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Congratulations!
Oceania Province of the
Christian Brothers celebrated its 3rd Anniversary
on October 1st 2010.

PAPUA NEW GUINEA ENCOUNTER 2010



EDMUND RICE COMMUNITY PAPUA NEW GUINEA ENCOUNTER 2010

In July this year Chris Mousley, Bernard White, and Tarni Raich had the opportunity to take part in a cultural immersion and social justice encounter in Port Moresby, Goroko, and We-wak in Papua New Guinea.

During our encounter we visited some incredible places and had the privilege to meet with a number of inspirational individuals: a community of young people, not much older than ourselves, training to become teachers so they could bring the gift of education back to their remote communities where they themselves had received less than sufficient education; the inhabitants of Cheshire Homes, who are living with a range of physical disabilities but awed us



with their passion and joy for life; and the employees of Mount Sion, teaching Braille to vision impaired school children with very limited resources and bringing support and liberation to those suffering from mental illness in some extremely remote communities, just to name a few.

Through our experience we recognised the crucial capacity of education and knowledge to create change in society and to overcome the many challenges they face. We feel privileged to have had the opportunity to learn from the people we met and hope that our presence had a similarly positive impact.

In fact, people were so generous to us in our fundraising, that we have been able to make donations from our surplus to the Sacred Heart Teachers College, Bomana, Port Moresby, the Mount Sion School for the Blind in Goroka for staff training, and the Maprick Project of Callen Services to the disabled in the West Sepik region.

It was immensely humbling to experience firsthand the extent of the divide between the comforts and the excesses of the developed world and the poverty of the developing world. We live a privileged existence and that privilege is something, we have learned, should never be taken for granted. We were both impacted by the people we met and the facets of their lives that they shared with us – their joys and their hardships – and it is this renewed vision of the world that we hope to bring back with us, to affect our work, our studies, our home and community life, and without a doubt, the cross cultural and social justice experiences we both plan to undertake in the future.

By meeting new people and groups we had the opportunity to learn a great deal about ourselves and our own values. Also by networking we can be a form of support for each other and this can only be a positive thing for the future.

In being passionate about social justice, it is easy to have a simplistic view of the world's issues: poverty, disease, corruption etc. What really impacted on us was that every society has its own challenges, and these are often far more complex than they appear on the surface. This broader perspective and understanding is something we have brought back with us, and hope to reflect in our daily lives, and share with our friends, family, community, and the wider Edmund Rice Network.



We extend a warm thank you to all who were so generous with our fundraising.

PNG ENCOUNTER PROGRAMME IN JULY 2011?

Are You Interested in Participating in a PNG Encounter Programme in July 2011?

The Formation Life and Mission Team, in partnership with Catholic Mission, is very keen to offer a *Getting to know each Other as Pacific Neighbours* PNG encounter programme in July next year and are calling for expressions of interest from potential participants.

Dates: To be determined - depending on which period suits the most potential participants

Cost: Approx \$2500

Programme (Draft): 10 – 14 days.

Encounters with Edmund Rice and other Church, Government and NGO programmes in Wewak, Goroka and Kiunga, the Ok Tedi mine in Tabubil and villages downstream from the mine.

If you are interested in participating in this encounter to this rich and resilient region of Oceania Province please contact Martin Kelly mfkelly@edmundrice.org or +61 (0)409575892



FAREWELL & GOOD LUCK KELLIE



It is with great sadness that I inform you all, that earlier this week, I accepted Kellie Pickford's resignation from Edmund Rice Camps for Kids WA.

Kellie has been employed with Edmund Rice Camps for Kids WA since March 2005, and has played an enormous role in the development and growth of the organisation during that time, especially with regards to our programmes base.

In a true sign of Kellie's passion and commitment to ERCKWA, she will stay on until the end of the year and finish up at Edmund Rice Camps for Kids WA on Wednesday 22nd December 2010 (just in time for the Westcourt Christmas Lunch!!!).

Kellie's decision to leave is based on her desire to further her studies, take on new challenges, and spend more time with her husband (if he remembers who she is).

Kellie is excited by the growth and developments within ERCKWA and is looking forward to continuing her association with ERCKWA in a voluntary capacity.

Kellie leaving will be a great loss to Edmund Rice Camps for Kids WA and over the next 12 weeks we will ensure that she is recognised for the outstanding contribution she has made to ERCKWA and Westcourt over the last 10 years (as a volunteer and staff member), no doubt in true Westcourt style with lavish morning teas etc.

Ashley Little: Director Edmund Rice Camps for Kids WA

Dear Kellie,

We will miss your smiling face, your never ending enthusiasm, the way you are always willing to help, your sense of humour, your willing support for all you come in contact with, your talent for making people welcome, your generosity, and not least your great cooking.

Good luck in all future endeavours and know that we appreciate all that you have achieved in your time with Edmund Rice Camps for Kids WA. We would welcome an occasional visit to Westcourt for morning tea.

Jill, on behalf of The Edmund Rice Network Community in WA

Welcome to Br Cliff Fogarty from Brisbane who will be in Perth from October 4th to 11th to film the Edmund Rice Centre Mirrabooka Multicultural Sport and Recreation Programme (October 5th); Br Phil O'Loughlen's Moorditj Koolangka Children's Programme (October 6th); an interview with David Freeman, Director of Edmund Rice Institute of Social Justice Fremantle (October 7th); and the Edmund Rice Network Harmony Weekend, being held at Camp Kelly, the Trinity College Outdoor Recreation Camp in Dwellingup WA (October 8th to 10th)

The footage will be part of an Oceania DVD that Cliff is making portraying Ministries unique to their area. Cliff is certainly going to be very busy.



EDMUND RICE INSTITUTE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE



ERISJ Aboriginal Leadership Advisory Council

The ERISJ Aboriginal Leadership Program supports the identification, development and nurture of personal, cultural and professional skills useful to current and emergent Aboriginal leaders. The Program's premise is the centrality of Aboriginal leadership to the wellbeing of Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal Australia. That the median age of Aboriginal Australia is 21 (when Australia overall is 37) underscores that Aboriginal youths will likely need to be equipped with leadership skills earlier than their non-Aboriginal counterparts.

Further, the Program disseminates insightful Aboriginal skills and capacities not widely present within non-Aboriginal Australia - and vice-versa. In this and other respects, the Program hopes to contribute to the national post-Reconciliation Dialogue.

The ERISJ Aboriginal Leadership Program Advisory Council is comprised of Aboriginal Australians who are eminent educators and leaders within Aboriginal Australia.

The ERISJ Aboriginal Leadership Program Advisory Council advises the ERISJ Director and Board to support:

- Aboriginal perspectives and delivery as central to the ERISJ Aboriginal Leadership Program;
- the usefulness of identified Program objectives, content, methods and presenters; and
- promotion of the program in a culturally relevant form.

The Council's membership will be announced shortly

WHAT'S ON IN OCTOBER?

Exemplary Social Justice Action: What Works and Why? - 3 Case Studies

ERISJ One-Day Intensive Saturday 23 October 2010: 10.00 am - 5:00 pm

Presenters: Mary Anne Kenny, Clem Riley, John Waddingham

If social justice and human rights are among the leading challenges before humanity, there is nothing more important than the skills to get us there. This Intensive is delivered by eminent leaders of three highly effective social justice campaigns.

At the conclusion of this Intensive, participants will understand:

- three of the most important social justice campaigns in living memory: Aboriginal led self-advancement, the defence of asylum-seekers and refugees who arrive in Australia, and UN-supervised self-determination for East Timor.
- the challenges encountered and strategies deployed;
- what worked and why, and what in retrospect could have been done better;
- some predictors of effective social justice action that these campaigns suggest;
- how to deal with problems that confront most important campaigns;
- the effectiveness of campaigns when they combine thinking, action, creativity and ethical decency; and
- that personal resilience requires the nurturing of energy, passion, inspiration, joy and 'a life' during sustained campaigns.

Utopia's Shadow: Just Societies, New Possibilities, Old Pathologies

ERISJ One-Day Intensive Saturday, 31 October 2009: 10.00 am - 5:00 pm

Presenters: Peter Beilharz and David Freeman

Everybody knows that there is poverty, suffering, inequality and indignity. Everybody knows that the world would be better without them. Yet they persist. Why is this?

Several ERISJ Intensives examine the role of power and wealth in perpetuating these problems. This Intensive asserts a second set of causes, emanating from the social justice side of the fence.

Session Outline (more detail on arrival):

- Why Social Justice Matters
- Utopia and Dystopia
- Searching for Ways Forward (an interactive afternoon)

For further information contact: admin@erisj.org

Reasons to become a trained ERISJ Volunteer include:

- achieve heightened awareness of Social Justice issues in order to become a valued Social Justice Volunteer worker;
- many positions we make available are in areas otherwise difficult to get involved in as an outsider;
- volunteering experience with us supports your progress in various fields of employment; and we offer Certificates and documented evidence of volunteer hours worked





ALL ARE WELCOME

**Edmund Rice Network
Harmony Weekend**

October 8th to 10th 2010



"Walking Beyond our Boundaries"

Christian Brothers. Chapter 2008
Munnar India

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At

**CAMP KELLY
DWELLINGUP**

WA

EDMUND RICE NETWORK - WA WISDOM GATHERING

You are invited....

To share your wisdom, your passion, & your ideas

Have your say about the future of the Edmund Rice Network in Western Australia.

(Discussions like this are happening all over Oceania)

A delegation represented Western Australia at the "Now is the Time", Oceania-wide gathering, of the Edmund Rice Network held in Brisbane last July. *Key aspects of the process used* will be repeated here in November. This will be part of preparation for a larger province wide gathering in Adelaide July 10-14th 2011.

**To participate in this discussion please join us at CBC Fremantle
on Saturday November 27th 2010 10 am to 4 pm.**

This is an open invitation for anyone who identifies as part of the Edmund Rice Network to join in this conversation. If you know of others who you think would be interested in participating, please forward this invite to them. There will be no cost for the event. *Contact: Jill parker*



The Presence you are

Jan Novotka

*It's not what you do
But how you do it*

*It's not what you see
But how you see it*

*It's not what you say,
what you know or achieve*

But it's the presence, the presence you are.



**Once again, thank
you to everyone
who sent
information in for
this issue.
Please send in any
news about your
Ministry for
inclusion in the
next issue.**

**Blessings,
Jill**

The position of Edmund Rice (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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