



# Edmund Rice - Networking WA

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## Special points of Interest:

- **ERCM Harmony Weekend, Camp Kelly, Dwellingup 7th—9th September 2012**
- **Edmund Rice Centre Multisport Program**
- **Information Session on Private Rental Agreements & how to complete Housing Application Forms. Sept 27th 2012—ERCM**
- **Arabian Nights Cocktail Party November 17th 2012 ERCWA**
- **Further Contemplative Prayer Evenings planned with Br Terry Cant.**



**HARMONY WEEKEND  
CAMP 2012**

## SEPTEMBER HARMONY WEEKEND 2012

Once again, there was much excitement as buses from Edmund Rice Centre Mirrabooka arrived at Camp Kelly, (the Trinity College Outdoor Education Campsite), for our annual Harmony Weekend 2012.

Several people arrived early and helped set up the Camp for the 150 people including 74 children who were present for the weekend.

There were joyful greetings and much confusion as people found their allocated rooms, deposited their bedding and belongings, and delivered their contribution for the following nights multi cultural meal to the kitchen.

After we had settled in, we assembled for the customary soup, sausage sizzle and fresh fruit. Shahla, our leader of the kitchen crew, was her usual capable and unflappable self as she and the ladies organised serving the meal and putting the food for the next night in the cool room.



The marquee had been set up with coloured lights on floor stands so that the lights were shining up through gum branches to colour the walls of the marquee. Flags of the nations of all people present, art boards with the story of Edmund Rice and information about the various ministries and schools in WA had been hung around the marquee.

Traditionally, we have a short session on the first night to **welcome** everyone and to get to know each other. Once again the little flags of each country of origin were very popular (especially with the children), and there was a buzz as everyone put their national flag and name on their name badge. All were warmly welcomed and guidelines for the weekend were outlined. The children could not wait to get outside and congregate around the camp fire.

This and the **Karaoke Night** were great favourites with all the children.

Saturday morning was bright and sunny as we had breakfast and assembled for the session about **Aboriginal Culture**. George Walley, an aboriginal leader from the Pinjarra area, led

this session with his usual flair and respect for the earth and all its creatures. All thoroughly enjoyed the walk in the bush as George told us which plants were used by his people for food and medicine.



To hear the didgeridoo was a highlight of the day and the Smoking Ceremony brought a sense of peace as we immersed ourselves in the smoke.

**Sharing Story** is a time when we get to know each other better and learn about the difficulties and terrible traumas that our refugees have had in their struggle to find a peaceful place to live. They also get to experience Australian Culture and the acceptance and affirmation that comes from understanding one another.

Many similarities were found between the different religions during the session on **Multi Cultural Beliefs and Practices**. Among the things common to all faiths were prayer, fasting, love of neighbour, social justice, and respect. Many people were surprised to hear how many similarities were found.

**The Edmund Rice Story** was presented by Trevanna Cooper. She gave an overview of the life of Edmund in all its facets, the growth of his influence around the world, and tied it in with what is happening in the ERN and ERCM today. The finale of the talk was an orchestral recital of the Song of Joy. This began with one musician playing in the street and gradually built up to a whole orchestra playing with a huge crowd of bystanders stopping to watch and take part in the music. This was a wonderful analogy of how Edmund Rice inspired and built the work of

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## SEPTEMBER HARMONY WEEKEND 2012 - CONT..

the Christian Brothers around the world.



The **Wind Down Fun and Games** session followed. This is for the children and those adults who want to take part. Others take the opportunity to chat with friends, old and new, or to have some time to relax before the preparation for the Multi Cultural Meal. The session was organised by Joe Moniodis, members of the Youth Leadership

Group from ERC Mirrabooka, and Mason Somerville and three students from the 'Build the Bridge Project' - a pilot program for students to be able to continue Christian Service Programs after leaving EREA schools in South Australia. Joe, Mason, and this group of young people did a wonderful job of supervising the children during sessions throughout the Camp. Our thanks go to them all, especially to our visitors who wholeheartedly joined in as if they had been coming to the Camps for years. From the way the children followed all the leaders around they were VERY popular.

The **Multi Cultural Meal** is a popular event at the Camp. (Everyone contributes food from their culture). So many volunteers from the group came to assist with setting up and preparation. They were certainly a great help and the teamwork was superb.

Ahmed organised a group to supervise the children who had their meal while preparation for the adults food took place. After dinner, a highlight for the children was toasting marshmallows on the campfire. The Youth Leadership Group supervised this activity.

On Sunday morning after breakfast, served by the men, we gathered in the marquee for the **Multi Faith Service**. This is always a moving experience with readings taken from each of the

faiths represented at the Camp, the reciting of special prayers, and finishing with the song 'Love Changes Everything' by Andrew Lloyd Webber.

This was the first time that we have had a Harmony Weekend since my husband Michael passed away. He was an integral part of the planning and organisation of the Camps since they began eight years ago. He was 'Mr Fix-It' when things went wrong, as they invariably did, at times during the camps. During the **Multi Faith Service** many people paid tribute to him and said they felt his spirit was there with us at the camp. Our family also felt his presence throughout the Weekend.

On the Weekend our three sons, Dan, Brendan & Nathan; & our grandson Ben (10); all came to stand in for Mike. So on behalf of Mike and all our family, we *honour you & thank you* for your kind words and the tears shed with us. May your God hold you close—always.

Thank you to the committee, Shahla & the kitchen ladies, Session Presenters, my family including the girls, Gen, Sally, Ali, Charlie & Gemma and all volunteers who worked so hard to make the Camp a success. Thank you also to Terry O'Shanassy and Jordan Wren from Victoria for their enthusiastic participation in the Camp.

At the end of each camp I always feel so humbled at the core of love that exists in all people when we have the chance to know each other



Some of the best connections are made in between the sessions

## EDMUND RICE CENTRE MULTISPORT PROGRAM



**FREE MILO**

**in2CRICKET**

**COME & TRY PROGRAM**

The **Edmund Rice Centre in Mirrabooka and the WACA** are teaming up to deliver a four week Come & Try Cricket Program!

Packed with fun games and excitement the program will offer youths the opportunity to learn new skills, play some games of cricket and find out where they can play cricket in their communities.

### Program Enquiries:

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### Edmund Rice Centre Mirrabooka Multisport Program

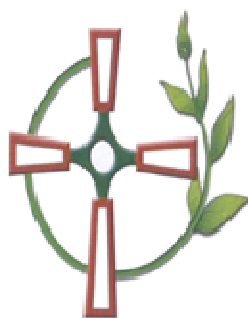
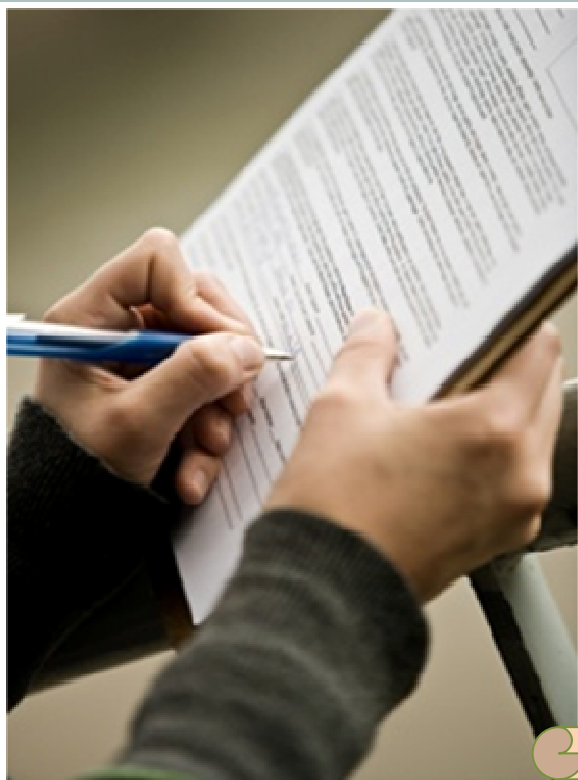
**Invites:** Youth aged 8-18 years old

**Where:** Dryandra Pendula Reserve,  
Mirrabooka, WA

**When:** THURSDAY 4.30 - 5.30pm from  
September 20th to October 11th

**Cost:** Free!! With lots of great prizes and give  
aways





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MIRRABOOKA  
*Alternative Learning and Community Development*

### *INFORMATION*

### *SESSION:*

### *PRIVATE RENTAL AGREEMENTS*

You are invited to a session on How to Complete Housing application Forms.

## The session will cover:

Completing Housing Application Forms.  
References, Support Letters and other Documents etc.

### Session presented by

**Scott Johnson, (Lawyer); Northern Suburbs Community Legal Centre & K. Piok (Housing Assistance Officer), Edmund Rice Centre.**

**DATE:** Thursday the 27<sup>th</sup> September 2012  
**TIME:** 11:45am until 1:00pm  
**WHERE:** 9 Brewer Place, Mirrabooka WA 6061

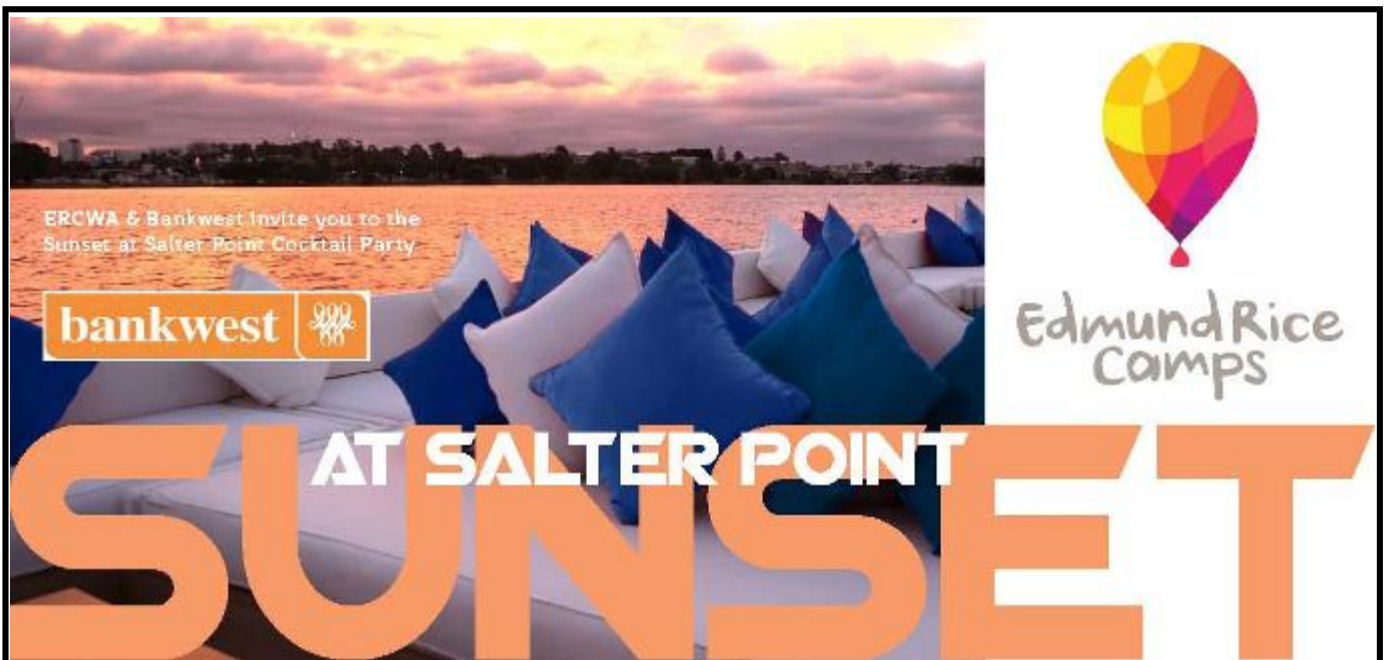
*Refreshments will be provided after this session.*

### **For more information contact:**

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

**This program is funded by the Dept of Immigration and Citizenship (DIAC)**





The Westcourt Building in Salter Point will be transformed into a Arabian Nights themed lounge bar. Guests can take in the views on lounges and oversized ottomans while enjoying Arabian inspired food and premium wines and beer, thanks to Ultimo Catering, West Cape Howe wines and Fire & Ice Bar. With a fantastic sunset view, an exciting auction with some premium items up for bid, we hope to raise significant funds for special kids throughout Western Australia.

Edmund Rice Camps WA (ERCWA) is a not-for-profit community based organisation that serves the needs of kids (aged 7-16yrs) and their families. We provide camps and other recreational and developmental opportunities for kids who would not otherwise have such opportunities, supporting kids who are 'at risk' or experiencing some form of disadvantage.

It is set to be a fantastic night of fun and entertainment with all proceeds going towards ERCWA camps and activities. This is the major fundraising event for Edmund Rice Camps WA, last year raising over \$50,000 to assist in need families in WA. This year we are aiming to raise \$75,000 to help fund our kids and family programmes in 2013.

**Tickets are strictly limited so contact the office to reserve your tickets.** Please forward this invite through your professional and personal networks.

***We look forward to seeing you on the night.***

Cheers,  
Ash

**JOIN US FOR AN ARABIAN NIGHT EXPERIENCE IN ONE OF THE MOST TRANQUIL RIVER SETTINGS PERTH HAS TO OFFER**

Saturday 17 November 2012  
6.30pm - 10pm  
Riverside, Westcourt Building  
53 Redmond Street, Salter Point  
\$120 per person

On the banks of the Canning River enjoy delectable cuisine - all prepared on site by professional chefs - canapés, local WA wines and boutique beers. To raise money for kids in need in Western Australia.

For more information & to purchase tickets:  
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**Edmund Rice Camps**

Edmund Rice Camps WA (ERCWA) is a non-profit charity committed to supporting kids and families at risk or experiencing disadvantage through our award-winning Edmund Rice Camps WA. Australian families every year.

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### Edmund Rice Network WA Spirituality Group

#### CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER EVENINGS

*The Contemplative Prayer evenings facilitated by Br Terry Cant have been spiritually enriching & very much appreciated by those who have been able to attend. By request it is planned to offer more sessions in future - starting with October 1st & 8th 2012. The prayer starts at 7.30 pm and concludes at 8.30 pm followed by a glass of wine or a cuppa and nibbles.*

At: WESTCOURT SUPPORT CENTRE  
53 REDMOND ST SALTER POINT

**ALL WELCOME**



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***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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