



Edmund Rice Camps – News Bulletin

The Eddie- torial – October 2017

Dear Readers,

Please enjoy a news update that I will endeavour to provide to you on a monthly basis moving forward. We have tried a few different ways to keep you all informed and hopefully this new approach will ensure successes and challenges are presented on a timely basis.

If you have any feedback on the news, questions or suggestions then please do drop me a line.

Thank you

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Sponsor a Child!

- Children are currently being referred to ERCWA with a fee of \$100
- Some referral agents who are unable to pay leave the payment to the family
- We currently have a list of children waiting for sponsorship
- Many of these children will not attend in 2018 without support
- Your \$100 donation will provide a place for a child on camps

Your donation can be made to:

Edmund Rice Camps WA

Commonwealth Bank

BSB 066163

AC 10396878

Under description simply say referral

Volunteers

Volunteer of the Year

On Friday 6 October Edmund Rice Camps held its annual Volunteer Cocktail Function at the Lake Monger Bowling Club. The event was very well attended with a highlight being the Volunteer of the Year Award presentations for 2017. There were many worthy nominees and Board Chair Jacqui Williams was in attendance to present the awards to the eventual winners. Our congratulations go to all of the amazing nominees and to the winners for 2017, Brent McIntyre, Madison Armstrong and Mel Raich.



Edmund Rice Camps vice Chair Jacqui Williams (second from the left) presents the Volunteer of the Year Awards to Brent McIntyre (left) Mel Raich (3rd from left) and Maddi Armstrong (far right)

Volunteer of the Year 2017 Nominees

Male	Female	Award
Brent McIntyre	Madison Armstrong & Melissa Raich	Winner
James Loughnan	Jessica Randazzo	Nominee
Digby Taylor	Madison Armstrong	Nominee
Ricardo Jorge	Melissa Raich	Nominee
Brent McIntyre		Nominee
Jordan Randazzo		Special Mention
	Pippa Corey Thomas	Special Mention
	Adelle Harris	Special Mention
	Janelle Thexiera	Special Mention

New Leader Training Sessions

October was a busy month for all our new Volunteer Leaders who are joining the organisation. We started with our Orientation Day (O'Day) event which was held at Trinity College and provided an insight into what we organisation strive to achieve for both 'at-risk' and disadvantaged kids and families and volunteers as well as showing them what our programs look like.

We then followed up by providing New Leader Training and Child Protection Training sessions which gave all our new Volunteer Leaders the necessary knowledge into how our programs and organisation runs and providing them with the opportunity to sign up to our 2018 January Mega Camps.

We would like to thank all our existing Volunteers Leaders who have given up their time to assist with our O'Day and training events over the past month:

(Alisha Fanchi, Charlie Young, d'Artagnan Boylan, Dylan Salvia, Hamish Pearce, James Loughnan, Katelyn Bownes, Madi Armstrong, Mel Raich, Pia Novacek, Rachel Turpin, Ricky Jorge, Robbie Watson, Tanya Gukwa and Curtis Novacek (staff))

Programmes

Eddie on the Road

13 volunteers supported by their leadership team (Brent McIntyre – Manager, Anna Separovic – Coach, Jordan Randazzo and Ricardo Jorge – Coordinators) delivered an excellent few days of activities and spent quality formative time together during the Eddie on the Road trip to Harvey and Bunbury in September. Over 250 kids enjoyed an Eddie Rice experience! Well done to all involved. Eddie on the Road has developed into one of our flagship programmes and we are delighted to have received interest for the programme from new communities in Waroona and Collie.

Sponsors and Community Partners

Edmund Rice Camps has been extremely fortunate and grateful to a number of corporate supporters that have continued their support of our organisation and/or who have recently come on board. **Landcorp** this year with the backing of **United Way** through the support of staff and their work place giving commitment, provided the funding support for our Eddie on the Road Programme. It was wonderful seeing some of the Landcorp Team joining our leaders and kids during the recently conducted Eddie on the Road adventure in Harvey and Bunbury. We are particularly indebted to Andre Dines from Landcorp who has coordinated the efforts from staff and been our point of contact.

Beyond Bank our fabulous community partner held their Cause for Celebration event recently at the new Cockburn ARC: Aquatic and Recreation Centre and Edmund Rice Camps WA was proud to attend and show our support along with our thanks to the incredible team at Beyond Bank for their continued enthusiasm and support of us. They have also recently relocated their regional office to a more prominent, central location at the edge of the Perth CBD, in West Leederville along with an adjacent branch that has an emphasis on enhancing the experience of any in-person banking.



Edmund Rice Camps WA Manager Profile, Fundraising and Events
Nicole Mancini (middle)
Beyond Bank Community Development Manager Katie Voss (left)
and Marketing and Community Coordinator Georgie Nicholas (right)

Lawleys Café and Bakery has been a community partner with Edmund Rice Camps for over 3 years and we are very grateful for the support and personal connection that we have received from Lawley's Director Sarah Thomas. Lawley's has recently opened a new Café in Nedlands so do check it out and support this wonderful organisation. On top of everything else, Sarah has committed to providing additional support for our Team Rice initiative.

Did you know that we have received two grants from **Royal Perth Golf Club** and that the club run a fundraising event for charities every year, supporting charities located in South Perth? Our storage sheds and trailers are the result of RPGC charity support and next year our kids and leaders will all be wearing brand new rash vests thanks to a second grant we have received.

Our Prado camp support vehicle that was funded initially through a grant from **Lotterywest** will soon be sporting additional safety equipment thanks to another grant we have received from Lotterywest. We will be able to provide even greater security and on/off road safety to our camp teams as they travel around the state delivering programmes.

Edmund Rice Camps Board

Jacci Lamborn, our Board vice Chair is now **Jacci Williams**, having recently got married! We are so pleased for Jacci and wish her all the very best. Jacci has had a very long association with Eddie Rice having been a leader for many years before getting involved on various committees and for the last few years as a member of the Board.

Paul Gregory is our newest member of the Board. Paul is an Associate Legal Counsel with Westrac and will bring legal expertise as well as governance experience to the Board. Paul is a triathlete and very connected to recreation, inclusion and making a positive difference in the lives of others. Paul will attend his first meeting of the Board 27 October.

Edmund Rice Camps thanks outgoing Board members **Graham Freeman** and **Brian Ferreira** for their invaluable contributions to the organisations. Although both have had to step aside from the Board, Graham and Brian continue to support the organisation in many ways.

Events

Our Profile Fundraising and Events Committee are in full swing developing our events calendar for 2018. Stay tuned for events to be run next year!

Telethon Community Cinemas (TCC)

A huge thank you once again to the army of volunteers who helped run the TCC season last year. Your efforts have resulted in a grant amount for Edmund Rice Camps of \$171,000 that will be received in December. The TCC community partnership has developed into a crucial one for our organisation and I am delighted that we were invited back this year and that we are already in full swing preparing for the new season. This year will see some exciting new upgrades at Burswood so do come along and check it out. If you want to know more or become involved then please contact Nicole Mancini nmancini@edmundrice.org 0429 913 364

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 about to be printed for members. If you want to become a member and want to know more then please contact Kevin Knapp kknapp@edmundrice.org

Grant Applications

Edmund Rice Camps is committed to securing funds from various sources and we are indebted to the **Christian Brother Province** and **Edmund Rice Foundation Australia** (ERFA) for their past and ongoing grant funding support. We have submitted applications for support in 2018 and look forward to hearing the outcome of those submissions in November. In addition we currently await the outcome of applications that have been made to **Aurizon** and **St George Bank**. The grants from Aurizon and St George Bank are for the funding of the Eddie on the Road programme and its expansion to cater for growing demand. The total amount of grant funding applied for is \$153,000. Fingers crossed!

Christian Brother Province

CB Province continues to provide invaluable assistance in other areas and in particular child protection and reporting and associated areas of operation. We are currently reviewing documentation provided in draft form that will further strengthen our processes and procedures and our on camp guidelines. We continue to strive to provide the safest possible environment for our participants, staff and volunteers. Our thanks go to Pauline Meemeduma for her tireless efforts to assist us with this.

Strategic Plan

The Board of Edmund Rice Camps WA are in the final stages of delivering the new Strategic Plan for the organisation. The document is vibrant, engaging and reflects the strength and vitality of the volunteers and kids that take part and commit to our programmes. The new 2017 – 2020 Strategic Plan will be launched next month and made available via the website.