



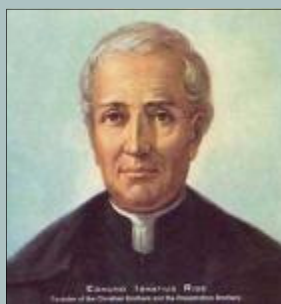
Edmund Rice - Networking WA

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- Edmund Rice Trail Clontarf Aboriginal College.
- Update on the ERC Lions Football Team - Peter Ajang
- ERCM Harmony Weekend Dwellingup 7th—9th September 2012
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Br Edmund Rice cfc

1762 — 1884

**Founder of the
Christian Brothers**

AQUINAS COLLEGE DERBY IMMERSION



The Aquinas College Derby Immersion Program, an annual event for the college for several years, aims to educate the students and staff about both the Kimberley region, and the Indigenous people who have owned it for thousands of years.

Departing Perth early on the 4th August, we landed in Derby and put up our tents in the caravan park. We then walked down to the Holy Rosary, Catholic Primary School of Derby. After splitting up and spending some time in different classrooms, we were lucky enough to speak to a few Indigenous elders about growing up in an Aboriginal community, as well as what aspects need to change in Indigenous culture to sustain it. After this we did a quick sightseeing tour of Derby, which included trips to the Mud Flats, the infamous Prison Boab tree, Derby Jetty and the Mowandjumb Art Gallery.

The next day we went back to the school for some more time with the kids, before we helped make a float for the Boab Festival, which we attended that night

We headed to the amazing Windjana Gorge the next day



to take in the sights, whilst also learning about the

legend of the gorge, Jandamarra. This piece of history was very interesting, and a cool insight into the history of the beautiful land. We also visited the spectacular Tunnel Creek.

After a few encounters with freshwater crocodiles, we headed to Mt. Anderson station, a remote community that seemed to be in the middle of nowhere. This would be our campsite for the next few days. These days were very enjoyable, and encompassed a whole range of activities, such as camel riding, cliff jumping, swimming, fishing, and even climbing the 1000 foot mountain that is Mt. Anderson.

Whilst we had many leisure activities to enjoy, we also had a little bit of community service work to undertake. This involved clearing out the old homestead, which looked as if it had been untouched for years, as well as marking out the old coach road, an historic landmark that was built by Aboriginal slaves many years ago.

The highlight of our stay at the station was the climb up Mt. Anderson. The spinifex bushes did get annoying, and the loose rocks did give many a heart attack, but the view from the top was well worth it. It was amazing to stand so high and look around us at the beautiful country that many will never have the chance to enjoy. The red dirt, blended with the green trees and the blue sky, made for a landscape that I won't forget. Our 4 days at the station quickly came to an end, and it was sad to say goodbye to the local boys, TJ, Sarnold and Canny, whom we had befriended over the past few days. From the friends we had met, to the activities we had overcome, to the simple joys of our stay at the station, such as the many gags around the campfire, it was clear that Mt.

Anderson was going to be missed. After another harrowing climb up a mountain, where the view was again spectacular, and a look at



some more rock art, we headed back to Derby. Here we set up camp for the last night, before attending the Mowandjumb Festival, which encompassed many different Indigenous dance routines. It was interesting to be a part of the festival and I felt honoured that I was able to witness a proud part of Aboriginal culture.

Overall the Derby Immersion Program was an amazing experience, and one that I will cherish for a long time. The program enlightened me in many ways, especially in the many differences between Indigenous and White culture. The education we got whilst on the trip about Aboriginal history goes far beyond what can be learnt in the classroom, and to be able to immerse myself in the culture of the north was something I will never forget. Thanks must go to Mr. Richards and Mr. Hanrahan for organizing such an amazing trip, and to Mr. Collishaw and Mr. Hunter, who accompanied Mr. Hanrahan to be our guardians for our trip.

ERN WA EDMUND RICE TRAIL



The actors in the Edmund Rice Trail volunteered from wide-ranging ERN ministries

The Trail, "Conversations with Edmund", was written by Br Peter Hardiman, and consisted of five vignettes based upon the life of Edmund Rice. People from wide-ranging ERN ministries volunteered to perform them: Both clients and staff from the Edmund Rice Centre at Mirrabooka, and teachers and their families from CBC Fremantle, were among those that took part.

Special thanks to director Jane Pike of Les Miserable's fame, whose talent and enthusiasm inspired and encouraged the cast, to Patty Macknay who procured and adjusted some wonderful costumes from Aquinas College, and to Oceania Finance Manager Max Montisci who stepped in at the last minute to take the role of Edmund Rice.

These intrepid people entertained a crowd of about sixty who later joined the team for delicious food and wine and some jazz music by some boys from the CBC Jazz Orchestra.

The newly formed ERN Spirituality Committee in Western Australia organised the Edmund Rice Trail to mark the 250th anniversary of Edmund's birth and the 150th anniversary of the coming of Ambrose Treacey to Australia.

Thank you to all the actors, The Pipe Band, CBC Jazz Band, and all who helped in different ways to make the day a success.

Trevanna Cooper—Spirituality Committee

Max Montisci & Andrea Fitzpatrick

The City of Cockburn Pipe Band, lead by ex-Trinity College teacher June Corcoran, braved the incessant rain as they marched into the Clontarf Chapel and processed down the aisle to put us into the mood for the ERN WA Edmund Rice Trail.



City of Cockburn Pipe Band



Jacob Fitzpatrick & Bridget Holohan



EDMUND RICE CENTRE LIONS FOOTY TEAM UPDATE

The Edmund Rice Centre Lions is an Australian Rules Football team of newly arrived young people. The team was formed in March 2010 and has a new group of players for 2012. The team is coached and captained by the Sports Team of the Edmund Rice Centre Mirrabooka Youth Leadership Group and past Lions players, and is 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 all of the matches that the team will play in 2012.

The ERC Lions are a community Australian Rules Football team and are dedicated to serving their community. 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 ERC Lions senior team played UWA students on August 15th, at UWA Sport Park in McGillivray. The Lions played very well with two of our female players playing the whole game, taking on UWA boys and going hard at the ball, but the Lions couldn't get the job done with UWA winning the game 32-20 to 19-15. The Lions train at Barry Britton Reserve, Balga Ave, Balga, 6061 on Wednesdays and Fridays at 4:30pm.

For more information contact:

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Edmund Rice Centre

CAMP KELLY
DWELLINGUP
September
7th—9th
2012



Harmony Weekend Bush Camp

Celebrating our Diversity

ACTIVITIES WILL INCLUDE

FRIDAY.

- 5.30 pm People starting to arrive and settle in
- 6.30 Mix n Mingle (ice breaker)
- 7.00 Aussie BBQ - Halal meat
- 8.30 **SESSION 1** Welcoming Ritual
- 9.00 Supper

SATURDAY

- 7.30 am Muslim Morning Prayer and Tai Chi
- 8-9 Breakfast
- 9.30 **SESSION 2** Welcome to the land
Bush walk with Indigenous leaders from the local area
- 11.00 Morning tea
- 11.30 **SESSION 3** Multi-Cultural Sharing Story
- 12.30 Lunch
- 1.30 **SESSION 4** Religious Beliefs & Practices
- 2.30 **SESSION 5** Edmund Rice - the person.
- 3.30 Afternoon tea

FAMILIES ARE WELCOME—Supervision & Games for Children during sessions

- 4.30 **SESSION 6** Wind down Fun & Games.
- 5.00 Preparation of Meal
- 6.00 Multi Cultural Meal & Sharing
- 7.30 **SESSION 7** Karaoke and Dancing,
Multicultural Music, Mix N Mingle
- 9.00 Supper

SUNDAY

- 7.30 am Muslim Morning prayer and Tai Chi
- 8-9 Breakfast
- 9.30 **SESSION 8** Multi Faith Service
- 11.00 Morning tea
- 11.30 **SESSION 9** Looking back
- 12.30 Lunch
- 1.30 **Camp clean up**



Celebrating Our Cultures...we all smile in the same language.

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‘There is a destiny that makes us brothers, none goes his way alone. All that we send into the lives of others comes back into our own’. Edwin Markham.

Friendship encourages openness; openness encourages healing.



Information Session for Eligible Humanitarian Entrants.

(Settlement Grants Program-clients who have lived in Australia between 6 months to 5 years).

Tenant Advocacy; a panel of experts will be available to answer questions related to your Tenancy.

Session presented by

Scott Johnson, (*Lawyer*) and **Mary Martin** (*Tenant Advocate*) from the Northern Suburbs Community Legal Centre & **K. Piok** (*Housing Assistance Officer*); Edmund Rice Centre.

Refreshments will be provided after this session.

For more information contact:

Edmund Rice Centre Housing Assistance Officer;
K. Piok on (08) 94400625 or

DATE: **Thursday 30/08/ 2012**

TIME: 11:45am until 1:30pm

WHERE: 9 Brewer Place, Mirrabooka WA 6061

Email: Piok@ercm.org.au

**Edmund Rice Network WA
Spirituality Group
Presents**

A SERIES OF CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER EVENINGS

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 17th & 24th 2012
7.30 - 8.30 pm
Note change of dates

At: WESTCOURT SUPPORT CENTRE
53 REDMOND ST SALTER POINT

Contact jcparker@edmundrice.org

*Come to both
sessions or when you can*

*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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