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## Special points of Interest:

- **“Now is the Time “ Conference in Brisbane from 2nd–4th July 2010**
- **CAC Bindoon Students attend Annual Reception for Youth**
- **Edgework Computer Consultancy Kimberly**
- **ERCKWA Entertainment Books for sale.**
- **ERISJ –What’s on in July /August 2010**
- **ERCKWA Quiz Night raises \$10,000.**
- **ERCKWA Annual Charity Ball 28th August 2010**



*Now is the time*  
Edmund Rice Network  
OCEANIA JULY 2010

## “NOW IS THE TIME”2010



Welcome to Country Smoking Ceremony

gathered on Friday July 2nd 2010 at the Riverglenn Conference Centre Brisbane for the ‘**Now is the Time**’ Conference.

‘The 2008 Oceania Chapter called the OLT to determine suitable forums to engage the ERN before and at the time of the next Chapter. This was the first stage in a journey of engagement that will lead to this critical time in our Network story. A larger gathering is planned for 2011 and our journey will be working towards the realisation of an authoritative gathering of ERN representatives at the time of the next Oceania Chapter.

Neither the Wisdom Groups nor their representatives can hold all the wisdom, but they will be charged with creating an ongoing wisdom dialogue throughout our Network so that we are all growing ever closer toward our potential’ (*Now is the Time*—D Moore)

The purpose of the Brisbane gathering was:

- To explore who we are as a Network through telling the story.
- How do we move from disparate groups to being a Network.
- Those assembled have moved towards a shared consciousness of the Network in Oceania.
- That those assembled are confident in nurturing the networking capacity of the groups in their region.
- Those attending need to know what needs to be done between July 2010 and the Oceania Gathering in Adelaide in July 2011

Dinner on Friday night was a vibrant affair with former connections reignited and new connections being established. The volume of noise around the dining room was indicative of the warmth among the group and of the enthusiasm for the task ahead.

Following a delicious dinner, our facilitators, Sister Margaret Endicott and Br. Geoff Whitefield brought us together to share personal stories of connections to the Edmund Rice ethos and story.

A buzz of great energy and excitement filled the room as sixty representatives of the Wisdom Groups from all corners of Oceania gathered

This lead to quite a bit of humour as the different groups sought a creative approach to portray a story chosen from the ones shared in their group.



Sister Margaret Endicott



Saturday began with presentations sharing the story from each of the regions which was followed by the Congregation Story of the evolution of the network and what it looks like now.

An analysis of changing practices over time in the Network; looking at some future ideas, hopes and dreams; identifying some key elements of defining the Network and looking at how it enhances our mission to bring about liberation and justice for all life, took up the rest of the day.

Sunday morning found us reflecting on elements of Networking for Mission

developed on Saturday and looking at what needs to happen across the Network in preparation for the Adelaide Conference 2011.

Those attending from the Wisdom Group WA were : L-R John Richards, Richard Mavros,

Chris Mousley Donella Brown, Jill Parker, Br Pat Kelly and Trevanna Cooper (taking the photo)

Key aspects of this process will be repeated by our Wisdom Group here in September to prepare for the larger gathering of the Network in Adelaide July 10-14th 2011. If you would like to be involved in the process, please contact: [jcparker@edmundrice.org](mailto:jcparker@edmundrice.org)



## Annual Reception for Youth 2010 by the Order of Australia Association."



### Catholic Agricultural College Bindoon

"This year Catholic Agricultural College students Shamara Marshall and Jacob Geelings attended the Annual Reception for Youth 2010 held by the Order of Australia Association."

The Western Australian Branch of the Order of Australia Association invites

two year 11 students from WA schools to attend the reception at the Government House Ballroom each year.

This year Catholic Agricultural College students Shamara Marshall and Jacob Geelings were nominated by their homeroom teacher (Michael Hillyer) to attend the Annual



L-R Student Jacob Geelings, Governor of Western Australia Dr Ken Michael AC and Student Shamara Marshall

Reception for Youth 2010 on Wednesday 16th June. The ceremony commenced with a fanfare to welcome the arrival of the Governor of Western Australia Dr Ken Michael AC. Dr Michael then gave a short address to the students about their responsibility as tomorrow's leaders and the importance of doing the best they can at school to prepare them for this role. The students then had the pleasure of listening to an address from Miss Simone McMahon, the Executive Director of the Organ Donation Transplant Foundation of W. A.

According to the official program, Simone was described as a dynamic young lady living on the edge, waiting for a liver transplant. On two occasions she has been named the Western Australian **Young Australian of the Year**. Simone was also the 300<sup>th</sup> Churchill Fellowship. She became passionate about helping people travelling with a life threatening organ failure and took up the challenge to set up the organ Donation and Transplant foundation of WA.

Simone was a very inspiring speaker and challenged the students to discover their passions in life and to pursue these passions. She also encouraged students to make helping others part of their future life. Simone advised the students that success and fulfillment does not come from driving an expensive car and being rich, it came from helping and encouraging others in need. The afternoon finished with afternoon tea. Shamara and Jacob also had the opportunity to meet the Governor and have their picture taken with them. Dr Michael advised Shamara and Jacob that he had fond memories of Bindoon, as he was responsible for building the bridge near the Bindoon Tavern on the road to Moora as a young engineer.

Both Shamara and Jacob enjoyed the afternoon and came away from the function inspired and encouraged by the speakers, especially Simone McMahon.

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## EDGEWORK COMPUTER CONSULTANCY-KIMBERLY WA



Gibb River Airstrip - Edgework visit to Wanalarri Catholic School, Gibb River Station.



Delivering new Servers to Kimberley Schools. Warlawurru Catholic School, Red Hill, near Halls Creek.

Based in the Kimberley region of Western Australia, Br Berkeley Fitzhardinge of Edgework Computer Consultancy provides services and support for Catholic schools in the region, mainly small schools situated in Aboriginal Communities. These mostly remote, schools have great difficulty in accessing computer support other than via Edgework. Between school visits, support is via telephone and email as well as by remote access to school servers. The norm is one school visit per term, with additional visits depending on need. Edgework is a one person ministry with its founder continuing the ministry for the past 18 years. A visit to the most distant school involves driving around 2,000km. 'Principal mentoring' has become an important bonus. The schools are isolated and a regular non-system visitor can be of great value for the principals of these schools where quick turnover of staff is the norm.

A typical school visit involves a range of common computer issues:

Installing software, printer drivers etc, troubleshooting computer and network issues.

Setting up new computers, printers electronic white boards etc.

Solving staff computer issues.

Extending staff IT skills.

Working with students (if time available and this is a staff priority). Typical offsite support includes:

Troubleshooting school loss of internet connection (has been a common problem for remote schools).

Maintaining staff and student email addresses, usernames and passwords.

Advising about computer, printer, software purchases and usually carrying through the purchase.

Updating Broome diocesan website and school websites (on request).



Aerial view of Mulan Aboriginal Community, Lake Gregory. Approx. 300km by road from Halls Creek.

The long buildings to the right are the site of the John Pujajangka-Piyirn School (John from the Desert - John the Baptist).



## ERCKWA ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS 2010/2011

The brand new 2010/2011 Perth Entertainment Books are selling fast, and we still have a small surplus. This year's Entertainment Book is an excellent way to make sure you keep doing the things you like to do, no matter what the economy does. In fact, there has never been a better time to purchase your new Book! You can start using your Book straight away, and it is valid until **June 2011**.

*The new Entertainment Books are only \$65, so you get your money back after using the book once or twice.*

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## EDMUND RICE INSTITUTE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE

### WHAT'S ON IN JULY:

ERISJ is celebrating NAIDOC Week  
July 4th – 11th  
and looking forward to our  
Introduction to Aboriginal Australia  
[www.erisj.org.au](http://www.erisj.org.au)



**ERISJ One-Day Intensive: 10 am to 5pm**

**Presenters: Dr Noel Nannup and senior Leading Aboriginal experts will each speak to their areas of expertise.**

Aboriginal Australia is where the most important happenings in Australia tend to intersect. Intense joy, wisdom, suffering, celebration, misery and accomplishments are rolled into one.

The First Peoples of this land need the rest of the country to understand their world, their struggles and their remarkable accomplishments. The rest of us will gain much from Aboriginal insights into environment, culture, spirituality, art, extended family and much more.

**Learning Outcomes:** Participants will gain a basic understanding of:

- the role of Fremantle in Nyoongar history (based upon a 90 minute walking tour);
- Aboriginal history in WA, and how this influences current realities;
- Aboriginal relationships with the natural world, and between cosmology, spirituality, astronomy, land, culture, food, flora and fauna;
- 'what makes blackfellas tick', and what Aboriginal Australia treasures as its distinctive strengths;
- the twenty most important Nyoongar words, their English meaning, and how to pronounce and use them accurately;
- the personal journey of expert Aboriginal presenters;
- contemporary Aboriginal-led solutions to Aboriginal problems; and
- how success for Aboriginal Australia is critical for social justice in Australia.

**Venue: ERISJ, 24 High St, Fremantle, WA 6160 (between Henry & Mouat Streets)**

## QUIZ NIGHT RAISES \$10,000 TO BENEFIT 'AT RISK' KIDS



**Edmund Rice Camps**  
for Kids WA.

For the first time in the history of Edmund Rice Camps for Kids WA the Annual Quiz Night Fundraiser has raised over \$10,000, all for the sake of the kids. The Quiz Night took place at Aquinas College on June 18<sup>th</sup> and housed over 350 guests enjoying trivia, games as well as scoring prizes donated by over 60 local businesses.

The ERCKWA Quiz Night is the second biggest fundraising event of the year, usually bringing in around \$6,000 that is used to directly fund the July and October camps. Edmund Rice Camps for Kids WA is a not-for-profit community based organisation which provides camps and other recreational activities for children who would not otherwise be able to have these opportunities. The programs are offered regionally as well as in the metropolitan area in order to allow access to the maximum number of 'at risk' kids.

According to Edmund Rice Camps for Kids WA Executive Officer Ashley Little, the increase in fundraising profits is a reflection of the growing community support for the charity. "We offer kids camps, mentoring as well as a range of non residential activities. The Quiz Night and our Annual Ball play a huge part in funding our services to the kids. Reaching this \$10,000 fundraising figure is a milestone for our organisation as it continues to grow and increase its services available to the local community. Our motto is 'Having fun and making a difference' and we ensure our events always reflect on this," said Ashley.

"We are hoping the success of our Quiz Night will follow on with our Charity Ball taking place on August 28<sup>th</sup>" The Edmund Rice Camps for Kids WA Charity Ball will be taking place at The Duxton Hotel Perth on the 28<sup>th</sup> August 2010 For information on the Charity Ball, to purchase tickets or to receive more information about ERCKWA, contact Jessica Snook on 9365 2835 or email [jasnook@edmundrice.org](mailto:jasnook@edmundrice.org).



## *Edmund Rice Camps for Kids WA Annual Charity Ball*

28th August 2010

7pm-12am

The Duxton Hotel Perth

Dress: Formal

*Join us for a night to  
remember...*

*GEISHA.*

*Step inside the historic Japanese Geisha  
House and experience an  
evening of tradition,  
culture,  
entertainment and  
excitement!*

Contact Ashley Little on 9365 2811 or [AMLittle@edmundrice.org](mailto:AMLittle@edmundrice.org).

Tickets STRICTLY limited!

### *Prayer*

*We have come to the hour of the sun's setting.  
The waves sparkle in golden glee  
and seagulls swarm on sand and shore,  
sharing the stories of their day.  
A reverence touches the heart,  
and a silence pervades the land.  
As stars softly sprinkle the velvet sky,  
awe and wonder expand our vision  
and silent prayers fill the night.  
O God of the Evening Star,  
thank you for this day so filled with joy.  
Thank you for beauty, for companionship,  
for all the unheeded touches of your grace.*

*Denis Edwards*

### *SUNSET*



*The Pinnacles, near Cervantes.  
Western Australia.*

*Photo—Jacinta Shailer sgs*

*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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