



# Edmund Rice - Networking WA

FROM WHENCE WE COME



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- Edmund Rice Centre Lions Australian Rules Football Team Joe Moniodis
- 'Welcome to Australia' Picnic at Carine Frank Pelusey
- ERCM Sports Program June 2010
- ERCKWA Quiz Night June 18th 2010



**Ahmed & Frank at the  
Edmund Rice Harmony  
Weekend May 2010**

## EDMUND RICE NETWORK HARMONY WEEKEND MAY 2010

Despite forecasts of heavy rain and hail, members of the Edmund Rice Network, and people of many different nationalities and religious beliefs from the Edmund Rice Centre Mirrabooka, set

out for a weekend together in the forest at Camp Kelly Dwellingup.

Fortunately it only drizzled occasionally, but it was very cold. Cold enough for Br Pat Kelly, as he was travelling down the bush road to the camp early on Saturday morning, to hear a voice coming from the glove box of his car saying 'Caution, Caution—2 degrees - Ice.'

The weather did not in any way dampen the spirit or curtail the activities or enthusiasm of our 120 camp participants—64 of whom were children of all ages from babies to teenagers.

As people arrived on Friday evening they were welcomed by a large camp fire.



John Richards of Aquinas College had installed his sound system and music coming from the marquee was echoing down through the valley.



The marquee, set up as the meeting place, was a glow of warm coloured light and twenty flags of all the nationalities attending were hung around the walls.



A Sacred Space had been set up in the centre to display a symbol and a candle representing each religion.



Students from EREA Schools had prepared several art boards telling the story of the life of Edmund Rice in pictures; outlining some of the Edmund Rice Ministries in WA and portraying the elements of each school's Christian Service Program.

After warming hot soup, cooked at home by Shahla, and a tasty sausage sizzle, everyone was delighted to find name tags laid out on a table alongside the national flags of all people present. In no time everyone was proudly wearing a name tag with their national flag on it. The children had a great time sticking the left-over flags on their faces, arms and hands. A warm welcome was extended to all, and people were invited to write their name on a piece of paper, attach it to a long piece of red wool and connect it to their place of birth on a large map of the world. There was just enough time after that for the children to toast a few marshmallows before going to bed in their tents. Sleep was not on the agenda for quite a while though.

On Saturday morning the camp participants shared an enjoyable breakfast which was followed by a **Welcome to the Land** by local Aboriginal Elder George Walley

and his Brother/Cousin Frank Nannup.

They taught us a little about Aboriginal Spirituality and Culture and everyone thoroughly enjoyed singing along with the Aboriginal songs he taught us. One of the highlights of the weekend was Frank performing



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## "ERN HARMONY WEEKEND May 2010 (Cont)

We then went for a walk in the bush to learn about the properties of some of the local plants, including which ones were edible and those that can be used for medicinal purposes. The session finished with a smoking ceremony during which George and Frank shook hands with each person as they passed through the smoke as a sign of respect.

The next session was the **Multi Cultural Sharing Story**, which is most important at this gathering, as it is in these stories that we get to know and trust one another on a deeper level. It also provides an opportunity to understand



different cultural traditions, to appreciate the hardships that some of our people have to contend with and their awesome courage. After lunch the session was on **Multi Cultural Religious Beliefs and Practices**, which again promotes understanding, and awareness of our similarities and respect for our differences.



A glimpse of the life and person of **Edmund Rice** was next as we looked at the charisma of the man through the story of Edmund at the gate. Richard Mavros explained the significance of the way Edmund shook hands with his students at the gate each morning thus treating them all as equals with respect and dignity. (There was a ripple of laughter as Mav drew a young woman from the group to play the part of Edmund and a very tall man to play the part of a small boy in a vignette of the story). Jill followed this with a short account of Edmund's life while referring to the art boards up on the wall of the marquee depicting his life in pictures. Thank you to students from Trinity College who prepared Edmund's story so well. Several people commented that as part of the Edmund Rice Centre Mirra-booka, it was good to hear about this man Edmund Rice.

A final session of **fun and games** between the children and the adults, was organised by Jacqui and Hamdi, ably assisted by Tom, Mav and Chris.



Among other games this included a tug of war and an egg and spoon race, and ended the day with much humour, leaving all in great spirits for the multi cultural meal to come.



Saturday evening was spent together sharing a **multicultural meal**. The food, prepared and brought along by the people attending the camp, was diverse and absolutely delicious.

Following the meal, several ladies dressed in their national costume and demonstrated their national dances. John provided sound and **Karaoke** equipment and people celebrated well into the night.

During these festivities there was a **slide show** of photos of the day's events prepared by Richard.

A **Multi-Faith Service** organised by Steve Bowman was



the first session after breakfast on Sunday morning. This was an interesting and a very humbling experience with a tangible atmosphere of unity among the people gathered. The highlight of the service

was John singing a song of peace to the sounds of his guitar. Gradually we all joined in and then sang it together a second time. By the time we got to the final song, "Love Changes Everything" everyone was singing with great gusto.

A **feedback session** on what to continue and what to change for the next weekend in October followed. This session finished by **looking forward** to what the outcomes of the weekend might be, and many enthusiastic suggestions were put forward.

Sunday Lunch was a busy affair with rain increasing and people hurrying to clean up and pack their belongings before the rain got any heavier. Reluctantly goodbyes were said and last minute photos taken.

A big thank you to everyone who helped in so many ways.

Thank you to the organising committee—Steve Bowman, Christina Ward,

Shahla Hiadery, Hamdi Mohamed, Ahmed Fadlalla, Samia Mustafa, Maryam Ibrahim, Richard Mavros, John Richards, Trevanna Cooper, Br Pat Kelly, Jacqui Scott Donella Brown, Marya Stewart, Genny Tangney and Mike Parker for all their hard work and enthusiasm. Thank you to all those people who brought and prepared food; prepared and gathered props; to Eddie Rice Camps for the loan of camping equipment and to Trinity College for the use of their campsite at an extremely minimal fee. Special thanks to the group of helpers in the kitchen so capably lead by Shahla for their wonderful organisation and untiring, hard work.

For me, our time together was a great enrichment of heart and soul. May your God bless you all. Jill

**Next Camp October 8th –10th 2010**





# EDMUND RICE CENTRE LIONS



The **Edmund Rice Centre Lions** is a community Australian Rules Football team of newly arrived

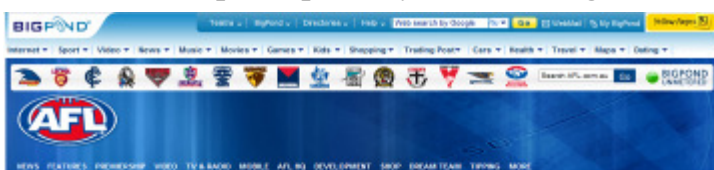


young people. The team was formed in March 2010 and has been training together since then. The team is coached and captained by the Sports Team of the Edmund Rice Centre Mirrabooka Youth Leadership Group and supported by the WA Football Commission and other sponsors. We are looking to build a supporter-base to provide a HUGE home ground atmosphere for a 'Big Match' that the team will play against Eastern Hills Hawks Football Club on **Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> June**. Team members are dedicated to serving their community and we are also focusing on improving the leadership qualities of these wonderful young people through footy training and a leadership development program. We would hope that these talented young footballers will inspire other young people who come to Australia, to play footy, act as positive role models and encourage others to serve their community through sport. The Lions train behind Herb Graham Recreation Centre, Chesterfield Road, Mirrabooka on **Mondays and Wednesdays at 4:30pm**.



On Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May the Lions players coached another **footy clinic for Indigenous youth**. The youth built on their skills from the first session and played a game at the end of the session to show off their skills. The Lions enjoyed coaching the session and are growing in their abilities to play and coach football. The Youth Leadership Group Sports Team has begun to take the lead role in delivering the training sessions, with the help of a small leadership group that is emerging within the Lions. These sessions are running very well and the self-sufficiency of the team is inspiring. The 'Edmund Rice Centre Lions' now have a Facebook page which will allow supporters to follow the progress of the team.

For more information contact Joe on 9440 0625 or 0417 923 873 or email the Youth Leadership Group on [ercyouthleaders@gmail.com](mailto:ercyouthleaders@gmail.com)

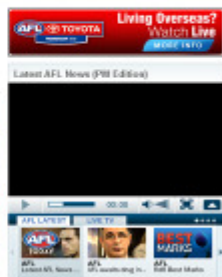


## WA's Edmund Rice Lions showcase multicultural talent

AUSTRALIAN group of potential AFL stars displayed their new-found skills during a trial game against the Central Football Academy at Lightning Park in Inland, Western Australia on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May.

The Edmund Rice Lions, which have been formed from multicultural players attending the Edmund Rice Centre, have been training twice a week for the last nine weeks after being introduced to Australian football.

The Lions' first match was a chance to learn from Central footballers and apply the skills learnt over the last nine weeks. The next game is scheduled for late May. Parents, family, friends and supporters are encouraged to get behind this amazing team and create a carnival atmosphere as the AFL players showcase their skills.



## Highlights

- Lions players coached footy clinics for 13 Aboriginal young people
- The Youth Leadership Group Sports Team is now running the training sessions
- The 'Edmund Rice Centre Lions' have a Facebook page—become a fan today!

**Come along & support the  
EDMUND RICE LIONS  
BIG MATCH**



**Date:** Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> June  
**Match:** Eastern Hills Hawks V Edmund Rice Lions  
**Time:** The day starts at 9 am with activities for children & free sausage sizzle  
11.20 am Bounce Down  
**Venue:** Des Penman Memorial Reserve  
Carcoola Street in Nollamara  
**Rules:** A full game of AFL



## "WELCOME TO AUSTRALIA PICNIC" May 16th 2010



The combined efforts of the Christian Brothers and St Vincent de Paul provide this event to newly arrived refugee families, to offer a them a warm welcome to Western Australia.

The picnics are held in May and October and this May's event brought about 120 newly arrived refugees, mainly families from 5 ethnic groups, together at Carine Open Space. Invitations are issued to those having arrived in the previous few months.

Sacred Heart College support us, with at least 40 students, and several staff always in attendance. A similar number of people from Vinnies, Christian Brothers and the local Parish provided a day of eats, drinks, games and music. The young people are the

mainstay of the function, providing lots of fun activities for the children. In fact it is a group of youngsters having fun, making a bit of noise, having a picnic, playing games, dancing, doing all the "good stuff" kids everywhere should be able to do safely. It is a pleasure to watch! The more mature in age, not necessarily in behaviour on the day, do the leg work and spend a good deal of time chatting with the parents. It is very much an Australian picnic.



Countries represented include Burma, Somalia, Sudan, Sierra Leone and Afghanistan and hopefully these folk can look to a safe future and a life totally free of the pain of their home countries. **Frank Pelusey**

## EDMUND RICE CENTRE MIRRABOOKA SPORTS PROGRAM June 2010

**Multicultural Sports and Recreation Program for Refugee/Migrant Youth 11 - 18 years**

Date	Activity
Tuesday 1st June	Netball
Tuesday 8th June	Netball
Tuesday 15th June	Netball
Tuesday 22nd June	Netball
Tuesday 29th June	Netball

**Netball sessions will take place at Herb Graham Recreation Centre, Chesterfield Road, Mirrabooka**

Bus will pick you up from home/centre between 3:15 pm and 4:00 pm and return home between 5:45 pm and 6:30 pm. (\*selected suburbs only)

### Sports Program for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island Youth 11-16 years

Week	Date	Activity
7.	Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Badminton
8.	Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Badminton
9.	Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	Game vs. Refugees – Basketball
10.	Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Outing – Bowling</b>
11.	Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Pizza and Planning

Time: ~3:30pm -4pm bus pick up from home/school  
~6:15-7pm Drop off at home (\*selected suburbs only)

Activities: 4-15pm –5-45pm.

**Contact Details:** Joe Moniodis, Multicultural Sport and Recreation Officer  
9440-0625 [jmoniodis@gmail.com](mailto:jmoniodis@gmail.com)

*Cost is \$1 per session towards costs of transport, venue hire and coaching.*

*Parents/Guardians need to complete an enrolment form and sign the permission slip if not previously completed.*

Please contact Joe to determine eligibility for bus.



***A Jewish Prayer recited together to end our  
Multi Faith Service at the  
Edmund Rice Harmony Weekend.***

*May we see the day when war and bloodshed cease,  
when a great peace will embrace the whole world*

*Then nation shall not threaten nation  
and humankind will not again know war.*

*For all who live on earth shall realise  
we have not come into being to hate or destroy.*

*We have come into being  
to praise, to labour and to love.*

*Compassionate God, bless all the leaders of all nations  
with the power of compassion.*

*Fulfil the promise conveyed in Scripture:*

*"I will bring peace to the land,  
And you shall lie down and no one shall terrify you.*

*I will rid the land of vicious beasts*

*And it shall not be ravaged by war."*

*Let love and justice flow like a mighty stream.*

*Let peace fill the earth as the waters fill the sea.*

*And let us say: Amen*



***"LET PEACE FILL THE EARTH  
AS THE WATERS  
FILL THE SEA"***

*Fundraising  
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**\$15**  
per person  
**RAFFLES**

**COME ALONG  
TO THE  
ANNUAL  
GAMES**



**Edmund Rice Camps  
for Kids WA.**

**QUIZ NIGHT**  
**7pm - Friday 18th June 2010**

**LICENSED VENUE**  
*For sale on the night:*

- ◆ Beers \$5
- ◆ Light Beers \$3
- ◆ Wine \$15 per bottle
- ◆ Soft Drinks \$2
- ◆ Tea & Coffee \$2

*All tables MUST be pre-paid -  
To reserve your table of 8 and/or order platters  
please contact Jessica on 9365 2835  
or [jasnook@edmundrice.org](mailto:jasnook@edmundrice.org)*

**Wanna have fun  
and win  
some great prizes??**

**SILENT AUCTION  
by FAA**

**PRE-PAID FOOD:**  
*Order when booking your table:*

- ◆ Cheese Platter \$15
- ◆ Dips Platter \$15
- ◆ Antipasto Platter \$15
- ◆ Pizza \$10

**Plus MORE for sale on the night... or bring your own!**

**Aquinas College Hall, 58 Mount Henry Rd Salter Point**

**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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