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On the Bone with K-Dawg

Bankwest is Best!

Bankwest has been a major supporter of Edmund Rice Camps WA (ERCWA) for several years.

Without the funding and in-kind support of this community-minded organisation we'd simply not be where we are today – a not-for-profit group that delivers over 30 camps a year by and for young adult leaders and children at risk.

The people at Bankwest have a genuine passion for community, which is supported and fuelled by a leadership team that is equally committed to providing staff with opportunities to engage with community projects.

We're very proud to be one of the Bankwest community partners and to have the opportunity to work with such wonderful and caring human beings.

As we look to the future, it's difficult to imagine not being part of the Bankwest family and to this end we will embrace the opportunity the bank has given us to seek an extended partnership with them.

In Bankwest General Manager Rob De Luca and Community Engagement Manager Craig Spencer – and there are many more I could name – we've been most fortunate to find two people who really care about us and who are always there to support us and provide advice.

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When we're invited to the bank (something that happens often) it really feels as though we're stepping into our own office.

The welcoming feeling and friendly vibe is everywhere and it's a very tangible expression of what is clearly a very positive and happy office culture.

I personally always come back from the Bankwest office feeling invigorated – exactly the way I feel when I come home from an Eddie Rice camp.

Let's face it, our partnership with Bankwest is meant to be!

KMKnapp



The infamous K-Dawg is also known as Chief Executive Officer Kevin Knapp.

Limerick Challenge

Great news! I'm extending the Eddie Rice Limerick Challenge to 19 December to ensure we collect any last minute entries.

There are prizes up for grabs so please send your best or worst efforts to kknapp@edmundrice.org.

Our favourites will be posted on our Facebook wall and in the next issue of *The Eddie-torial*.

Last issue K-Dawg threw down the poetic gauntlet, challenging everyone to write an Eddie Rice limerick.

Here's a little example to get you motivated:

*It's great to recall the Eddie Rice story of the past
But its new chapters we now pen to make it last
For it's from the hearts of our young
That the justice tune will be sung
And the new spirit of Eddie will blast*

Road Trippin' With Eddie

Read more of these articles on our website
(www.edmundricecamps.com.au)

Courtney George

Senior Coordinator of Remote Youth Programs

From 1–12 October, ERCWA graced the Pilbara and Mid-West regions with our Eddie on the Road (EOTR) program.

Group One included volunteers Shannon O'Connor, Matt Dos Santos, Anthony Maher and Emily Caruso, travelling to Meekatharra and then to Port Hedland with me in our brand new vehicle.

We then met up with Group Two, comprised of volunteers Zoya Yikhnevich, Shaq Seeber, Kari Potier and Luke Middleton, in Tom Price before sharing a day together in Karijini National Park.

Matt Dos Santos

ERCWA Volunteer

Our final day couldn't have been better, finishing off with a reflection and handover to Group 2 in the beautiful gorges of Karijini National Park.

After six of the best days anyone could ever ask for, it's safe to say that Meekatharra and Port Hedland now know the name Eddie Rice.



Group One then departed for Perth, whilst Group Two travelled to Onslow and Yalgoo to continue running our EOTR program.

It was a fantastic 12 days with a bunch of amazing volunteers and awesome kids! I personally would like to thank the volunteers for all their hard work and commitment to the program.



Zoya Yikhnevich

ERCWA Volunteer

All in all, this Eddie on the Road experience was truly fabulous, one which I was lucky enough to share with a beautiful bunch of people.

It was a week I'm sure I will remember for a very long time (and not because I am still washing copious amounts of glitter out of my hair!) I loved every moment!

Image, above: Volunteers Zoya Yikhnevich, Luke Middleton, Anthony Maher, Shaq Seeber, Matt Dos Santos (back); Emily Caruso, Kari Potier, Courtney George and Shannon O'Connor (front) enjoying themselves in Tom Price.

Image, left: A little shaving foam never hurt anyone, as demonstrated by volunteers Matt Dos Santos and Anthony Maher!

Our Amazing Eddie on the Road Supporters

Eddie on the Road is proudly supported by the following kind-hearted organisations:



With the support of Lotterywest we now have a Toyota Prado, which is capable of transporting our leaders safely to remote locations within the state.

The funding from Westpac and the Tate Family Foundation has also sustained our program and allowed for its expansion from two to four per year.

We plan to do six programs in 2015!



Image, left: ERCWA leaders Emily Caruso, Anthony Maher, Matt Dos Santos and Shannon O'Connor are obviously very happy with our brand new Toyota Prado.

Go to the Cinema & You'll Be Helping Us!

Run by more than 700 dedicated volunteers across five great locations, McDonald's Community Cinemas (previously Movies by Burswood) is Perth's family-friendly, affordable outdoor cinema.



Each year McDonald's Community Cinemas proudly donates 100% of their profits to a small number of WA charities

that work to improve the quality of life for children in a health or physical ability crisis.

The 2013–2014 McDonald's Community Cinemas raised a record-breaking \$804,657 for its charity partners, with part proceeds totalling \$38,433 donated to ERCWA in our first year as charity partner.

A huge thank you to the volunteers who made this possible and ensured we have been offered another season this year, as well as Peta and Ken from McDonald's Community Cinemas.

For more information about McDonald's Community Cinemas, including information about the 2014–2015 season, like their Facebook page or visit www.communitycinemas.com.au.

We've Got Your Christmas Presents Covered!

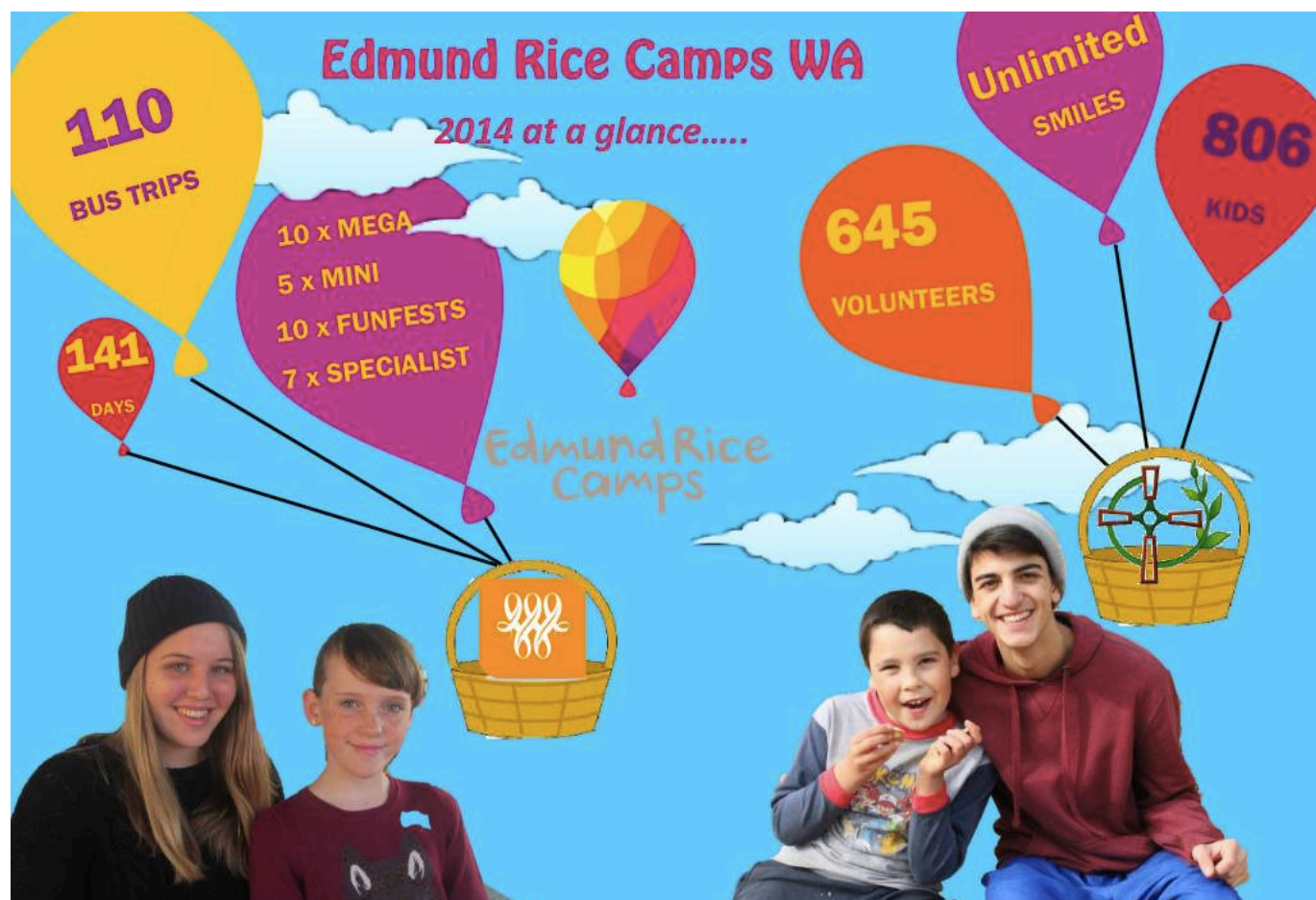
Purchase a McDonald's Community Cinema Value Card for just \$59 and not only will you get a great value night out for the family, you'll also be directly supporting ERCWA and the families we work with!

For just \$59 you receive:

- 4 × McDonald's Community Cinemas movie tickets
- 4 × standard popcorn boxes
- 4 × soft drinks, bottled water or hot beverages (any combination)
- 4 × ice creams (any in the range)

PLUS unlimited use of \$8 admission for up to four people at all screenings.

To find out more or purchase a Value Card visit our merchandise page on the ERCWA website (www.edmundricecampswa.com.au)



Bankwest Sunset at Salter Point

*Celebrating 25 glorious years
in silver vintage style*



Oh what a night! Our 2014 Bankwest Sunset at Salter Point event was a massive success, generating \$65,000 for Eddie Rice programs next year.

Celebrating 25 years of the WA camp program in silver vintage style, the beautiful gardens of Westcourt, Salter Point were transformed for the celestial engagement, looking even more radiant than usual (if that is actually even possible).

Over 200 guests enjoyed the tantalising canapés on offer from Good Mood Food. The night included an oyster shucker, silver themed candy bar and three different cocktails on offer that were made in the spirit of the night.

The Kings Justice jazz tunes soothed the attendees whilst DJ Dave enticed them onto the dance floor. Volunteers, board members, staff and supporters got down to some old favourites and got up to some energetic new tunes.

Due to an amazing amount of auction items (thank you to everyone who contributed) ERCWA held three auction streams: the live auction, silent auction and ballot bidding.

A number of very happy people will be jet setting off to a number of exciting international destinations shortly. In addition, some very happy campers took home prizes from the Sponsor a Child prize draw.

A very big thank you goes out to our Profile, Fundraising and Events Committee – Jacci Lamborn, Claire Worsdell, Stephen Morphett, Tegan Kursar and Meg Huitema – for their dedication and hard work.

The event would not have been such a success without these five people and the hard work committed by Brooke McCamey, Events & Fundraising Coordinator.



Image, upper left: Events & Fundraising Coordinator Brooke McCamey with Profile, Fundraising & Events Committee member Claire Worsdell.

Image, far top: A special collage of all of the Eddie Rice kids who currently attend camps was a feature of the night.

Image, above: The stunning view that guests of Bankwest Sunset at Salter Point enjoyed on the night.

Orienting Our Volunteers

19 October was a rainy Sunday morning, but the inside of Trinity College was beaming with the bright, bubbly faces of future Eddie Rice Leaders at our annual Orientation Day.

The leaders were split into groups and taken through their training units by experienced campers in true Eddie Rice style.

By the end of the day they had untangled themselves from several human knots, sung every camp song in the book and were even covered in cereal in a Cocoa Pop jelly drop!

Better yet, they left even happier than when they had walked in. Welcome to all of our new leaders to our fabulous team – and bring on summer camps!



Image, left: ERCWA volunteer Thomas Hegerty donning an apron, a pair of tongs and a funky pose for the Volunteer O'Day.

Leading the Youth



Image, above: Volunteer Georgia Norfolk, Tyler, Terry, volunteer Tessa Lauritsen and volunteer Iesha Young building their campsite for the night on ERCWA's Youth Leadership Program.

Over the September/October school holidays, ERCWA held our annual Youth Leadership Program.

It is the first stage in the developmental journey available to Eddie Ricers should they choose to become a leader in the Eddie Rice world and the real world.

Manager Operations Chris Dix was particularly impressed by the way the group supported each other as they faced and overcame some of the challenging activities and the quality of the sessions run in the facilitation skills workshop.

Group and individual goals were successfully set and achieved.

Referral Agency Meet & Greet

On Wednesday 24 September at the Eddie Rice HQ, ERCWA staff and board members took on a new initiative to meet and greet the referral agents who have supported us for years.

A number of organisations were represented including Grandparents Rearing Grandchildren WA Inc, Wanslea Grandcare and Parkerville.

Traditional ERCWA games like balloon popping and the human knot were coupled with a serious side of volunteer speeches and a discussion around the benefits received.



Image, left: The staff, Board members and referral agents of ERCWA enjoying a team-building game of 'human knot' during the Referral Network Event.

Upcoming Programs & Events

14 December 2014	Santa Breakfast @ Garden City Shopping Centre
19 December 2014 – 5 January 2015	ERCWA office closed
25 December 2014	Merry Christmas, everyone! ☺
5–10 January 2015	Mega Camp @ Tuppin House, Moore River
10–15 January 2015	Mega Camp @ Tuppin House, Moore River
15–20 January 2015	Mega Camp @ Tuppin House, Moore River
16–21 January 2015	Mega Camp @ Camp Kelly, Dwellingup
20–25 January 2015	Mega Camp @ Tuppin House, Moore River

For more information on any of our events please visit our website or contact ercwa@edmundrice.org.

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Lighting Up Christmas (& Thank You)

Tis the season to be as jolly as a kid on camp eating their third helping of dessert! There's just so much Eddie Rice spirit going around at the moment.

A special mention goes out to Adam Fanchi (one of our awesome volunteers) who has decorated his house in lights from 1 December with the proceeds going to ERCWA.

If you get a chance to swing by Adam's house (29 Murray Street, Bayswater) you won't be disappointed – not only is Adam being a complete champion, his light display isn't too bad either! ☺



Adam's generosity is just one of the reasons we're all feeling warm and fuzzy this Christmas. The other reason is the Sticky Rice Kids Christmas Party, which took place on Sunday 7 December 2014.

A huge thank you goes out to the staff and volunteers who made this a special day for the kids and their families.

There were baby animals including a pony, exciting water slides with an extra splash at the end, Devonshire tea for the parents, a puppet show, an appearance from Santa and his elf and a number of other kid's activities and entertainment options.

The new venue at Westcourt made for a placid and relaxing view for the parents and carers whilst the kids partied up a storm with the volunteers.

We realise that this is the last chance we'll get to say THANK YOU and MERRY CHRISTMAS for this year, so consider this our show of gratitude for all you've done to make 2014 a massive and successful year for Eddie Rice.

We couldn't do this without you – and we wouldn't want to!

Merry Christmas to you and your families and just wait and see what we have in store for you in 2015 ☺

Wishing you sugar and spice and all things Rice,

Kevin, Brooke, Bella, Courtney, Chris, Mark & Meg



Image, above (top to bottom, left to right): Mark Watton, Bella Cicero, Courtney George, Meg Huitema, Kevin Knapp, Brooke McCamey and Chris Dix.

Image, left: Volunteer Adam Fanchi's stunning light display in Bayswater, with all proceeds being donated to Eddie Rice.

Suggestions Please

Have something you would like to see us include in the next issue?

Simply email ercwa@edmundrice.org or post your suggestion on our Facebook wall.



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