



The Eddie-torial – September/October 2018

Edmund Rice Camps for Kids WA News Bulletin

CEO's Welcome

Dear Readers

Welcome to our September/October edition of *The Eddie-torial*. Once again much has been happening at Edmund Rice Camps and I hope that you will enjoy the stories and experiences captured in the next few pages.

With the year coming to a close and while others are perhaps winding down for Christmas, we are and will be preparing for 4 Mega Camps in January!

We hope to bring you one more Eddie-torial before the year end to tell you all about our big Christmas Party that we are hosting for our families and volunteers 9 December.

In the Eddie Rice Spirit and with warm regards,

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Our Eddie Rice Network and Programs

EOTRSW – Eddie On The Road South West (EOTRSW)

Well done to the EOTRSW crew on an incredible and successful program! The team were on the road from Saturday 22nd to Friday 28th September running two day programs in Collie and Waroona with an epic 40 children attending each.

Miranda Mitchell –2018 EOTRSW Coach

"The amazing thing about the Eddie On The Road Program is the increased focus on formation and reflection due to the extensive leader-to-leader time available. The kids are our sole priority from 9.30am in the morning to 4pm in the afternoon, with leaders giving their all for the jam-packed day of activities. Afterwards the focus shifts to the personal development of leaders within their camp journey and wider lives."





Ro Courts and James Loughnan – 2018 EOTRSW Coordinators

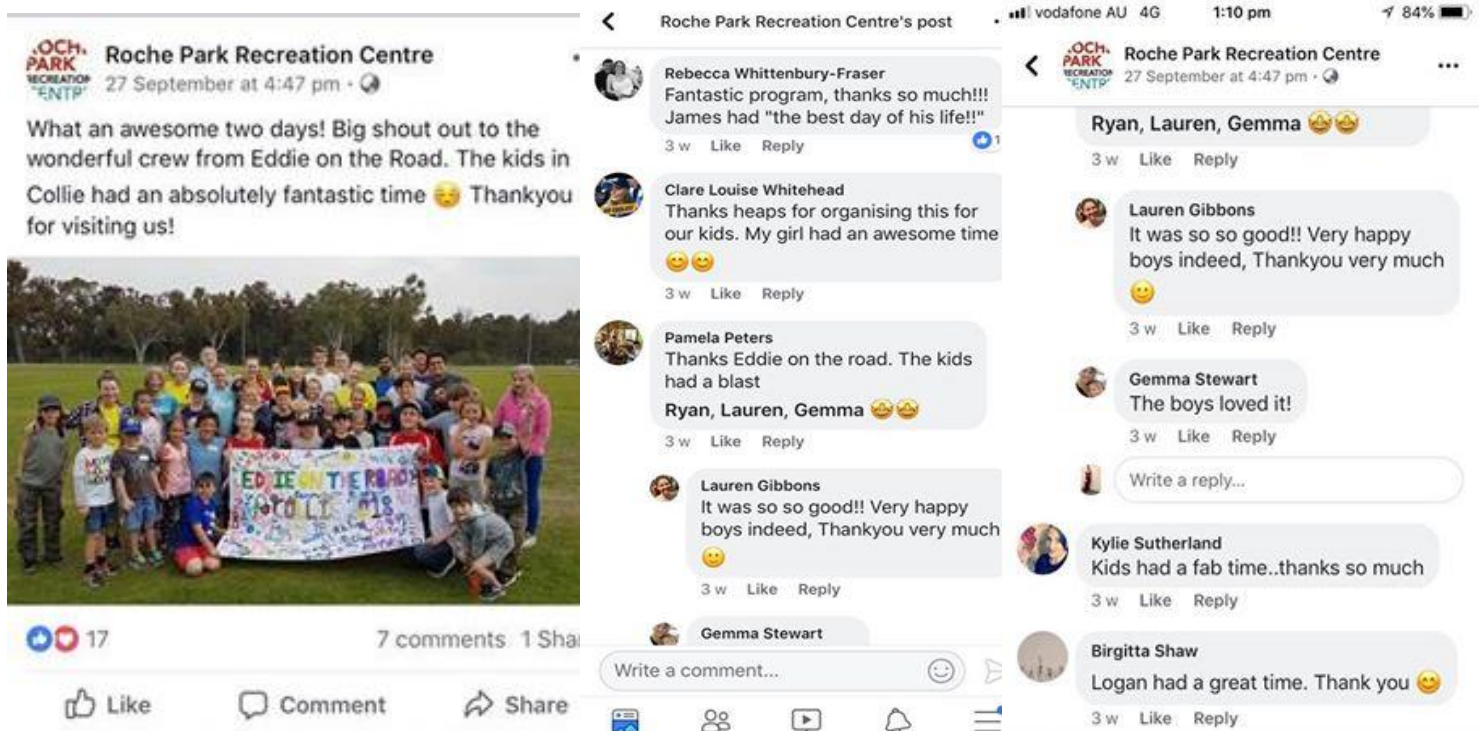
“During the Eddie on The Road SW 2018 we were lucky enough to have the opportunity to work together as coordinators. We can honestly say we had the most memorable experience and couldn’t have done it without our amazing management team, volunteers, sponsors, community assistance and the children.

EOTRSW was an incredible experience as we learnt how versatile our program had to be and how adaptable the planned activities. The children on the program were very keen to run about and had high energy levels, this meant we incorporated more sporting activities with the game ‘Farmer Sam’ a major highlight for everyone.

The EOTRSW experience had a strong focus on personal development and leader growth. Mornings incorporated team work and learning more about both each other and ourselves, with loads of planned activities for the evening. Activities included morning yoga sessions, bonding exercises and most importantly our hype song, Roar by Katy Perry.

The Eddie Rice spirit was also a strong part of what we did on the road. Having limited time with the children meant that we had to be fully engaged and present during our increased time together. We created many activities that made sure we found out fun facts about every child, adapting the program to fit everyone’s needs and most importantly ending each day with a big Eddie Rice thank you and chant.

The community involvement was very strong throughout EOTRSW. With help from our sponsors at Landcorp we were able to have more time interacting with the children as we had many helping hands on board. The local support was also incredible and we received assistance with cooking, equipment (the Waroona Council loaned us their BBQ) and some local staff even got involved with the activities. We even managed to recruit one of the local council workers for ERC as she loved the program so much and could see the difference we made in a few hours.

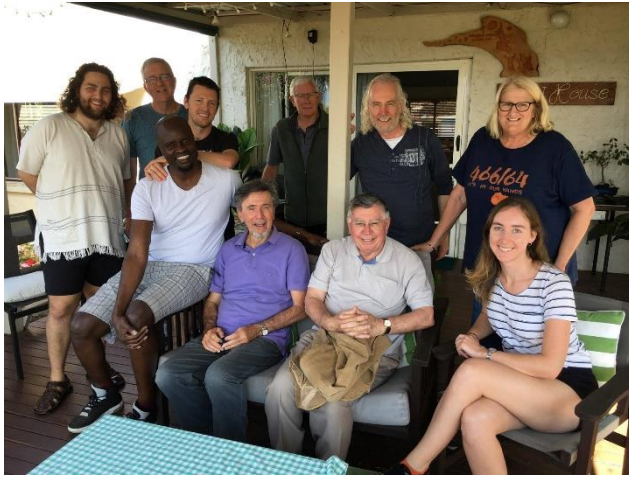


Muddy Boots

Muddy Boots – Walking the Land with Edmund, 13th to 16th September. This experience is designed to further enrich and develop the spirituality of those who choose to attend with a strong Edmund Rice focus.

Meg McKenna - ERCKWA Coordinator Volunteer Leader Services

“During September I was fortunate enough to be able to travel to Queensland to attend the Muddy Boots formation experience at the Mt Archer Earth Community. The 4 days I spent there were some of the most peaceful and enjoyable days that I’ve experienced within my recent memory.



Run by Peter Hay and Br Geoff Whitefield with support from Br Tony Hempenstall and Br Peter Harney from the Mt Archer Community the program involved time to look inwards within ourselves, outwards towards our natural environment and our own communities. I was fortunate enough to be surrounded by 5 other amazing individuals who also work in other Ministries within the wider Christian Brothers network, and having the opportunity to engage with and learn about ourselves while surrounded by such good company certainly made the experience extra enjoyable.

We learnt about the natural environment which surrounded the Mt Archer Community, including the different flora that was native to the area or had been planted by the Brothers and other members of the Mt Archer Earth Community. Not far from Mt Archer was the Glasshouse Mountain Ranges which we got to learn about, the stories of the Glasshouse Mountains and the significance landforms have to the indigenous people. We were encouraged to make the connection between ourselves and the earth on which we walk, live and exist upon. And finally we learnt some of the history of the Christian Brothers and about how Edmund Ignatius Rice was such a unique individual. Specifically, his morals and values which made him so inspirational for so many, including the Camps Ministries that continue to operate across Australia and engage with so many young individuals. Learning about his character and building my knowledge of his achievements was very inspiring and certainly reinvigorated my own passion for Edmund Rice Camps WA and Christian Brothers Ministries.

I am so grateful that I was able to go on this experience and engage in this program and can very much encourage anyone to attend any formation experience that becomes available to them. “

Aquinas College

Service Learning – Year Six

To celebrate end of term and Write-to-Give House competition, all Year Six students were asked to raise money for Edmund Rice Camp for Kids. We were able to set up stalls around the Junior School, whereby the boys had recess and lunch in which to both run the stalls. The task was to form a small business made up of four team members. The role of the business was to plan, advertise, prepare and present a stall. Learning elements that needed to be addressed were:

- Design an activity to entertain K-6 students and generate profit.
- Group roles and responsibilities
- Pricelist/budget
- Advertising poster

Congratulations to all students in Year Six who completed a very successful Service activity and managed to raise \$1255.00! What an achievement!

Here are a few words from our Year Six students about the day:

“Designing and working as a team was very successful to raise money. We had to build and set up our stalls to give each Junior School boy a great time with their mates and playing fun games. Over the course of 4 weeks all of the stalls were successful raising over \$1200, working as a team and not giving up. The students were in groups of four using cardboard, glue, tape and many other items needed to create their amazing stalls. I am sure that everyone had a blast of a time winning amazing prizes, bringing a huge smile to their faces.” David Arcaro (6B)

“It was a day my group and I will not forget. My group members were David, Jack, Hugo and myself. Our stall was very popular throughout the day. It was a soccer penalty shootout against one of our group members acting as the goalkeeper. It was created on a bit of cardboard with felt as grass, player you can kick with and a mechanism to move the goalkeeper. The day was very successful with all the groups raising a grand total of over \$1200. Our group made a profit of over \$200 worth of tickets. It was a fun day we will remember.” Zane Vlahov (6B)



Community Engagement

Sponsor A Child

Meg Huitema our Manager Community Engagement 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 'Sponsor A Child Today' for Eddie Rice. The poster has a yellow background with colorful balloons. On the left, a large pink and orange balloon contains the text 'HELP A CHILD START THEIR JOURNEY WITH EDDIE RICE'. On the right, a smaller photo shows two men in yellow shirts, one holding a blue towel. Above the photo, the text reads '\$125 ONE-OFF PAYMENT PER CHILD FOR 2019'. At the bottom, the text 'Sponsor A Child Today' is written in large, bold, purple letters.

Sticky Rice – ERCKWA Family Xmas Event 9th December

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Well it's that time of year again where most of us get to sit down with our families and eat like kings at our well laid tables after opening our fabulous presents. Here's a chance to make sure that the ERCKWA kids tables are just as well laid as our own and their homes filled with gifts!

Eddie Rice are currently putting together Xmas gifts and hampers to be given to families at our family Xmas event - Sticky Rice 9th December. We are in need of gender-neutral gifts ages 6-16 and packaged food (please no food requiring refrigeration or with a short shelf life). If you would like to donate please email Meg Huitema ercwamce@edmundrice.org

Many thanks,
Camps Team 😊



Volunteers

Movie Night 31st October

Thank you to our Volunteer Leader Committee and in particular Madi Armstrong for organising a fantastic and fun movie event - Toy Story. Those who went along had a great time (in some cases playing the parts) and it was a wonderful opportunity to meet up with everyone. We are all looking forward to the next volunteer social event 😊



Events & Fundraising

The Glitz and Glamour Gala Ball Saturday 13th October

Kevin Knapp – CEO ERCKWA

“On behalf of Edmund Rice Camps for Kids WA, the staff, Board and volunteers, I wanted to say a big thank you to our 200 guests and supporters for making our charity fundraising Glitz and Glamour Gala Ball last Saturday at the Hyatt Regency such a success!

We made just over \$30,000 (Yes you helped us reach our target on the night and more!!) and raised valuable awareness for the work that we do providing respite and hope to hundreds of at risk children in Western Australia as well as personal development opportunities to an equal number of young adult mentors. I am sure that you (like me) were moved by Maddi's Story. It is truly inspiring to hear from someone who has faced and overcome such challenges and has dedicated themselves to help others do the same.

The venue looked amazing, the catering was delicious, entertainment fabulous and the dancing out of this world!! Kymba Cahill from Mix 94.5 continues to champion our cause as our gracious Ambassador and once again made sure that the event ran smoothly.

As successful as the night was, we are always looking for additional funding so if you or someone you know would like to become a community partner of ERCKWA then please call me any time on 0414 441 844 or email kknapp@edmundrice.org.

Thank you once again for your wonderful support and for making our event a great success.”





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!

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

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

ERCKWA will be running our annual major raffle from 11th September to 14th December. Tickets are \$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! TO PURCHASE RAFFLE TICKETS [CLICK HERE](#)

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

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WIN A LUXURY STAY AT CROWN TOWERS INCLUDING HOPMAN CUP TICKETS!

Major Prize: Valued at over \$2,000

- 1 Night at Crown Towers Perth, Premier King Room
- Access to Crystal Club Lounge on Level 15
- Valet Parking
- 2 Relaxation 1 Hour Massages at Crown Spa
- \$150 Crown Perth Food & Beverage vchr
- \$500 Crown Gift Card
- 2 Hopman Cup Perth tickets

To purchase raffle tickets visit
www.edmundricecampswa.com.au

Drawn 21st December 2018 TICKETS \$10 each

2018 Volunteer Awards & Cocktail Night

ERCKWA invites you and your guest to the 2018 Volunteer Awards & Cocktail Night

ERCKWA Volunteers and Supporters are welcome to celebrate a successful 2018 and share in the awards presentation of the 'Edmund Rice Camps WA Volunteer of the Year Award' & 'Edmund Rice Camps WA Long Service Awards'. TO BOOK TICKETS [CLICK HERE](#)



Watch This Space for Other Events

As always, we will 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

Administration Officer

ERCKWA are delighted to welcome Ricardo Jorge as the new Administration Officer for camps. Ricky will be working one day a week at camps with a primary role to support the area of Community Engagements and Volunteering. Welcome on board Ricky!

"Hi everybody, my name is Rick, and I'm thrilled to begin working alongside the ERCKWA staff for the next 3 months. I'm 24, currently completing my Masters in Civil Engineering at UWA, and have been a part of the Edmund Rice community since the year 2010.

I began camps at the age of 16 and I've never looked back, striving to take on each new opportunity that's come my way, and become more involved in the organisation.

I've been involved in camps under a variety of roles; a member of the Volunteer Leader Committee, and have been given multiple opportunities to take the Edmund Rice message across Australia. More recently, I've been involved in the Eddie On the Road programs, traveling to rural towns both north and south of Perth, and the 2017 NSW Exchange program, joining our east coast counterparts on an action-packed mega camp. This organisation has afforded me the opportunity to develop my inter-personal skills, help those less fortunate, and ultimately grow as a person. I don't know where I'd be without camps, and I am forever grateful for the memories and life-long friends I have made along the way."



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 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.

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 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, ERCKWA 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.