



Edmund Rice Camps

2017 Edmund Rice Camps for Kids WA Annual Report

Making a difference by rising above

Inspired by the spirit of Edmund Rice and committed to justice, we support kids and families in need and provide young adults with personal growth and development opportunities.

Welcome to the Edmund Rice Camps for Kids WA (ERCKWA) 2017 Annual Report, which provides an overview of our activities throughout 2017.

ERCKWA serves the needs of disadvantaged and 'at risk' children aged 7–16 and their families. We achieve this via a variety of developmentally-focussed recreational programs, including camps. Without our specialised programs, these families would not otherwise have such opportunities.

We also foster the ongoing personal development of our young adult volunteers who serve as friends and mentors to the children in our care.

While not a 'traditional' measurement, much of ERCKWA's success is measured in the smiles, laughter and new-found confidence of our 'Eddie Rice kids', as well as the growth and advancement of our young leaders.



Image, above: ERCKWA leaders and kids having fun on the beach at Moore River.

Chairperson's Report by Tony Manso

Brent McIntyre

"It's the spirit that gives life – the flesh counts for nothing." John 6:63

My thoughts are with many of you who are still feeling the impact as a result of Brent McIntyre's sudden and tragic passing. An adventurous, tireless, dedicated leader and ambassador of our cause, his presence and energy inspired many and will undoubtedly continue to do so. Unreservedly, Brent was the heart and soul of the numerous camps he attended and was enormously generous with his time. Few, if any, would contest that he went well beyond.

Brent's shoes will be hard to fill, although I understand he was not one that would want us to dwell for too long on his passing or absence. No matter how deeply those close to him at ERCKWA have felt his loss his focus would no doubt be "let's get on with what we're here to do" – to provide a rewarding, exhilarating and memorable camp experience for the disenfranchised, marginalised and vulnerable Western Australian children who would not otherwise have such an opportunity.

He will be sadly missed, although I sense his spirit lives on amongst the many young volunteers, participants and leaders whose lives were impacted by him.

My fellow Board members and I had no hesitation in accepting the recommendation put forward by Chief Executive Officer Kevin Knapp to name a January Mega Camp in honour of Brent. Hopefully, in some small way, this allows Brent's spirit and legacy to live on within the ERCKWA community.

Strategic Review & Plan

During 2017 our Board members, together with Kevin and the wider ERCKWA network, lead a strategic review that will ensure our vision continues to be relevant to our stakeholders' needs. The process was both demanding and invigorating and involved extensive consultations through discussions, workshops and interviews, as well as engaging with a diverse representation of our wider community.

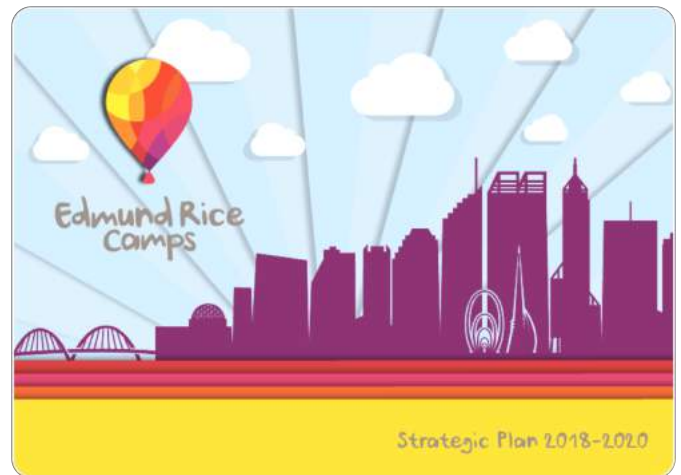
I would like to personally thank everyone for their contribution and insights during the process and commend you all to engage and share in our objectives. From my perspective, the two key outcomes drawn from the process were the importance of:

1. Maintaining our focus on the needs of our participants and ambitions of our leaders; and
2. The themes surrounding the significant role of ERCKWA in the community.

These simple but insightful outcomes should influence and guide our thinking, broader plans and aspirations for the future.

I encourage all those wishing to be more engaged with our broader objectives, goals and visions to access our Strategic Plan, which is freely available from our website.

I also urge you to share your thoughts or raise questions directly with me, Kevin or other Board members. Only with such collaboration can we reach the destinations set by our strategies and continue to improve our planning by ensuring our goals are neither too narrow nor overly ambitious.



Our Board

During 2017 we welcomed two new Board members in Amy Dabb and Paul Gregory.

Amy will be familiar to many of us as she has acted in the capacity of Board Secretary for the past three years. Amy is a Chartered Accountant and member of the Governance Institute of Australia, having held various accounting, compliance and governance related roles within commercial environments.

In addition to accepting a Board position in March 2017, Paul was appointed Chair of our Risk Management and Governance Committee.

Paul has over 10 years of in-house and private practice legal experience across Western Australia, New South Wales and Queensland, together with strategic commercial and governance experience. Having previously held Board and Company Secretarial roles, he will be a highly valuable addition to our organisation.

A change in employment unfortunately resulted in Vanessa Badaraco having to relinquish her Board position in February 2017. There was much for Vanessa to contribute, although her relatively short tenure as a Board member meant that we missed out on benefiting fully from her skill sets in the areas of schools and community engagement.

New family circumstances also lead to the resignation of Brian Ferreira from our Board and as Chair of our Risk Management and Governance Committee. Brian was instrumental in offering new insights on our risk profile and elevated our procedures regarding risk assessment and management.

Graham Freeman also stepped down as a Board member during 2017. Graham was an engaged and active Board member, particularly in supporting our events and providing much valued professional services through his advertising consultancy, Adzoo. Importantly, Adzoo have continued to offer these services on a pro-bono basis – a gesture we are most grateful for.

In their own way, these Board members have made an impression on various facets of ERCKWA and I trust they will continue to be dedicated advocates as we wish them a prosperous, healthy and safe future and offer our sincere thanks for their contributions.



Images, left to right: Board Secretary Amy Dabb, Board member Paul Gregory, previous Board member Vanessa Badaraco, previous Board member Brian Ferreira, and previous Board member Graham Freeman, who continues to support ERCKWA through his advertising consultancy, Adzoo.

Our Finances

Financially, we have consolidated our position in what continues to be a demanding and challenging environment in Western Australia. Although our \$19,000 operating deficiency for the December 2017 year appears disappointing, the significant \$51,000 shortfall in anticipated income reflected a proactive and prudent management of our expenses.

Encouragingly, this adverse financial outcome did not materially affect the quality or delivery of ERCKWA's core programs. Upon this measure alone 2017 should be judged a successful one.

Thank Yous & Acknowledgements

As from the outset of our journey some 30 years ago, our achievements are only possible through the continued support of our dedicated volunteers, staff, stakeholders, sponsors, supporters, Board members and Committee members who contribute tirelessly towards our purpose. We owe much to their commitment and dedication.

As I have stated previously, our core objective of making a positive and lasting impression on the many children and volunteers we serve comes through a collective effort combined with collective enthusiasm.

This is epitomised by those at the core of our organisation – those that deal with the day-to-day and the trials and tribulations that come hand-in-hand with operating a for-purpose organisation. In our case our Chief Executive Officer Kevin Knapp continues to lead with purpose, confidence and enthusiasm. His leading by example approach cascades across many facets of our activities and provides much motivation for all those around him.

We are also fortunate to have the internal staff members we have. This team of vibrant and focussed individuals not only support Kevin but also support the decisions we make as a Board and the goals we set out to achieve – all done with little fuss. I commend and thank our team of Chris Dix, Nicole Mancini, Meg Huitema, Meg McKenna and Curtis Novacsek, as well as Catherine Tesoriero who left us during the year.

Lastly, I'd like to acknowledge the efforts and contributions made to our organisation by my fellow Board members and in particular those that chair our Board Subcommittees, act as office bearers and those one or two who go well beyond the call of duty. Your commitment does not go unnoticed, although I also acknowledge that you have not taken on this role for accolades or recognition. Your efforts make a significant positive impact to the wellbeing of our organisation and, for this reason, our organisation continues to meet and overcome its challenges and seeks to set ambitious goals and objectives.

Thank you to you all and I look forward to working alongside you over the next twelve months and beyond.

Chief Executive Officer's Report by Kevin Knapp

Our Programs

Well, it has been another very successful yet challenging year here at ERCKWA! Faced with significant financial pressures and governance considerations, we were still able to deliver almost all of our planned programs thanks to the efforts of the staff, Board and our dedicated army of volunteers and community partners.

During the course of the year we delivered over 20 programs, including 8 Mega Camps, various volunteer training sessions and our Eddie on the Road program that delivered our unique camp experience to remote Western Australia, with visits to the Pilbara and Harvey. We also ran a successful year-end Christmas party for kids and families at Olympic Fun and Fitness.

Our Staff, Board & Volunteers

Our small team of ERCKWA staff have again worked hard to maintain our standards of operation and I am very proud of what they have achieved. Over the course of the year we said farewell to Catherine Tesoriero and welcomed Curtis Novacsek.

In the Boardroom we were delighted to attract two new members in Amy Dabb and Paul Gregory. Amy had previously acted as Secretary and was formally appointed onto the Board and into that position. Paul replaced Brian Ferreira and also took on the role as Chair of the Risk Management and Governance Committee.

Over 200 Volunteer Leaders provided inspiration, compassion and a presence for kids on our camps. We continue to be indebted to these amazing young people who give so freely of themselves for the sake of children in our communities who are at risk.

A special mention is warranted for Brent McIntyre, Madi Armstrong and Mel Raich who were voted Volunteer Leaders of the Year. So very sadly, Brent was killed in a tragic accident and we have felt a very real loss since his passing on 5 December.

Thank Yous & Acknowledgements

Working here at ERCKWA continues to be extremely fulfilling. I have an office with walls covered with camp group photographs and it is the hundreds of faces looking back at me that remind me of the important and rewarding work that we all do.

I would like to thank my team and the Board for their support during the year and for contributing to so many successful camps and programs.

To our community partners and sponsors thank you for your contributions, all of which make a tangible and very real difference in the lives of kids at risk in Western Australia and in the lives of young adults who are committed to bringing about positive change in the lives of those marginalised in our community.

This includes Christian Brothers Oceania Province, Edmund Rice Foundation Australia, Telethon Community Cinemas, Aquinas College, Trinity College, Beyond Bank, Lawleys Bakery Café, the Behets Family Foundation, Fat Burners Only, Landcorp, The Write Words Communications, Adzoo Consultancy, Crown Perth and Garden City. Your support is very highly valued and I am delighted that many of you and your staff have been able to attend our programs and experience firsthand the impact your support has on our community.

A special thank you also to our Board Subcommittee members, all of whom play a pivotal role in our strategic planning, provide operational support and contribute to ERCKWA in numerous other ways.



Lastly, thank you to Edmund Rice for sharing his vision and values with us and for establishing a network of ministries that are dedicated to bringing about positive change for the disadvantaged and dedicated to developing us all as role models, mentors and leaders.

There are many ways to connect with the vision and charism of Edmund Rice and I am proud to be part of an accredited Edmund Rice Ministry that provides a contemporary expression of the charism in Western Australia.

A Tribute to Brent McIntyre

Never Forgotten

One of our most dedicated volunteer leaders, Brent McIntyre, tragically passed away in December 2017. Below, some of his ERCKWA volunteer peers share their memories of Brent and the impact he had – and continues to have – on their lives and our community.



Words from Pia Novacsek

When asked what it takes to be an Edmund Rice leader or volunteer I can normally list a huge range of attributes, as we're a *"unique community that values acceptance and love of everyone, working together for a common goal."* However, when asked what is a role model or who is a great person to base myself on as a volunteer my example always fell to the same man... Brent McIntyre.

Brent always knew how to give but never asked for anything in return. Part of ERCKWA for over 10 years (give or take some time for his own personal adventures around the world), he was heavily involved in all aspects of camp – from being a leader to a coach, manager, bus driver, cook. He also volunteered at the Telethon Community Cinemas and in any other way he could.

To put the volume of Brent's volunteering into numbers it's best to try and guess how many hours of his time he spent giving to ERCKWA:

- Mega Camps are run over 6 days (144 hours including sleeping time). There are 2 Mega Camp seasons each year in January and July, and Brent was generally part of both. This equals at least **288 volunteer hours on camp per year.**
- For at least the past 4 years Brent either coached or managed, which require at least 10–15 hours of preparation before camp – equalling **20–30 prep hours per year.**

- Brent would also help in the other camps by bus driving or cooking, which would equal another 3–5 hours for this a season or **6–10 hours cooking or driving per year**.

A conservative guess for Brent's time volunteering on Mega Camps would be:

- 18 camps x 144 hours = **2,592**. Adding prep time = 8 camps x 10 hours = **80**. Adding driving and cooking time for other camps = 8 camps x 3 hours = **24**.
- **In total this equates to an enormous 2,696 hours.**

This doesn't even count all the times Brent volunteered on Mini Camps (run Friday night to Sunday afternoon) or any whole-day Fun Fests he was also involved in. Nor the endless hours he volunteered at Telethon Community Cinemas, for ERCKWA events or around the office. This also doesn't count the many hours he spent managing Eddie on the Road in Harvey this year.

To many, Brent is the ideal role model for whichever voluntary position anyone was in. He would always go above and beyond in his role, offering as much help as possible and always being resourceful and creative. He had the respect of all who knew him around the camp environment and in his calm, caring manner could diffuse any situation.

Brent would engage with the kids easily and always have a crowd around him. He was always one of the messiest when it came to messy activities and then one of the last to have a shower. He could make a game out of nothing and have all the kids wanting to be involved.

But most importantly he helped shape many of us into the volunteers we are today by helping us to *"look beyond all constraining life factors, prejudices and stereotypes. To value people being their true selves and believe in the power of positive personal interactions"*.

He was a man who summed up every single one of our Core Values, who dedicated his life to helping others. I can pinpoint the exact moment I met Brent and in that moment, he changed my life and helped make me the person I am today. We are all better off for knowing Brent and the whole community is better off for us learning how to be even a small percentage of the amazing volunteer and friend he was to all.

Myself and a great camp team are honoured to be a part of January Camp 2 or, as it will now be known, 'Camp McIntyre'. We hope we can do Brent proud and pass on the stories and great leadership style he had to our volunteers and participants. Who then hopefully in turn can also pass on what they learn, so that we can *"strive to continue the legacy of Edmund Rice by the giving of ourselves to others, bringing hope and optimism"*.

Thank you, Brent, for everything. You were and still are my greatest role model in all aspects of the Camp community and we will all miss you greatly.

Words from Aimee Dean

Brent was a role model for so many reasons! He was always 100% there for the kids, even leaving his own needs for them. Brent had the ability to turn the mundane into the crazy fun and light up the campsite. He always genuinely listened to both the kids and leaders and he was always caring, accepting of everyone and inclusive.



Image, left: Brent McIntyre on an Eddie Rice camp enjoying messy fun with his fellow leaders.

Image, right: Brent relaxing on the beach after a hard day's work on camp.

Words from Digby Taylor

Brent was a good role model because he was patient and understanding. He never dismissed anyone – he showed respect to all whether it be a challenging child or a turbulent leader, an angry coordinator or an over-tired staff member. That is why Brent is a role model to me.

Words from Jess Randazzo

Brent was the best role model ERCKWA leader as he had time for absolutely everyone, from leaders to kids to the camp team and cooks. Brent didn't judge anyone, allowing the leaders to be themselves and embrace their strengths with the kids.

He was a humble, kind-hearted leader who was always there for others; always up for a laugh and a good story; always happy, fun and ready to make each and every kid's day better. Brent was and always will be the leader I aspire to be.

Words from Beth Good

When I first met Brent on camp he made 'impossibility' become a fictitious word in my vocabulary. He taught me that kindness can cure, that high 5s can heal and that to give is to grow. He saw me grow in age and I saw him grow in compassion. To do something selfless was a simple task for him. He just did it.

The ripples from his actions will continue until the end of time and there will be moments when they come in waves and moments when it's calm but he taught me to understand the importance of both.

Words from Jordan Randazzo

Brent epitomised what it is to be an ERCKWA leader. He was the most selfless, giving individual I've ever had the privilege to come across. I got to watch as kids and leaders were drawn to him by his easy-going, loveable nature and I truly think it was impossible not to smile when in Brent's company.

As far as ERCKWA role models go, you don't get better than Brent and I'm forever grateful I got to lead alongside him multiple times. Brent taught me the importance of being happy, calm, open, patient, approachable and above all to love life. Brent is the perfect leader and will forever be my hero.

Words from Pippa Corry-Thomas

Brent was an amazing ERCKWA role model because he made everyone feel safe and appreciated regardless of their walk in life. He generated happiness amongst everyone and was an extremely giving and compassionate individual.

Brent was always 100% present wherever he was and would go above and beyond to give everything he had for every single person in his life. Nothing was ever too much to ask of Brent – he was a giving individual with a massive heart who all leaders look up to! Brent will always be an inspiration to me and I am so honoured to have led alongside him.

Words from Bek Dunstan

Brent is an amazing role model to me because he was always present and involved in everything he did. Whether that was in his volunteering, how he would approach a difficult situation or the way he had a conversation with someone – he was always present. Brent was also wholeheartedly himself which gave everyone around him the courage to be themselves too.

Words from Ricky Jorge

Brent was, and will forever be, the most incredible person I've had the privilege of knowing. His dedication was unrivalled, always willing to do whatever was necessary to ensure each child had a smile on their face. His positive influence on those around him was something I idolised, and he truly represented what it was to be an 'Eddie Ricer'. I will never forget the time I was fortunate enough to spend alongside him and know his legacy will live on through the many who loved him.

Words from Curtis Novacsek

Brent was able to make everything magical. He could take the most boring task and by his sheer presence make it, and by extension you, feel special.

Words from Rachel Turpin

One of the things that I loved the most about Brent was that he never tried to be anything less or more than himself. He was unapologetically himself both on and off camp and encouraged everyone to be their true selves. He taught me many things throughout our friendship but notably about the importance of kindness, compassion and friendship.

Brent is an idol for many and is the perfect embodiment of the Eddie Rice spirit. In everything that I do and achieve, I hope that I can make him proud.

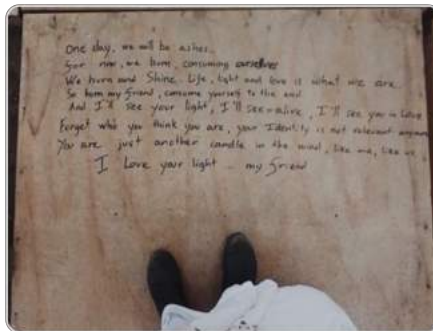
Words from Anonymous

Brent was incredibly patient and gentle with people. He embraced their differences and he had a way of making them feel valued. He was a great listener and had an understanding demeanour. Brent took on so many roles in Eddie Rice and adapted and gave what people needed each time. His generosity and kindness made me want to give more and be a better volunteer.

Words from Mel Raich

For me Brent was such an amazing leader because he was one of those people that was friends with everyone. He could relate to all leaders and found a connection and something in common with every kid – no matter how old they were or what their background was.

He didn't judge or make assumptions, he just wanted to see everyone having fun and laughing together – even if the thing they were laughing at was him! He was so completely himself with no reservations and gave all himself to both ERCKWA, but also to every one of his friendships. He was just a really genuine person and I'm not sure he ever realised how much of an inspiration he was to so many of us as leaders but also just as people.



Image, left: Brent 'nose' best on camp (leftmost, with fellow volunteer leaders).

Image, right: Profound words at the tips of Brent's toes: "One day, we will be ashes... For now, we burn, consuming ourselves. We burn and shine. Life, light and love is what we are. So burn, my friend, consume yourself to the end. And I'll see your light, I'll see you alive, I'll see you in love. Forget who you think you are, your identity is not relevant anymore. You are just another candle in the wind, like me, like we. I love your light... my friend."

Formation & Identity Report by Jacqui Williams

Introducing the Formation & Identity Committee

The Formation and Identity Committee (FIC) was established in May 2017 with the purpose of developing a framework to support the sustainability of formation within ERCKWA. The key deliverable for the committee is to ensure there is a clear connection between Edmund Rice and the values he lived by, and what our organisation delivers. It is integral Edmund Rice is front of mind in everything ERCKWA does – not only providing camps and activities for at risk children but also young adult leader development.

One of the FIC's central tasks is to provide formation opportunities for all stakeholders within the ERCKWA community, including volunteer leaders, staff members, Board members and ancillary volunteers, as well as further formation and development opportunities for designated individuals involved in our Camp Management Teams, such as coaches, managers and coordinators.

The FIC is guided and inspired through the contribution of Brother Terry and staff representatives, in addition to past and present volunteers.

Treasurer's Report by Ira Gibbs

2017 Financial Standing

2017 ended for ERCKWA with a net loss of \$19,360. This may appear to be a discouraging result when compared to the previous year's profit of \$58,741. However, the funds spent come up short when compared to the investment made in, and the return received on, the lives of 660 children during 2017. The main drivers for the loss are a reduction in revenue and not overspending of costs.

Reducing Costs

ERCKWA continued the trend started in 2016 to reduce costs and, in some instances, even eliminate costs by replacing paid resources with volunteer assistance. We have seen continued cost savings in camp and program costs in the past year following from 2016's improvements to operational processes and procedures – albeit not as significant a reduction as initially experienced in 2016.

We have received great collaboration from various community partners, with some of our activities being sponsored by supporters close to the very communities benefiting from ERCKWA's presence. Initiatives like these have both kept ERCKWA in the field and costs out of our accounts.

Administration costs were reduced a further \$8,700 in 2017, comprising only 6% of total expenses. This low level of admin expenditure is a commendable achievement. Wages remained the single largest cost item for the organisation, contributing to \$334,000 of the total expenses of \$511,000. During the year, ERCKWA had six permanent employees, with only three working full-time hours.

Through the various Mini and Mega Camps, Eddie on the Road and other programs, the scope of ERCKWA's reach in the community could be expected to be backed by a far larger employee base. However, invaluable support is received from the army of volunteers we utilise. Additionally, the work done by our staff to make use of these volunteers effectively cannot be over-emphasised – the cost of which is also not included in the accounts.

It is evident therefore that expenditure is under control and resources well-managed. As was noted earlier, the net loss for the year resulted instead primarily from a reduction in revenue.

Revenue Sources

Our main source of revenue continues to be Telethon Community Cinemas, having received in excess of \$170,000 during the current year. Our organisation remains grateful for this most valuable partnership and we will continue to ensure it continues to be a success year-on-year by committing both staff and volunteer hours to this endeavour.

Other fundraising initiatives were not as successful, with events like the Golf Day (held in January and thus coinciding with Telethon Community Cinemas providing less than expected results. Already in 2018 we have had better success from the Golf Day, which will be reflected only in next year's results. We have turned our attention to discovering new initiatives to broaden our revenue base – for example, our Team Rice membership base.

We have also continued to experience a decline in general donations received during the year. This is disheartening and primarily due to the current economic climate and the domain in which ERCKWA operates, but nonetheless deserves mention.

Outcome Overview

2017 was, once again, a very successful year for ERCKWA from an operational point of view. This success is especially remarkable considering the financial challenges that we faced. We, as an organisation of volunteers, staff and Board members, will persist in our efforts during 2018 to find both alternative and additional sources of revenue, form new alliances and support and maintain our existing partnerships.

For whatever involvement you may have had with ERCKWA this past year, no matter how seemingly insignificant, I would like to say thank you. We are looking forward to continue our association with you in 2018 in our efforts in 'making a difference by rising above'.

Operations Report

Reflecting on 2017

Despite the considerable financial pressures the non-profit sector faced in 2017, ERCKWA successfully provided 14 camps for children living in the margins and with opportunities to participate in activities alongside their young adult volunteer mentors.

Due to the financial constraints the decision was made to not run any one-day events and focus on Eddie on the Road and Mega and Mini Camp programs. These, along with numerous leader training and formation events, provided for a very busy and successful year for ERCKWA, including:

14 camps **70** bus trips to and from camps **1,120** sausages cooked on camps

Buses & Accommodation

We remain indebted to Aquinas College and Trinity College for the use of their buses, and also to the Christian Brother Province for our flagship camp accommodation at Tuppin House in Guilderton.

Eddie on the Road

Eddie on the Road is tasked with providing ERCKWA services to marginalised Western Australian communities. Many of the communities in need are found in rural and remote parts of the state including, but not limited to, Aboriginal communities who face very significant challenges.

Young people and children are unable to access the opportunities and social services found in larger metropolitan hubs. Facing extreme weather conditions and catastrophic events, entire communities can be closed off to any form of access so when the school holidays come around they often face a lack of organised activities, which results in an increased sense of remoteness and boredom.

ERCKWA has built a strong relationship with a number of communities in the Mid-West, Pilbara, Wheatbelt, Gascoigne, Goldfields and South West. The Shire of East Pilbara and Harvey Primary School invited us back to run programs in Marble Bar, Nullagine, Warralong and Harvey in 2017.

Overview of Our Camps

PROGRAM	NO. OF CAMPS	NO. OF CHILDREN	NO. OF VOLUNTEER LEADERS	NO. OF ANCILLIARY VOLUNTEERS	NO. OF LEADER FORMATION SESSIONS
Mega Camp	8	200	200	50	40
Mini Camp	4	60	60	16	8
Eddie on the Road	2	400	32	N/A	15
TOTALS	14	660	292	66	63

Thank You to Our Sponsors for 2017

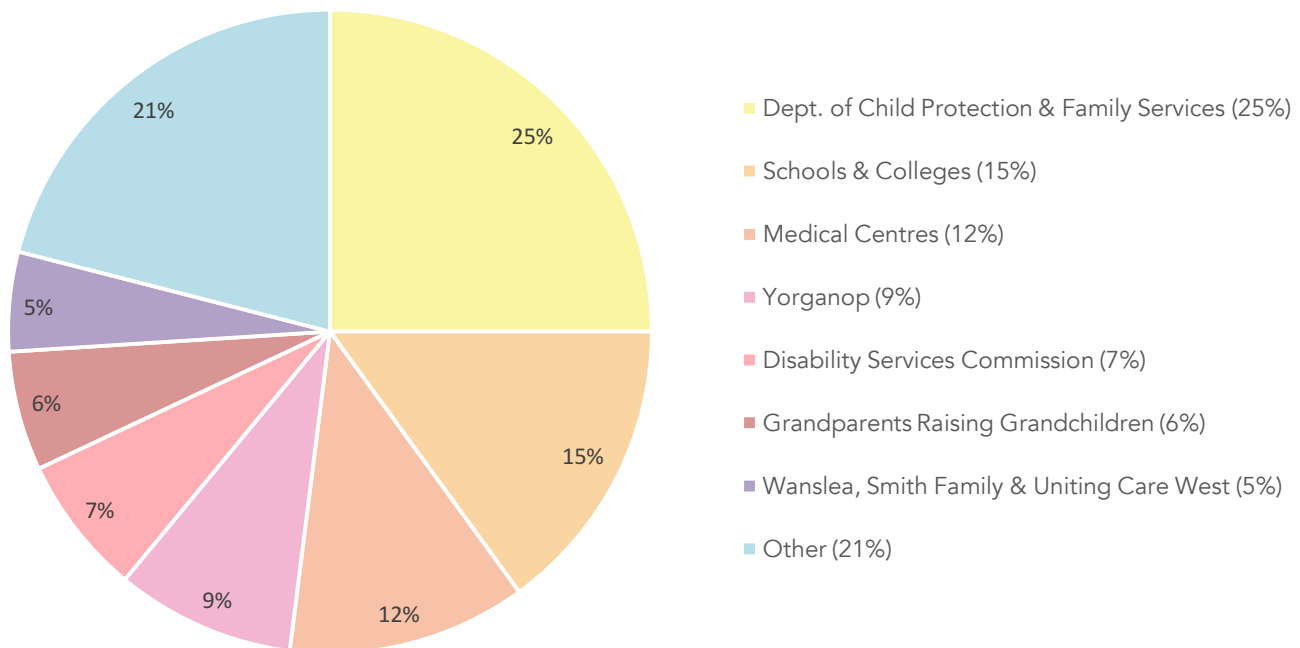


Community Engagement Report

Referrals

The majority of the children's referrals (25%) came from the Department for Child Protection and Family Services (CPFS). Due to the nature of the new referral process we introduced in 2017 there was an influx of referrals from medical centres (12%) and schools/colleges (15%).

The next most notable referral agencies were Yorganop (9%), the Disability Services Commission (Department for Communities) (7%), Grandparents Rearing Grandchildren Inc (6%), and Wanslea, the Smith Family and Uniting Care (5% combined). Other organisations that referred in 2017 included the Autism Association of Western Australia, YMCA, YouthCARE, the South Perth Council, Anglicare, Mission Australia and Parkerville.



Referral Funding

A high number of referrals (25%) were this year funded via the Sponsor a Child Program – the main supporter of this program being Fat Burners Only, which is run by Paul Wigger and his fiancé Fiona Hansen. Most of these participants were referred by schools, colleges and the Smith Family who do not currently have funds to support referrals in respite activities such as ERCKWA's.

The majority of the children who attended camps in 2017 had attended in previous years. Their families found the task of finding a referral agent to be challenging. However, due to the excitement of the children and their own need for respite, all of the families who contacted ERCKWA during the referral period had children attend our camps in 2017.

Looking Forward to 2018

What's Happening This Year?

Typically at ERCKWA there is a lot going on and a lot to look forward to in 2018.

Some of our key partnerships are continuing and we will aim to secure additional supporters in the year ahead. Landcorp has extended its support for our Eddie for Harvey program and we have been granted another community partnership with Telethon Community Cinemas.

ERCKWA is organising something really spectacular for our Annual Gala Ball on 13 October at our new venue, the Hyatt Regency Perth.

Most importantly, we are sustaining our programs and providing hundreds of young adults with formative experiences working alongside children who are at risk in some way and living within our communities.

Our 2018 Programs

- 6 Mega Camps
- 2 Eddie on the Road Trips
- 4 Mini Camps
- Our Family Christmas Party
- Our Graduates Program
- Plus, many Volunteer Functions

Our 2018 Events & Fundraising Initiatives

Below is a table of our 2018 suite of events. For information on upcoming events, please keep an eye out for our monthly newsletter, *The Eddietorial*.

23 February 4 th Annual ERCKWA Golf Day (The Callan Cup)
1 June Team Rice's Eddie Rice Birthday Celebration
July/August Eddie Rice Quiz Night [exact date TBC]
13 August Chevron City to Surf Charity Fun Run
August Pancho's Mexican Restaurant Fundraising Dinner [exact date TBC]
13 October ERCKWA Annual Gala Ball
November 2018 – April 2019 Telethon Community Cinemas [exact dates TBC]

Our 2018 Major Partnerships

- 5th year with Telethon Community Cinemas
- 4th year with Lawley's Bakery Café and the Behets Family Foundation
- Numerous years with Beyond Bank
- Extension of our Workplace Giving partnership with Landcorp
- Ongoing partnerships with Christian Brothers Oceania Province, Edmund Rice Foundation Australia and Edmund Rice Education Australia schools

Our 2018 Staff

- Kevin Knapp – Chief Executive Officer
- Chris Dix – Manager Operations and Risk Management
- Meg Huitema – Manager Community Engagement
- Nicole Mancini – Manager Profile, Fundraising and Events
- Meg McKenna – Coordinator Volunteer Leader Services
- Curtis Novacsek – Operations Officer

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