



The Eddie-torial – November/December 2018

Edmund Rice Camps for Kids WA News Bulletin

CEO's Welcome

Dear Eddie Rice Family

On behalf of Tony Manso, our Edmund Rice Camps for Kids WA (ERCKWA) Board Chair, as well as our Board and staff, I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy, safe and healthy New Year!

It's been another big year for us and you will be able to read all about it when we share our Annual Report with you in 2019. I am indebted to my team, the Board and of course the countless volunteers and supporters for helping deliver camp experiences for hundreds of kids and leaders throughout the year and I'm delighted to see the Eddie Rice spirit well and truly alive.

There have been many highlights this year, but to see so many leaders being awarded for long service at our recent Volunteer Awards Night and to have Brother Terry Casey present awards at the function was really special.

We're in full swing preparing for a huge month of camps in January and I look forward to seeing our wonderful leaders in action making a difference and helping the kids to rise above.

See you in the New Year!

Kevin Knapp (aka 'K-Dawg') – ERCKWA Chief Executive Officer
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Community Engagement

Sponsor a Child Initiative

ERCKWA's Manager Community Engagement, Meg Huitema, is seeking to raise much-needed funds for children who may otherwise be unable to participate in our 2019 programs.

Just \$125 provides a disadvantaged or at-risk child with the opportunity to attend our applicable programs free of charge in 2019. Donating to our Sponsor a Child initiative is easy – simply visit edmundricecampswa.com.au or click the image below. **Any and all donations towards this fundraiser are very welcome.**

For more information please contact Meg Huitema via ercwamce@edmundrice.org. *Please note, due to child protection concerns we are unable to provide information on the children awaiting our camp programs.*



Sticky Rice Family Christmas Party



Over 100 Eddie Rice kids and their families (23 total!!) joined almost 50 of our volunteer leaders for our Sticky Rice Family Christmas Party on 9 December.

Everyone enjoyed the special guest appearance by Santa, as well as a bouncy castle, slip n slide, animal farm, games and craft stations, which were enthusiastically enjoyed by the children while their parents and carers relaxed over a morning tea of scones, jam and cream. The BBQ, ice-creams, hampers and lolly bags also went down a treat!

Sticky Rice gives parents, carers and our associate referral organisations the opportunity to see what we do and meet our team. Our Eddie Rice kids also got the chance to meet other children who will be attending their camps in January.

It was especially heart-warming how many parents and carers came up to staff to say how grateful and appreciative they are of ERCKWA's work.

Special thanks to the lovely staff members from our sponsors, Behets Family Foundation and Landcorp, who came and showed their support, as well as the ERCKWA volunteers and staff who assisted on the day. Thanks also to Westcourt and Vince Sinagra for generously allowing us to use the beautiful Salter Point grounds that overlook the Swan River.



Volunteers

Thank You Very Much

We would like to take the opportunity to thank our volunteer leaders and support volunteers for all of their tireless work this year – your amazing contributions do not go unnoticed and we are so grateful that you are part of the Eddie Rice family.

From being volunteer leaders, cooks, drivers and management team members on our camps to helping us organise our events, serving on our committees, working in our office and so much more, we wouldn't be able to make a difference to as many WA kids and their families without you. The Eddie Rice spirit is well and truly alive in you all!

THANK YOU

Events & Fundraising

Telethon Community Cinemas



**Do you enjoy interacting with people and giving back to the community?
Are you available between now and 27 April 2019?**

If you answered 'yes', hopefully we can interest you in becoming a Telethon Community Cinema (TCC) volunteer as part of our ERCKWA team. Our volunteers are vital to our success – the more we have, the more funds we're able to raise! To register your support please fill in our application form [here](#).

Please also share this with everyone in your network, such as your family, work colleagues, friends and neighbours. You can even volunteer with a friend or two and be scheduled around your summer holiday plans and other commitments.

For further information or should you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact ERCKWA TCC Volunteer Coordinator Nicole Mancini via 0429 913 364 or nmancini@edmundrice.org. *Please note, for legal reasons volunteers need to be 18 years or older.*

2018 ERCKWA Major Raffle

Congratulations to the winner of our amazing 2018 Major Raffle prize package, Nick Williams! Nick's winning ticket #2432 was drawn by ERCKWA Board Member Rowena O'Byrne-Bowland on Friday 21 December. We hope you enjoy your Premier King Room at Crown Towers Perth, relaxing Crown Spa massages, Hopman Cup tickets, \$500 Crown gift card, \$150 Crown food and beverage voucher, Crystal Club Lounge access and valet parking, Nick!

Thank you to everyone who purchased raffle tickets. Remember to keep your eyes peeled for our 2019 Major Raffle, and if you're able to donate 'big ticket' raffle prizes, please contact Manager Profile Fundraising & Events Nicole Mancini via 0429 913 364 or nmancini@edmundrice.org.



2018 Volunteer Leaders Awards Night

Over 60 volunteers, staff and corporate partners attended the annual ERCKWA Volunteer Awards Night on 1 December at the Cambridge Bowls Club. The venue was beautifully decorated with balloons and centrepieces and was soon filled with an energetic crowd of leaders determined to create the Eddie Rice atmosphere. It was great to see a mix of new and experienced leaders.



This year we introduced our ERCKWA Long Service Awards to recognise leaders who have helped deliver large numbers of camps and programs, while also volunteering at our events, in the office, at Telethon Community Cinemas and so on. Recipients were determined by a number of criteria that will be fine-tuned for the 2019 Volunteer Awards, and we will provide the full list of Long Service Award recipients in our 2018 Annual Report.

Everyone in the room was inspired to see a number of exceptional leaders recognised for having volunteered on over 20 camps and programs – #squadgoals! Special mention must be made to **Mel Raich, Anna Separovich, Georgia Norfolk, Madi Armstrong, Rachel Turpin, Zoya Yukhnevich, Curtis Novacsek, Katie Bownes, Pia Novacsek, Stephen Morphett** and **Zac Wilson**.

The ERCKWA Volunteer of the Year Award was also presented and, as in previous years, was contested by some truly outstanding nominees. The top three finalists were Katelyn Bownes, Mel Raich and James Loughnan, with Katelyn Bownes being the very worthy winner. True to her good nature, Katelyn graciously acknowledged several fellow leaders who have inspired her and thanked ERCKWA for the positive impact her camp involvement has had in her life. Congratulations, Katie – you're a real star!

Once the formalities were concluded we performed a world record 'Group Hug Jumping' that saw Brother Terry and Liana D'Ascanio (award presenter and ERCKWA Board Member) take the lead. Our goal next year will be a Group Hug Jumping involving over 100 people!

Then, in typical leader fashion the party only stopped when the lights went on and we started locking up the venue!

Well done, everyone, and thank you for making the evening such a success.

K-Dawg





2019 Events

As always, we will have various events scheduled throughout 2019, so please keep an eye out on our website and in our next edition of *The Eddie-torial* for the latest news on our upcoming events.

ERCWA Staff and Board

ERCWA Board Mentorships

We are very fortunate at ERCKWA 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 opportunities to our leader community. Skillsets on the Board include finance, accounting, risk management, human resource management, events, project management, communications, strategy, marketing, law and corporate 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 will facilitate introductions.



Reach new heights!

with an Eddie Rice Board Mentorship



It's your opportunity to connect with Board members from a variety of backgrounds:

- human resources • marketing • accounting •
- law • corporate governance • events •
- communications • project management •
- strategy • consulting • and more! •

To find out more, email Kevin via kknapp@edmundrice.org

Community & Corporate Partners

Beyond Bank Community Reward Accounts (CRA)

Thanks to you, our Edmund Rice community, 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 and simply because you’ve opened up a savings accounts with Beyond Bank!

Thank you.

If you’d like to know more about how this initiative works and the amazing work Beyond Bank do in the community, please read the information below from Beyond Bank and either [contact Beyond Bank directly](#) or give Kevin Knapp, ERCKWA Chief Executive Officer, a call on 0414 441 844. You can also visit beyondbank.com.au/reward for further information.

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.*

See You Next Time

Questions or Suggestions?

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 Chief Executive Officer Kevin Knapp via 0414 441 844 or kknapp@edmundrice.org.