



## Edmund Rice Camps – News Bulletin

### *The Eddie- torial – February 2018*

Dear Readers,

Welcome to our February edition of the Eddie – torial. After having conducted 4 Mega Camps in January and after having settled into year-end auditing, strategic key performance measure reporting and all of organisational surveying, we are almost at the point of running our next camp! I am often asked what it is like to relax after January Camps but the reality is that we have a lot to do to review and respond to feedback from camps, prepare for our AGM, write an annual report and source more funding to ensure we can deliver all of the camps we would like to offer to our participants and leaders. Our next camp is a Mini Camp at Guilderton 9-11 March and I am delighted to be joining a strong team of leaders as the Camp Manager.

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#### **Community Engagement**

##### **Mel Raich**

Edmund Rice Camps has been very fortunate to have one of our leaders Mel Raich assist us in the office. Mel has provided several hours of her time assisting Meg Huitema in the Community Engagement area and has been an excellent resource for Meg. On behalf of ERC Mel thank you so much for all your help!

##### **Project Application Wanslea Foster Care**

Some exciting news is that ERC has been offered a chance to apply for funding from Wanslea Foster Care for a project to deliver camps for grandchildren being raised by their grandparents. The project would be delivered in partnership with ECU with a view to research the impacts on both grandparents and grandchildren and hopefully support the advocacy for greater government support for grandparents raising their grandchildren into the future.

The application has been submitted and we await the news with our fingers crossed. If successful the funding will provide for 3 mega camp style programmes, two in Guilderton and one in a regional location. The programmes would be run in and around October of this year.

##### **Edmund Rice Survey**

Our Edmund Rice Survey that we will be conducting twice a year has been circulated and will close 28 February. To date we have received over 65 responses from across our network and from various stakeholders. This comprehensive all of organisation survey will provide invaluable insights as to how

successful or otherwise our programmes are, how satisfied our stakeholders are and where we need to consider making changes to our process and procedures. I look forward to sharing the results from the survey with you in March.

## Volunteers

### Volunteer Leader Committee

Applications have been sought and received from volunteers to join the 2018 Volunteer Leader Committee. Board Member and Chair of the Volunteer Leader Committee Liana D'Ascanio will be communicating to all applicants within the next day or so to provide feedback as to the outcome of the application process.

## Events

### Team Rice

Team Rice is an initiative to build a formal membership of Edmund Rice leaders and volunteers both past and present, raise some ongoing funding for camps and celebrate our founder Edmund Rice with targeted events. Member's expressions of interest are currently being processed with special Team Rice shirts available for members. If you want to become a member and want to know more then please contact Kevin Knapp [kknapp@edmundrice.org](mailto:kknapp@edmundrice.org)

### Callan Cup Golf Day

I am very pleased to inform you that our 4<sup>th</sup> Callan Cup Golf Day was a great success! We had 40 players and guests attend the event last Friday 23 February at Royal Perth Golf Club and were successful in raising almost \$15,000 for ERC on the day. What was at least as exciting was the fact that we co-hosted the event with three other charities, all of who were represented on the day. 12 Buckets, Fair Game and Muscular Dystrophy WA joined us in celebrating our first real inter charity collaboration. There have already been some positive spin offs for the various charities from the event and we will be meeting soon to look at other opportunities to work together. We are very grateful to Damien Todorovic and Deb Hupje from RPGC for their ongoing support and generosity and to Beyond Bank and Adzoo for their sponsorship of the event. To the winning team from Richard Noble captained by Alex Gregg we say congratulations and we look forward to having you back to defend your title next year.



### Callan Cup Winners 2018 Team Members

Alex Gregg (Captain) – Ian Campbell – Neil Rae – Ian Hoad

### **Grant Applications**

I am delighted to inform you all that our application to renew the partnership with had with Landcorp last year has been successful! United Way have been instrumental in assisting with the application and my thanks and appreciation go to Tim Allan from United Way for his help. Also thanks to Andre Dines from Landcorp who was such a great support last year and who clearly played a big part in supporting our application this year (even though ultimately it is the staff who vote). We are effectively the work place giving partner for Landcorp for 2018. Receiving this support for a second year from any organisation is unique so all credit to our leaders and programmes for engaging with the Landcorp staff and for convincing them that our cause is worthy of a second year of support.

### **Edmund Rice Camps Staff and Board**

Some of you may already know but I wanted to clarify the position at ERC regarding staff hours and availability. At the present time we have 5 staff members and of these 5 there are two that are full time. I (Kevin) am full time and Nicole Mancini works full time hours albeit for at least 4 months of the year Nicole is pretty much seconded to Telethon Community Cinemas working at the Burswood location. Chris Dix has recently moved to 2.5 days a week in order to commence studies and Meg McKenna and Meg Huitema are working 3 and 2.5 days respectively.

We do our very best to respond to questions/concerns in a timely manner but sometimes this is a challenge given the hours people are officially working. Please do continue to approach all staff directly with your concerns or questions as we are often still able to respond when we are away from the office. However, if you are unable to get a response directly from any of the staff then contact me.

### **ERC Board - Mentorships**

We are very fortunate at ERC to have a strong and highly skilled Board of Directors. The members of the Board spend a lot of time making sure that our governance is strong and that we remain a vibrant and sustainable ministry delivering our programmes in the Edmund Rice Tradition. The Board Members are all very passionate about what we do and volunteer their time to help make our organisation successful. The 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, Editing and Profiling, Legal and Governance. If you are a leader and would like to connect with any of our Board Members then please contact me and I will help to make the connection.

### **Beyond Bank Community Reward Accounts (CRA)**

Did you know that last year Beyond Bank donated over \$5000 to ERC simply because of savings accounts being opened by our supporters with the Bank? If you want to know more about how this works and the amazing work Beyond Bank do in the community then please read the information below from Beyond Bank and contact the bank or by all means give Kevin Knapp ERC CEO a call.

#### **Community Reward Account**

#### **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<sup>1</sup>, 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.

[Talk to a Community Banking Specialist](#)

If you have any questions relating to this newsletter or have any news/suggested content for future issues of the newsletter then please contact me using the contact details below.

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