
Showcase your Art
Other, your imagination

Perform a Drama
Hold a Market Place Stall
Produce or appear in a Film
Join an Organising Group

If you would like to be involved or provide feedback please return this form to:

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Girrawheen WA 6064,**

Ph: 9247 0600 Fax: 9247 0655. Alternatively contact Chris Ward, Edmund Rice Centre Mirrabooka Ph: 9440 0625 Fax: 9440 1920

By: Friday 14th January 2009

What event would you like to contribute to? Participation in both events is most welcome

Mirrabooka Event Thursday 18th March 2010 – Free children's activities, information stalls, multicultural food stalls, market stalls (Clothing, art and craft), school performances, cultural performances, finishing with a multi-cultural soccer tournament

Girrawheen Event Friday 19th March 2010 – Dance, song, music and story telling performed live by local community members and associations; screen show of locally made films relevant to Harmony Week; feature film; food vendors and free children's activities

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What's on at ERISJ from March – May

Intensives

Saturday, 13 March 2010: Aid or Development: Charity or Social Justice?

Presenter: Janeen Murphy

This Intensive explores techniques and understandings that are already building a world in which poverty need not be.



Saturday, 1 May 2010: Resilient Cities: Saving our Cities from Peak Oil and Climate Change

Presenter: Peter Newman

This Intensive will assist participants to understand and plan hopeful, practical solutions to the climate change and peak oil crises that are effective for individuals, the community and public policy.

Saturday, 15 May 2010: International Human Rights: Systems, Laws, Entitlements

Presenter: Anna Copeland

This Intensive introduces the key international laws, treaties and covenants, and how these rights relate to ordinary people.

Volunteer Opportunities and Volunteer Training

Three forms of volunteering are available at the ERISJ

Membership of one of the five Activist Groups based at the ERISJ

Social Justice Research projects

Support: event set-up and cleanup, pre-event food shopping, administrative relief, and so on.

The five SJ Activist Groups based at the ERISJ have staggered implementation, to ensure consolidation in their early stages:

Aboriginal Australia (commences 2nd half 2010);

Rights of the Child (commences 1st half 2011);

Millennium Development Goals (commences 2nd half 2011);

Environment (commences 1st half 2012); and

The ERISJ Giving Circle (commences 2nd half 2012).

All volunteering at the ERISJ require that you first attend our three hour Volunteer Training and induction.

The 2010 dates for these training sessions are:

Saturday 28 August

Saturday 13 November

Email: admin@erisj.org.au to register for either free training event. Full details of volunteering opportunities will be provided at the training.



Youth Against Racism in Australia

Thanks to funding from the WA Office of Multicultural Interests, we will host a pilot symposium of this name for upper secondary student leaders from four schools, each with significant multicultural populations. We anticipate hosting this on Thursday 12 August, for this is United Nations' *International Youth Day*.

ERISJ gets Jiggy with it

The ERISJ will launch two new forms of social networking in July. The first is a Facebook site, which commences preparation imminently by an experienced volunteer. The second is a documentary about the ERISJ prepared by filmmaking students and staff at the University of Notre Dame Australia. The documentary will be posted on our website, on YouTube, and will be available for posting out on request.

Free online social justice course

The ERISJ website is the global host for 'Acting Justly' - the [Edmund Rice International](http://erisj.org.au) FREE online course to raise awareness about effective action for justice: <http://erisj.org.au/course/>

Edmund Rice Network Sundowner March 15th 2010 CBC Fremantle 5.30pm

INVITATION
ALL ARE WELCOME!
Edmund Rice Network
SUNDOWNER
March 15 2010

**A Celebration of the last twelve months and an
 expression of support
 and inspiration for 2010
 and beyond...**

Relax over a glass of wine or a cuppa

Enjoy the scrumptious food provided

**Mix & Mingle with colleagues and old
 friends**

**Your presence is valued
 and guides our shared way forward**

**For catering purposes
 RSVP: jcparker@edmundrice.org**

**CBC Fremantle
 51 Ellen Street
 Fremantle
 5.30 to 7.30 pm**



**Jan Novotka
 Retreat**

**Awakening into God by the
 Fire of Truth**

May 18th to 21st 2010

Safety Bay Penola Conference Centre
 Weaving together Jesus' experience of
 the Reign of God, the insights of the mys-
 tics as well as understandings that come
 from the new cosmology and quantum
 physics, Jan gently and skillfully leads
 participants to explore and experience
 this fuller dimension of consciousness
 Integral to this retreat is communal con-
 templative sitting, the exploration and
 practice of deeper awareness, some
 group sharing, personal processing, time
 in the natural world, and music. Come
 ready to have your whole heart opened
 anew.

**Concert Gibney Hall Trinity College
 Friday May 21st 2010**

**ERN Harmony Weekend -
 Walking Beyond our Boundaries**

**An Interfaith / Multicultural Gathering
 with ERCM & the ERN**

**Camp Kelly, Dwellingup WA
 May 14th to 16th 2010**

Edmund Rice Network Families Welcome

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**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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