



# Edmund Rice - Networking WA

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## INAUGURAL RECONCILIATION LECTURE 2012



Dr Richard Walley

This year the highlight for the Edmund Rice Network in **National Reconciliation Week** was the lecture on **IDENTITY, BELONGING AND RESPONSIBILITY** delivered by **Dr Richard Walley** at CBC Fremantle.

Richard's lecture shared with us his perspective, as an Aboriginal man, on the cultural importance of identity, belonging and responsibility. He shared many aspects of his life through story in a style culturally appropriate to him, a style that could be likened to sitting around a campfire.



Richard was able to articulate in a very balanced but challenging way how he grew up with the many stories affecting his family. Stories of government policies, stolen generation, his spirituality, his connectedness to the land and the many stories associated with this connection.

He also spoke of his faith journey, a journey that he was able to integrate with his catholic faith. Most importantly he spoke of his deep connectedness and respect for his Aboriginal story and in doing so challenged us to make sure that we are also respectful of our own stories.

I think that in sharing this with us he also demonstrated his deep respect for the stories of other people based on what he would call his responsibility to honour the presence of another, to honour all that is similar but to also honour and reverence the difference in others. Now isn't that a philosophical and lifelong journey for many of us.

Other aspects of his talk encouraged audience participation as well as a spellbinding performance of his incredible ability to play the didgeridoo. We had in our midst a very humble, wise and extremely talented man who is known worldwide. I am sure for those who were present they will carry with them at least one if not many messages to last a life time. Messages which will be prompted in moments of reflection and events in their life in the future.

Judging by the way many people lingered on after the event much discussion had been generated by Richards lecture

Many thanks to CBC Fremantle for allowing us to host this event at the college and especially for their hospitality and assistance in setting up the venue. Thanks also to Br Phil O'Loughlen for setting up the photographic display of the

Moorditj Koolangka Program for Indigenous children based at Edmund Rice Centre in Mirrabooka, and to Br Paul Robertson from the Oceania Leadership Team for his warm vote of thanks to Richard.

To all those who attended, thank you for your presence and your donations which will go towards extra resourcing of the children's program.



Moorditj Koolangka  
Program Display



Br Paul Robertson  
thanking Richard

## Out of Africa



# Higher Certificate of Biblical Studies



Hosted by The Faith Centre  
(in conjunction with Lebone Catholic Bible College, Johannesburg)

This program is a **distance education** program that can be done –  
in your own home  
at your own pace  
by choosing the Modules you wish to do  
with periodic face-to-face contact workshops or tutorials.

The program is offered in the form of print materials, supplemented as appropriate by emails.  
*The only book you will require is your personal Bible.*

The purpose of this course is to foster the intellectual, personal and spiritual growth of learners through up-to-date Bible education offered by guided learning. *Applicants may decide to do part of the course for personal development without completing the full certificate.* This course is also suitable for teachers who wish to renew their accreditation.

*This biblical studies program is not intended to replace parish Bible sharing groups or other excellent face-to-face pro-*

**An Information session will be held at The Faith Centre**

**From 10am -11am on Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> July, 2012**

**For further information on this course please contact: - The Faith Centre**

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## Yorgas Yarning" (Women talking)

On May 26<sup>th</sup>, the beginning of National Reconciliation Week a group of women gathered in the spirit of reconciliation. It was a



journey of personal reflection and a time to nurture their creative skills. More importantly it was an opportunity to sit as women and explore the many connections that we have as women associated with the Edmund Rice Network. We commenced the two days by gathering and acknowledging our own story, by honouring and paying our respects to the Wadjuk people and most importantly on the Saturday remembering the Stolen Generation and honouring the many families affected during this time. During the two days we also shared story, explored our own spirituality, explored and shared our wisdom, had many laughs together and made new friendships.

The weekend was all about taking the time out to stop and reflect, to regenerate our spirits and to return to our families with renewed energy.



**Shirley enjoying session three.**

**Above from left: Cheryl Bradley, Shirley Quaresimin, Trevanna cooper, Genny Tangney, Jill Parker & Catherine Tesoriero. Donella Brown –photographer**

Hi Girls,

On the weekend I went to the best retreat I've ever experienced run by Donella and Catherine from the ERN Formation team. Aboriginal and western women got together to share stories and wisdom and it was done in such a beautiful and inspiring way that was truly and universally feminine. The retreat was called "Yorgas Yarning" (Women talking) and it was a pilot. I'm sure that after such a positive and wonderful beginning, Donella and Catherine will be running another in the future so make sure you catch it. It was so good that the group have made a coffee date to catch up and share a cuppa out of the mugs we painted and we also plan to create opportunities to get together regularly for some 'girl' activities – learning some of the skills we've always wanted to do but never got around to. After the weekend I came away feeling blessed and nurtured.

Three cheers for the ERN! Trevanna Cooper



**Shirley, Trevanna, Jill, Genny & Cheryl after the first session—getting to know each other.**



## INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITY - GENEVA

Edmund Rice International (ERI) based in Geneva has launched an opportunity for interested and suitably qualified persons to take up a period of internship with the organisation. The aims of the internship program are:

- To support the work of Edmund Rice International in the building of a more just, sustainable and compassionate world, where all enjoy dignity, equality, freedom and full enjoyment of their human rights.
- To offer an enriching and educational experience for members of the Edmund Rice Network that provides an insight into advocacy for human rights at international level and the work of ERI.
- To contribute to the holistic growth of a person, particularly in regard to justice and spirituality and to encourage participation in human rights advocacy.
- To build capacity within the Edmund Rice Network by contributing to the formation of people with *hearts open to the cry of the earth and the poor and who are moved to prophetic action through advocacy and works for justice.* (2008 Christian Brothers' Congregational Chapter)



Normally interns or volunteers are accepted for periods of from 2 – 6 months, at a time suitable to ERI.

Information on the Internship Program and how to go about applying is to be found on the ERI website: [www.edmundriceinternational.org/contact/](http://www.edmundriceinternational.org/contact/)

If you wish to speak to somebody about this opportunity the please contact Shane Wood cfc by email – [sjwood@edmundrice.org](mailto:sjwood@edmundrice.org) or by phone at (03)8359 0126

## ERI ONLINE COURSE ON HUMAN RIGHTS

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, and whilst it is meant to be informative and interesting it is not an 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.

The course is divided into eight topics containing 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!

Contact: [Brian Bond](#) (Course Coordinator)

### HOW TO ENROL

The course is open to anyone and there is no charge for participating but to access it you will need to register. Email me at [bpbond@edmundrice.org](mailto:bpbond@edmundrice.org) indicating your preferred username (all lowercase with no spaces), the name of the town or city and the country where you live and you will then be issued with a password which will enable you full access to the course materials. Brian Bond cfc© edmund rice international 2008.



## EDMUND RICE CAMPS WA QUIZ NIGHT



The Quiz Night held on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2012 was a massive success of fun, laughter, trivia, games, friendly rivalry and bidding and we are very proud to announce the total raised this year was over \$12 000 which will go towards helping kids attend camps programmes. We are extremely happy with the outcome and can't wait to start our bigger and better Mega Camps in July!!

Thank you to all those that attended and made it such a wonderful evening, we hope to see all our wonderful supporters again at another ERC function in the future.



## ERN IMMERSION REFLECTION & STORYTELLING EVENING



### Showcasing

**Edmund Rice Camps WA East African Immersion  
&  
Trinity College Indian Pilgrimage**

*Come and share in an evening of reflection and storytelling  
with young adults from ERCWA & students from Trinity College as they  
recount their experiences of immersion and  
human connection in Kenya, Tanzania & India*

**When:** Tuesday 7th August 5.30pm-7.30pm

**Where:** Trinity College Staff Room

**RSVP:** Email or call Mel at [meverley@edmundrice.org](mailto:meverley@edmundrice.org) or 0438118504 by Friday 27th July

*All welcome, nibbles & drinks provided*

**All Welcome**



## EDMUND RICE TRAIL

Clontarf Aboriginal College

**Note change of date: August 12th 2012**

**A series of Conversations written by Br Peter Hardiman  
showcasing the talents of our Edmund Rice Network**

**The trail begins at 2.00pm and finishes with drinks and nibbles at 4.30pm**

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[ptrhardiman@yahoo.com.au](mailto:ptrhardiman@yahoo.com.au)**

**INVITATION**

*Thank you  
to everyone who  
sent information  
in for this issue.  
Please keep the  
news coming in  
for the next issue.*

*Blessings,  
Jill*

The position of Edmund Rice Networking Co-ordinator is to aid the Oceania Networking and Communication 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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