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Special points of Interest:

- **Consultation— Youth Adult Formation WA.** Catherine Tesoriero. Mission Team WA/SA
- **Love in Action Workshop November 1st 2013** John Richards
- **ERN Retreat 2013. 'An Emerging Spirituality for the 21st Century'** Facilitator Br Tony Hemenstall
- **Profile: Mrs. Marie Barton - New Principal CAC Bindoon**
- **ERCM Youth Leadership Programs**
- **CBC Fremantle wins Glory Cup.** Ben Parker
- **Spiritual Direction Available.**
- **Centering Prayer Every Monday 7.30 to 8.30 pm Westcourt Support Centre**



Edmund Rice
Network

Harmony Weekend

25—27 October 2013

A Consultation – Young Adult Formation WA



On the 30 July 2013, twenty seven people gathered at Westcourt to take part in a consultation to discern models

for **future engagement, delivery and support of Young Adult Formation in WA.**

Many groups within the Edmund Rice Network were represented including Christian Brothers, young adult volunteers, staff and board members from Edmund Rice Camps, Wisdom Group members, Service Learning Coordinators from EREA schools, members of the Edmund Rice Intentional Community, young adults who have participated in or are about to head off on immersion opportunities, Mission Team members and other people



interested in contributing to the conversation.

To begin the evening, the group explored key documents

that were to guide the consultation, including the 2002 and 2008 and Congregational Chapter Documents and a statement by the Oceania Leadership Team. The group read through key statements from these documents and articulated the principles that future formation opportunities for young adults must have. Some of these principles included opportunities:

- For real 'at the edge' relationship engagement – journeying with people in our community who are in need
- For personal and spiritual growth
- For overt experiential formation embracing the charism of Edmund
- To make meaning from the experience
- To be accompanied on the journey by experienced mentors and facilitators
- For shared experiences and reflection
- For reflection in light of the Gospel
- Advocacy for the environment

Just before dinner, we then moved on to sharing our own personal experience of young adult formation. Some insights shared were:



"I would not be the man I am now without young adult formation from the Edmund Rice Network – from my values to my career."

"Through encountering others, we encounter ourselves."

"Young people are looking for formation. It is after they have had it and felt 'fortunate' because of it that they will seek it out again as formation!"

After a light shared meal the group regathered to consider ideas for future models of young adult formation.

Each person was given the opportunity for some personal reflection before joining with a group of people to share ideas. Some of the ideas generated included opportunities for:

- Immersions both regionally and in developing nations
- Service in the community
- Inter-ministry engagement
- Living in an intentional Edmund Rice Community

The night was filled with great passion and enthusiasm for formation opportunities for young adults in WA with each idea incorporating the importance of the opportunity to make meaning from the experience and reflection in light of the



Gospel and the life of Edmund Rice.

All present were left with a reaffirmed belief about the value of formation experiences for young people, some 'food for thought' about how to best achieve our aspirations and the hope of working with key stake holders in the Province to discern what opportunities are possible into the future.

NOVEMBER 1ST 2013

LOVE IN ACTION WORKSHOP

For EREA & Associate Schools

Venue: Aquinas College Facilitator: John Richards - John.Richards@aquinas.wa.edu.au

ERN NEW COSMOLOGY RETREAT JULY 2013

AN EMERGING SPIRITUALITY FOR THE 21ST CENTURY

Several members of the Edmund Rice Network gathered at the Westcourt Support Centre for a Weekend Retreat facilitated by Br Tony Hempenstall on the last weekend in July this year. Tony worked tirelessly for the whole weekend beginning with the introduction on Friday night, when we got to know one another and talked about what had brought us to the Retreat.

Each day began with meditation from 7.30 to 8 am for those who could come. Sharing and discussion brought trust, openness and friendship among the group as we looked at living with an evolving cosmology.



"This universe is a single, multiform, energetic unfolding of matter, mind, intelligence and life. All of this is new.

None of the great figures of human history were aware of this. Not Plato, not Aristotle, nor the Hebrew prophets, nor Confucius, nor Leibniz, nor Newton, nor any other world maker.

We are the first generation to live with an empirical view of the origin of the Universe. We are the first humans to look into the night sky and see the birth of stars, the birth of galaxies, the birth of the cosmos as a whole.

Our future as a species will be forged within this new story of the world."

Brian Swimme

The Cosmic Walk was just one of the interesting sessions of the Weekend. It was a way of bringing our knowledge of the of the 13.7 -billion year Universe process from our heads to our hearts. A spiral representing the entire 13.7 billion years of cosmic and evolutionary journey was



The Cosmic Walk

laid out on the floor in the Westcourt Chapel by using rope. Each instance of in time was marked out at a proportionate distance along the length of the spiral. Each such station was marked out by an unlit votive candle and by a card describing the emergence. The first station, located at the centre of the spiral, represented the Great Emergence of the Universe itself. This primordial act was represented by a lit candle and we took turns to light a votive candle from the primary candle and read one of the stations of the narrative for the Cosmic Spiral, starting with the Great Emergence. After this each person walked the spiral, in turn, reading the cards in silence. Today the story of the Universe is being told as our Sacred Story.

The weekend finished with an enriching Reflection on the Eucharistic Prayer of the Cosmos and a shared lunch.



Br Tony Hempenstall

Thank you to Br Tony Hempenstall for a most interesting and enlightening Retreat. It challenged us 'to reconnect with the sacredness of the earth, to realise that the whole universe is a sacrament of the Divine, and that the world is our meeting place with God'.

WELCOME TO THE NEW PRINCIPAL AT CAC BINDOON



Mrs Marie Barton (Principal) at the Catholic Agricultural College Bindoon School Ball

Mrs Marie Barton is an experienced teacher and principal with over 20 years of experience in educational administration. Prior to her appointment as Principal at Catholic Agricultural College Bindoon, she worked as Vice Principal at St Mary's College, Broome. Her duties at St Mary's involved oversight of curriculum, secondary timetabling, establishment of a special education network centre and membership of the hostel board which provided boarding facilities for remote Aboriginal students.

Holding degrees in Education at both Bachelors and Masters levels, Marie has specialised in Mathematics and Religious Education and has experience in both primary and secondary education. She is married to Peter and they have three adult children.

Mrs Marie Barton & Mr Martin Tobin (Deputy Principal) distributing certificates to students at CAC Bindoon.



We wish you a very warm welcome from all in the ERN WA Marie.

ERCM YOUTH LEADERSHIP PROGRAM



Edmund Rice Centre Youth Leaders from the Butler and Mirrabooka groups helping at the Multicultural AFL Gala Day, June 2013

The Edmund Rice Centre Youth Leadership Group has been very busy dedicating their time to running Edmund Rice Sports Programs and helping the community.

From the Mirrabooka group, 12 Youth Leaders helped on the Local Parks Multisport Program, Banksia United Nyoongar Soccer Team and the ERC Lions Multicultural Football team in the second quarter of 2013. Their major roles include coaching, refereeing and managing a whole section of a program on their own. The Youth Leaders have also been scoring regularly at Beatball, a regular 3-on-3 basketball tournament at the Herb Graham Rec Centre.

The Butler Youth Leaders are very active in our programs in the northern suburbs, including coaching Banksia United in their first match of 2013, as well as helping to coordinate and manage the Butler Falcons. The leaders were put to the test when they were tasked with managing the Butler Falcons High Performance Girls AFL Camp. They had to organise the kitchen, cook meals, set up for activities at the site and coordinate the clean up. They performed admirably in this task. The leaders have also been helping on the City of Wanneroo's youth programs. They attended the AFL's Multicultural Breakfast and Multicultural Round and helped at a Multicultural AFL Gala Day at Des Penman Reserve.

BUTLER FALCONS COMMERCIAL

The Butler Falcons have produced a commercial to promote the positive contribution that African young people make to our community. On Sunday 5th May, nine members of the team headed down to Arena Joondalup for a day of filming. Film producer David Kenyon had been meeting with the coaching and management team of the Falcons to sequence the commercial prior to filming. On the day, David and his crew, Mel Calder and Terry Delahunt from Wide Eye Productions, guided the team through the various shots that were required for the day, which was successful.

The commercial then went into post production, which involved regular meetings with the Falcons players and management staff to get the sequence right. Intense editing and effects work was needed to develop the final product, which has been posted on YouTube.



Butler Falcons commercial on YouTube:

The link is

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JDSTbCiivbQ>

and it currently has over 700 views.



Butler Falcons High Performance AFL Camp, July 2013

Please help us to promote this commercial as widely as possible. WATCH it, LIKE it and SHARE it to do your part in positive promotion of multiculturalism in sport and in Australia.

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CONGRATULATIONS TO CBC FREMANTLE

On Friday 9th of August 2013 the CBC Fremantle year 7 Soccer Team went to the 10th Anniversary of the Glory Cup State Primary School Championship. They competed against the two best teams from the North, South, East, and West Regions.

CBC played in three games and after being 2-1 down in the Final, they went on to win it 4-2. It is the first time CBC Fremantle has won the Cup. They received the Cup, a medal each and a State Primary School Champions shirt.

Benjamin Parker: CBC Fremantle year 7 student

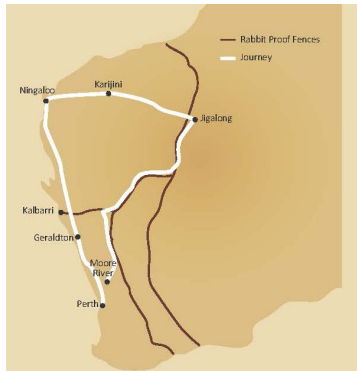


ERN WA IMMERSION ALONG THE RABBIT PROOF FENCE

EDMUND RICE NETWORK WA INVITES YOU ON A STOLEN GENERATION JOURNEY



A NINE DAY JOURNEY FROM 28 SEPTEMBER TO 6 OCTOBER 2013



You will retrace the footsteps of Molly and Daisy Craig and Gracie Fields along the Rabbit Proof Fence from Moore River to Jigalong station, and then experience the wonder of Karijini and Ningaloo.

Travelling by Coaster bus and sleeping under the stars and in rural accommodation, you will gain a unique insight into the Stolen Generation and an intimate glimpse of the beauty of the Australian outback.

This amazing experience is offered to members of the Edmund Rice Network and is an initiative of CBC Fremantle's Aboriginal Reconciliation Programme.

For more information contact Peter Baldry on 0408 745 363.

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION / COMPANIONING : ERN WA

In recent years there has been an 'explosion' in the number of people seeking out a spiritual director to help them on their spiritual journey. People of all faith backgrounds and no faith affiliation use a spiritual director, (sometimes called spiritual companion) to assist them in reflecting on their life's experience. In doing so, each comes to a deeper understanding of God's presence and grace in one's life.

Spiritual Direction is not about being 'directed' or 'advice'. It is more about entering into one's own experience of life and God and discovering for oneself the presence of God in daily life. God seeks you where you are. The spiritual director is there to journey with you as you deepen your relationship with God. This journey takes place in a confidential context.

You might come to Spiritual Direction for a variety of reasons, including to

- * Identify and trust your own experience of God.
- * Integrate spirituality into your daily life.
- * Discern and make difficult decisions.
- * Share your hopes, struggles and losses.
- * Develop a sensitivity for justice and concern for the poor.
- * Live the essence of your spiritual affiliation with integrity.

In seeking out a spiritual director it is important to meet and see if there is a comfortable presence for you. **Brothers Terry Casey and Terry Cant** are both trained Spiritual Directors and can be contacted through Christian Brothers' Administration Support Centre, Salter Point. Please phone and leave a message with Karen Armenti 9365 2859 or contact Br. Terry Cant (0458-649-986) OR Br Terry Casey (9365 2869).

Other Spiritual Directors can be contacted through the Maranatha Centre for Adult Faith Formation on 08-9241 5221.



HARMONY WEEKEND OCTOBER 25—27 2013



Edmund Rice Network Harmony Weekend—

Friday 25th—Sunday 27th October

2013

at

**CAMP KELLY
DWELLINGUP**

COST: \$20 PER FAMILY

OR \$10 PER PERSON

(Children's programme provided)

Contact: **Jill Parker - ERN**
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or
Chris Ward - ERCM
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CENTERING PRAYER

REMINDER:

*All are welcome to stay for
a drink and nibbles after
the prayer*

Edmund Rice Network WA CENTERING PRAYER MEETINGS

7.30 –8.30 pm Every Monday

Chapel: Westcourt Support Centre

53 Redmond Street

SALTER POINT WA

Facilitator: Br Terry Cant - tezzcant@gmail.com



**Isn't it amazing that we are all made in
God's image, and yet there is so much
diversity among his people .**

Archbishop Desmond Tutu



**Thank you to everyone who sent information in for
this issue.**

Please send in your news for the next issue.

Blessings, Jill

The position of Edmund Rice Networking (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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