



The Eddie-torial – August 2018

Edmund Rice Camps for Kids WA News Bulletin

CEO's Welcome

Dear Readers

Welcome to our August edition of *The Eddie-torial*.

Please enjoy the wonderful stories and share Eddie Rice experiences in this edition. I continue to be amazed by the commitment and energy of the people who volunteer for our organisation and who are the driving force behind our events and programmes.

Read on to find out what we've been up to!

In the Eddie Rice Spirit and with warm regards,

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Eddie Rice Network and Programs

July Programs

WOW what a blast our 2018 July Programs were. Thank you to the village of volunteers that made it happen! Our July Programs comprised of 2 week long camps over the July school holidays at Moore River with both camps accommodating 70 people each from children, leaders, camp management to cooks and drivers. Thank you also to our Volunteer Leader Committee who organised a resource drive for July Programs. We had plenty of amazing items donated and were used on the programs. Again thank you to all those who donated and were involved in our July Programs. GO TEAM!



(CAMP 1 Leaders)



(CAMP 2 Leaders)



(Beyond Bank Cooks)

July Exchange

ERC Brisbane and WA provided 2 Volunteer Leaders each with the chance to experience a camp program in the opposite state. This camp exchange initiative was a huge success! WA had QLD legends Tom Crowley and Maddy Griffin join our July Medieval Camp and brought with them awesome insights into how they run programs in Brisbane. Tom and Maddy also took with them back to QLD inspiration from WA and how we operate which they used for a program they planned the following week in Brisbane. Here are our amazing WA Exchange Leaders Beth Good and Rowan Courts sharing their exchange experience.

Beth Good: My Brisbane experience was probably my most insightful Eddie Rice Camp yet. Learning about the dynamics of a different state's program was amazing and gave me the chance to see what I love most about camps here in WA. Although the structure was different the presence and compassion I experienced from the Brisbane crew was just as strong as ours and it makes me happy to see that it's spread across the country. So many memories were made and so many goals were achieved and I highly recommend any future exchange programs to current volunteers :)

Rowan Courts: Brisbane exchange was honestly a once in a lifetime experience for everyone. The experience was completely different to the WA way, as we all had to focus on one specific child for the trip, rather than an entire group. The trip gave us a lot of time to reflect on other ways that camps can be run and gave us some inspiration for the future of Eddie Rice WA camps! I travelled there early with Beth and we had some great fun exploring Brisbane (pre-camp) with some of our new friends! During the trip I made lifelong friends and I can't wait for my next trip back to see everyone again soon



(Left Image: Ro Courts, QLD Leader, QLD Leader, Beth Good)



(Right Image: Tom Crowley and Maddy Griffin)

Edmund Rice Network

The Edmund Rice Network regularly holds networking events across Perth to help keep all Edmund Rice groups connected and supporting one another. The last one held at Aranmore College was to celebrate 150 years of Christian Brothers Education in Australia. A great evening with ERCKWA represented by our sensational leaders Mel Raich, Charlie Young, Fletcher Cooke and Melissa Reed seen below with the fabulous Brother Terry Casey. There was some excellent feedback about their attendance, so we thank you for representing ERCKWA at such a high standard.



Edmund Rice Fire Carriers

The Fire Carriers experience is aimed at assisting staff, leaders and volunteers in Edmund Rice Ministries to further develop knowledge and skills to enable them to impart the foundational stories that connect to why we do what we do. ERCKWA offers this opportunity to coaches and coaches in training so we sent over our two incredible leaders Nat Eastwell and Miranda Mitchell to Edmund Rice Centre Amberley 18th - 20th August for the latest fire carrier training.



(Left Image: Miranda Mitchell & Nat Eastwell)



(Right Image: August Fire Carriers from all over Australia)

Community Engagement

Sponsor A Child

Meg Huitema our Manager Community Engagement is beginning the referral period for children attending 2019 programs. Meg and ERCKWA would very much like to raise funds so that children wanting to participate in the 2019 programs can do so. If you would like to sponsor a child please donate today via www.edmundricecampswa.com.au or click the image below.

\$125 provides a child with the opportunity to attend the programs allocated to them free of charge in 2019. ANY and ALL \$\$\$ donations towards this initiative are welcome

DUE TO CHILD PROTECTION CONCERNS WE ARE NOT ABLE TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ON THE CHILDREN WHO ARE AWAITING THE CAMP PROGRAMS.

For more information please contact Meg Huitema ercwamce@edmundrice.org

A promotional poster for the 'Sponsor A Child Today' campaign. The background is yellow with colorful circles and balloons. On the left, text reads 'HELP A CHILD START THEIR JOURNEY WITH EDDIE RICE'. On the right, text reads '\$125 ONE-OFF PAYMENT PER CHILD FOR 2019'. In the center, there is a photograph of two men in yellow shirts, one holding a blue scarf. At the bottom, the text 'Sponsor A Child Today' is written in large, bold, purple letters.

Volunteers

Post July Program Volunteer Leader Event

Thank you to the Volunteer Leader Committee for organising a fabulous post July Program volunteer leader gathering at Zone Bowling Morley. The group of about 40 ppl had an absolute blast! It was a wonderful opportunity for all to recap on July Programs and share in what makes Eddie Rice so fabulous.



(James, Niamh, Ro and Sophie)

Telethon Community Cinemas 2018 Volunteer of the Year

A massive congratulation to Eddie Rice volunteer **Dylan Botica** who was voted **2018 TELETHON COMMUNITY CINEMAS' VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR!**

Dylan has been involved with ERCKWA for 3 years now. He started as a volunteer leader on our programs however over the last 2 years has had to gradually take a step back from our programs due to uni and work life commitments. This did not stop Dylan wanting to be involved and give back to ERCKWA so he found a way to support us outside of our programs through Telethon Community Cinemas (TCC). Dylan was able to show his support for ERCKWA by signing up to volunteer at TCC on Team ERCKWA and raise funds for us. Last TCC season Dylan was invited to take on more responsibility because of the awesome job he was doing and become a weekly Night Manager. This extra responsibility meant Dylan's volunteering hours were earning him more \$\$\$ back to ERCKWA. Dylan not only did an amazing job as a weekly Night Manager he also covered numerous extra shifts when help was needed. Dylan was an invaluable part of the team and in doing so became Telethon Community Cinemas 2018 Volunteer of the year. On behalf of everyone at ERCKWA Dylan thank you for volunteering as part of the ERCKWA TCC team and raising much needed funds to help us run our programs. We are super proud of you!

If you would like to get involved for this upcoming TCC season and become a volunteer like Dylan to raise funds for ERCKWA please continue on to the fundraising section for more information.

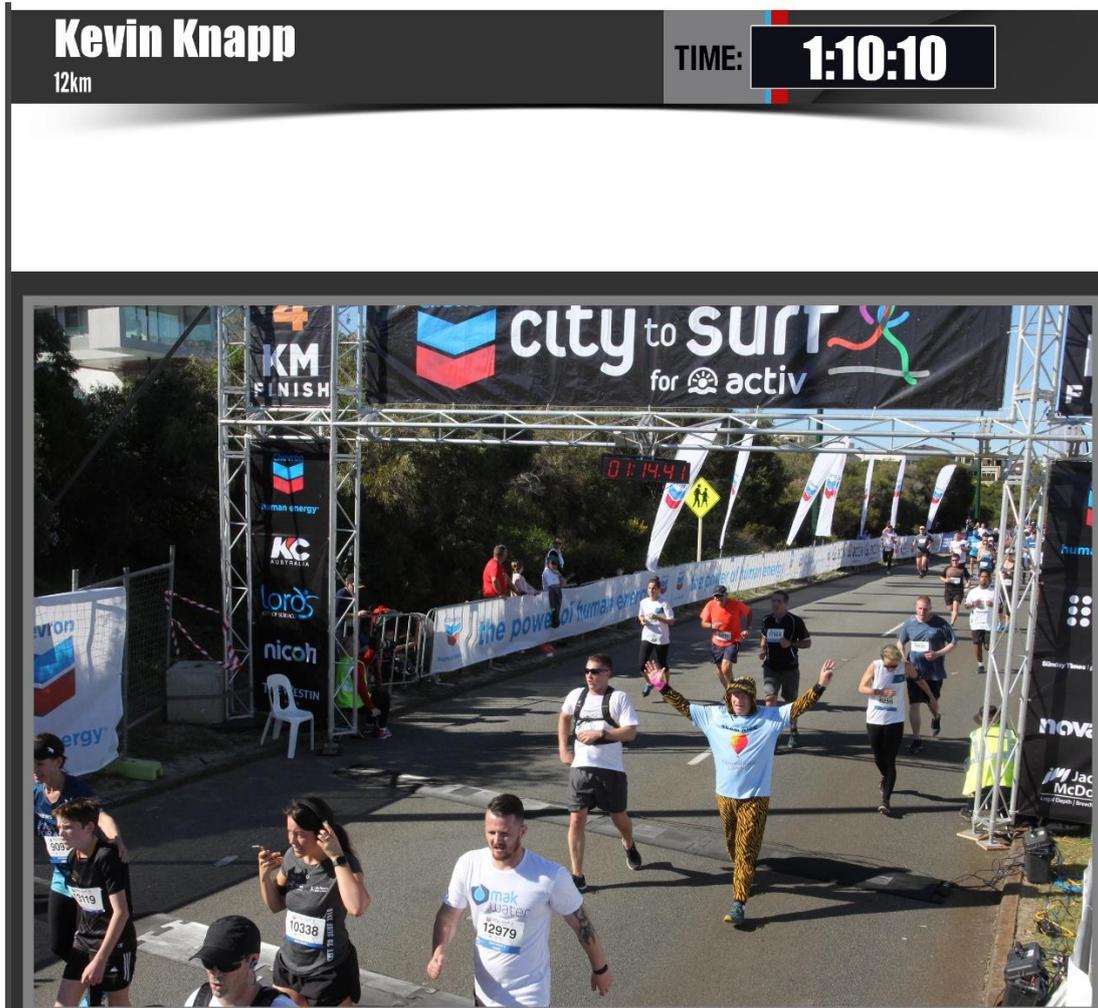


(Dylan Botica)

Events & Fundraising

City to Surf 2018

Well done to CEO Kevin Knapp for running the 2018 C2S in his crazy tiger onesie to raise funds for ERCKWA! Here is an action shot of Kevin crossing the finish line if you look closely you can see blood, sweat and tears....well not actual blood but his blood is boiling on the inside from that outfit 😊



Trinity College Fundraiser

The legends in Year 11 at Trinity College held a fundraiser to support our July Programs and they raised an incredible \$5300 from a free dress day and sausage sizzle! A massive thank you to Trinity College, those that donated and supported the fundraiser. What an incredible donation and show of community spirit. Here are a few images from the fun day.



If you or your network would like information on how to hold a fundraiser to raise much needed funds for ERKWA please contact Nicole Mancini nmancini@edmundrice.org.



Are you interested in people and do you enjoy giving back to the community? Hopefully we can interest you in becoming a Telethon Community Cinema volunteer as part of the ERCKWA team!

The time has come again to register your interest in supporting Edmund Rice Camps for Kids WA (ERCKWA) by volunteering at the upcoming Telethon Community Cinemas (TCC) season. TCC is organised and run by volunteers who staff each and every screening at all venues. To date, generous people just like you have helped raise millions of dollars for the charities TCC support. Isn't that great?

TCC are our biggest financial supporters and without YOU volunteering your time ERCKWA would receive **no funds and therefore not be able to continue to run our respite programs**. We ask that volunteers commit to only 10 shifts over the 5 month season. This roughly works out to one night per fortnight throughout the full season. Some of our incredible volunteers even dedicate one night weekly! Giving up a small amount of your time will increase our opportunity to receive more \$\$\$ from TCC ensuring we continue to make a difference to the lives of disadvantaged and "at risk" WA children and their families. Your volunteered time is crucial to ERCKWA and we are beyond grateful should you choose to accept your mission and volunteer at TCC on Team ERCKWA. **LET'S MAKE THIS HAPPEN!**

To register your support please click here [Edmund Rice Camps Application form for TCC - 2019](#)

Make sure to note if you volunteer for a minimum of 10 nights over the season you will get to donate your volunteering \$\$\$ value direct to ERCKWA (this will be determined by how much we raise and how many volunteers we have) but we believe it will be between \$1500 and \$2500 per volunteer! Yes, that is correct if you volunteer for 10 shifts over 5 months your time is worth big \$\$\$ and goes directly to ERCKWA. Our volunteers are vital to the success of ERCKWA. Please share this with your network, work colleagues and friends. This is a great opportunity to give back to your community and maybe do it with a friend or two. WE NEED YOU! Please know if you have summer holidays planned we can work around your availability. For legal reasons volunteers need to be 18 years or older.

For further information or should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact ERCKWA TCC Volunteer Coordinator Nicole Mancini 0429913364 or nmancini@edmundrice.org.

ERCWA Raffle

ERCWA will be running our annual major raffle from 11th September to 14th December. Tickets will be \$10 each with a Major Prize Package see below. We have a target of \$25,000 and to achieve this we need to ask you all to help us sell plenty of tickets! Tickets will be available from Tuesday 11th September. Once they are ready we will launch on Email, Facebook and Website so keep an eye out.

Major First Prize valued at over \$2000 includes

Crown Perth Package and Hopman Cup Tickets

*\$500 Crown Gift Card

*Crown Towers 1 Night's Accommodation in a Premier King room

*Access to Crystal Club Lounge on Level 15

*Valet Parking

*2 x one hour relaxation massages at the exclusive Crown Spa located at Crown Towers

*\$150 Crown Food and Beverage Voucher

*2 x Hopman Cup Tickets

For more information, please contact Nicole Mancini nmancini@edmundrice.org

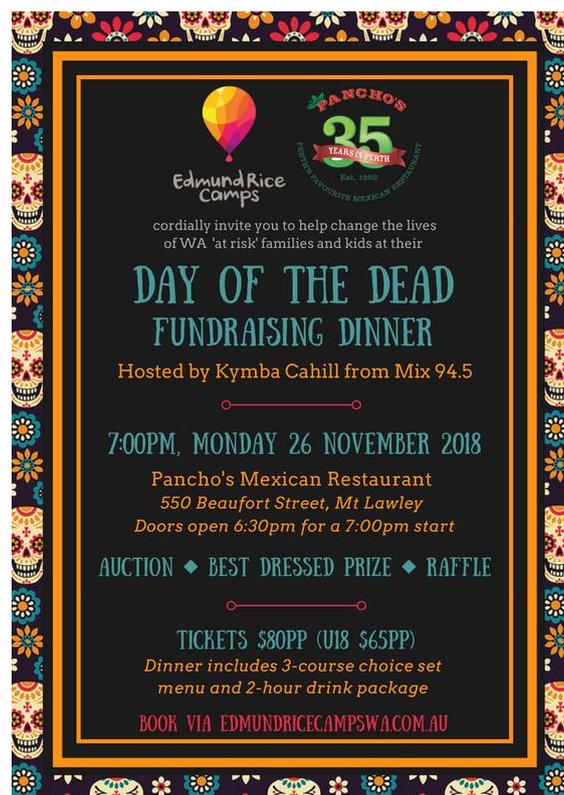
ERCWA Gala Ball

Don't forget to purchase your tickets (and don a dapper dress or suit!) for our Annual Fundraising Gala Ball, which will be held on Saturday 13 October at Hyatt Perth. Tickets \$200 each and hosted by our Ambassador Kymba Cahill from Mix 94.5. For more information or to book tickets click on the invite.



Panchos Day of the Dead Fundraising Dinner

Join Edmund Rice Camps WA and Panchos Mexican Restaurant for their "DAY OF THE DEAD FUNDRAISING DINNER" on Monday 26th November 2018 at Panchos Mexican Restaurant, Mt Lawley. Don't miss out ***LIMITED TICKETS AVAILABLE*** click on the invite to book tickets.



Watch This Space for Other Events

As always, we'll have other activities scheduled throughout the year so please keep an eye out on our website and in our next edition of *The Eddie-torial* for latest news on our other upcoming events.

ERCWA Staff and Board

Interns

A warm welcome to Amber Creado and Lenie Reason who will be joining us in the camps office from Friday 24 August. They will be assisting Meg Huitema – Manager of Community Engagement with the upcoming referral period. Make sure to say hi if you see them around the office!



(Amber Creado)

(Lenie Reason)

ERCWA Board – Mentorships

We are very fortunate at ERCWA to have a strong and highly skilled Board of Directors. Everyone on our Board is very passionate about what we do, volunteering their time to help ensure our governance is strong and that we remain a vibrant and sustainable ministry that delivers our programs in the Edmund Rice Tradition.

In this spirit, our Board Members are very keen to provide mentoring to our leader community. Skill-sets on the Board include Finance/Accounting, Risk Management, Human Resource Management, Events and Project Management, Strategic Copywriting, Marketing and Profiling, Legal and Governance. If you're a leader and would like to connect with any of our Board Members, please contact CEO Kevin Knapp via kknapp@edmundrice.org, who help to make the connection.

ERCKWA Survey

Dear Eddie Ricer,

Please find a link below to our second ERCKWA Survey for 2018. We conduct the survey twice a year in February and in August to gather invaluable feedback from our stakeholders. This feedback helps us to determine where we are meeting our strategic goals and where we may need to look at making any changes to the way we do things at Edmund Rice Camps for Kids WA.

<https://docs.google.com/.../1FAIpQLSfyswO86OciVDIAeP.../viewform>

Please note there will be a restructure of the survey for 2019 that will incorporate previous suggested changes. However, in order to correctly compare statistical information, this survey must be the same as the 2018 February version. We have aimed to create a survey that caters to constructive feedback. Should you prefer to give feedback direct then please feel free to do so via myself, any member of staff or any member of our Board.

We value all feedback, respect desired anonymity and respond personally to any major concerns you may have. This August's survey will be available for completion until 5:00pm Wednesday 12th September 2018.

Kevin Knapp, CEO – Edmund Rice Camps for Kids WA

Community & Corporate Partners

Beyond Bank Community Reward Accounts (CRA)

Thanks to you, Beyond Bank has donated \$7,262.10 to us as our 2018 Beyond Bank Community Reward payment through their Community Reward Program. The more you save in your Community Reward Account, the more we receive as an annual donation from Beyond Bank, at no cost to you simply because of savings accounts being opened by our supporters with the Bank! To discover how, go to beyondbank.com.au/reward



Thank you.

If you want to know more about how this initiative works and the amazing work Beyond Bank do in the community, then please read the information below from Beyond Bank and either contact Beyond Bank direct or by all means give Kevin Knapp, ERCWA CEO, a call on 0414 441 844.

Working hard to help others?

The Community Reward Account is a unique way for your supporters (both individuals and businesses) to contribute to not-for-profit and community organisations like yours.

It's a high interest savings account which allow supporters of your cause to save their money. And in return you will receive a Community Reward Payment, based on the combined average annual balances of all your supporters' savings. Your supporters don't pay a thing.

The earnings are not capped. So the more supporters you have saving in this account, the more money we will reward your organisation. Each year we donate over \$350,000 back to not-for-profit community organisations.

Our gift to your organisation

- *A simple and easy way to fundraise*
- *Earn great rewards on savings*
- *Another way for your supporters can help your cause.*

To find out more about how this unique account can help your [organisation get in contact with our Community Banking Specialists](#).

See You Next Time

If you have any questions relating to this newsletter or have any news or suggested content for future issues of *The Eddie-torial* then please contact CEO Kevin Knapp via kknapp@edmundrice.org or 0414 441 844.