



Edmund Rice
Camps

Eddie-torial

Making a difference

Eddie on the Road... Up North!

In April two groups of Edmund Rice Camps WA (ERCWA) volunteers travelled to the northern parts of our state to run our Eddie on the Road program.

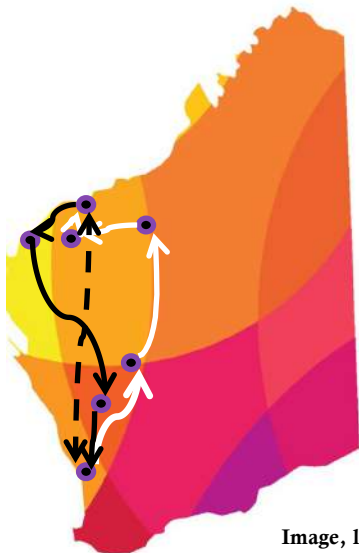
Senior Coordinator Remote Youth Programs Courtney George and volunteers Anthony Maher, Matt Dos Santos, Shannon O'Connor and Belle Regan (Group 1) ran a program in Meekatharra, Marble Bar and Pannawonica.

It was fantastic to return to Meekatharra, a community we have been visiting for the past three years. The kids loved our usual games and enjoyed the new and exciting activities brought by the Eddie Rice volunteers.

However, the highlight of the program was ERCWA's first visit to Marble Bar.

The local kids thoroughly enjoyed the messy activities and were excited at the idea of us returning to their community.

Group 1 and Group 2 (Operations Manager Chris Dix and volunteers Claudia Mckie, Kari Potier, Luke Middleton and



Image, left: The recent Eddie on the Road trail to the north of WA.

Image, right: Eddie on the Road kids with ERCWA volunteer Jordan Randazzo (middle) in Onslow.



"Eddie on the Road has huge potential and I look forward to watching as it grows and the impact it we will have as the kids grow up."

– Anonymous ERCWA Volunteer

Jordan Randazzo) met up in Karratha for a handover and formation day.

They headed out to Millstream Chichester National Park followed by a trip to Point Samson where the two groups enjoyed some banter as well as the exchange of important information.

Group 2 then drove out to Onslow, followed by a visit to Yalgoo.

Once again, it was fantastic to return to existing Eddie on the Road communities and continue the work we have started.

We are already looking forward to our next Eddie on the Road in October as well as the potential to develop a Pilbara Mega Camp!

Suggestions Please

Do you 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.



All a-Board for Eddie Rice

Our Board works very hard to bring their unique skill sets to the benefit of ERCWA, including strategic planning, marketing and budgeting. Here they share a little bit about how and why they became involved with us.



Tony Manso (Chair)
Board member since 2012

“It’s a simple decision for me to devote time to a cause that benefits kids in our society who simply deserve better.”

Jacci Lamborn
Board member since 2013

“The experiences Eddie Rice afforded me as a Volunteer Leader have made me the person I am today.

“I find no more fitting a way to thank the organisation than by joining the Board and giving back to the organisation which impacts so many lives in such a positive way.”



Liz Hunt
Minute taker since 2014

“I am grateful to be able to contribute to real life not just corporate life.”



Chris Fitzgibbon
(Vice Chair)
Board member since 2012

“It is my pleasure giving for a great cause.”

Liana D’Ascanio
Board member since 2013

“What it means to be on the Board: Fifteen years ago I was a university student, volunteering at ERCWA as a camp leader and coordinator.

“Today I balance my professional career and family responsibilities with volunteering as a Board member.

“Knowing first-hand all that is achieved by our programs, it is my ambition to see the amazing work of this organisation continues on into the future, including by ensuring that we grow and change to meet all the challenges we face today.”

Andrew Davidson
Board member since 2013

“It is an honour to be able to play a part in providing kids at risk and young adults with positive and life changing experiences.”



Geoff Patching
Board member since 2014

“For me it is about being involved in an organisation that helps to improve the life of disadvantaged kids as well as providing opportunities for young leaders.”



Geoff Robinson
Board member since 2014

“Every child deserves a fair chance.

“Being involved in an organisation that has this as a focus is truly worthwhile

Watch this Space

Find out more about our newest Board members, Vanessa Badaraco, Greg Erskine and Graham Freeman, in our next issue of *The Eddie-torial*.



On the Bone with K-Dawg

K-Dawg (otherwise known as Chief Executive Officer Kevin Knapp) is feeling a bit lyrical this issue so he has put together a mad rap as an ode to the Eddie Rice volunteers.



Image, left: ERCWA volunteer Anthony Maher, K-Dawg, Eddie-Ricer Leighton and volunteer Nat Francis strike a pose on a July Camp.



Image, right: K-Dawg pulling a funny face. Or is he?

*Our volunteers
 Along with their peers
 Are the Life Blood of Eddie Rice programs
 They are selfless and kind
 And they certainly don't mind
 To give back
 And make a huge difference
 As mentors and leaders
 Head chefs and bus drivers
 Our volunteer crew
 Know just what to do*



*Keeping Eddie on track
 Ensuring we give back
 To those less fortunate who
 With your kindness and passion
 Derive inspiration
 Committee and Board Members in little dark places
 Planning and scheming to put smiles on kids' faces
 With your support we have seen Eddie grow
 From humble beginnings to 30 programs or so
 For what you all do we are eternally grateful
 Thanks to you the glass is always half full.*

Word. Woof!

What's On @ Eddie Rice

21 June	Younger Kid's Masterchef Challenge @ Iona Presentation College
4-9 July	Camp One July Mega Camp @ Camp Kelly, Dwellingup
5-10 July	Camp Two July Mega Camp @ Tuppin House, Moore River
12-17 July	Camp Three July Mega Camp @ Camp Kelly, Dwellingup
13-18 July	Camp Four July Mega Camp @ Tuppin House, Moore River
11-13 September	Middle Kids Mini Camp @ Ern Halliday, Hillarys
13 September	Youth Leadership Information Day @ Westcourt*
7-11 October	Youth Leadership Program @ Camp Kelly, Dwellingup
16-18 October	Younger Kids Mini Camp @ Ern Halliday, Hillarys

* ERCWA HQ, Salter Point

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

KIDS' KORNER

Eddie Rice recently held our annual quiz night fundraiser. We didn't want our young friends to miss out so we've put together a fun quiz for you to try.

The answers are upside down below. No peeking!



1. What is the first/top colour in a rainbow?
2. How many years are there in a millennium?
3. Which school did Harry Potter attend?
4. What is the fastest land animal?
5. What is the biggest planet in our solar system?
6. Which sweet substance do bees create?
7. What is the first element on the periodic table of elements?
8. How many sides does a pentagon have?
9. Identify the verb within this sentence: It takes two people to tango.
10. What is the capital of Australia?



Answers: 1. Red 2. 1,000 3. Hogwarts 4. Cheetah (they can run up to 110-120 km/h in short bursts) 5. Jupiter 6. Honey 7. Hydrogen 8. 5 9. Tango (a verb is a 'doing' word) 10. Canberra

The Annual Eddie Rice Quiz

Thanks to many generous businesses around WA Eddie Rice was able to put on our most successful quiz night yet.

This year ERCWA raised over \$22,000 – money that goes directly to running programs and activities for disadvantaged WA kids.

Over 350 people attended the event on Friday 22 May at Aquinas College Hall.

Once again the hall was provided free of charge and caretakers Frank and Jacob were readily available to help staff, especially with operating the equipment. Legends!

Also, a massive thanks to Community Cinemas for donating all of the alcohol.

The winners took home 10 Bankwest corporate box tickets to the Fremantle Dockers game on Saturday 23 May thanks to Bankwest.

Other prizes included tickets to Lazy Susan's Comedy Den, vouchers to some of the best restaurants in Perth and awesome gifts.

The night was extremely successful and full of fun, excitement and a bake sale, with delicious coffee donated by MarrVellous and tasty wood fired pizzas from Pizza Panache.

Well done to the Eddie Rice staff and the Profile, Fundraising & Events Committee for organising this highly successful event.

And of course, congratulations to our winners who are pictured grinning from ear to ear below!



Image, above: ERCWA quiz night winners Brooke Jones, Ky Cocker, Erica Lampropoulos, Ben Siru, Yalcin Mercankosk, Wen Fen Chong, Kylie Hansen, Brianna Basham, Aaran Mohann and Jo Oliver were very happy with their prize of Fremantle Dockers corporate box tickets. 4

5 Minutes with Tanya Davis

A camp coach and ancillary volunteer who cooks on our camps.



I remember stepping into Westcourt, ERCWA HQ, as a teenager feeling nervous yet desperately wanting to make a difference.

The first thing I learnt was that children (and people in general) all come with a different story.

At ERCWA, these stories are acknowledged and accepted without any judgement or prejudice.

I coordinated and spent four terms on the Executive Committee, which was then predominantly run by volunteers.

At that point ERCWA was almost solely funded by the Christian Brothers.

Upon recently returning, ERCWA has changed significantly in one way: it is now a sustainable business.

However, it is very much the same in many other ways.

Edmund's *vision* is still extremely prevalent through the altruistic tendencies that are innate in the volunteers.

Edmund's *strength* is still found daily in the skills and capabilities of all involved.

Finally, Edmund's *ideal* is still rampant. An ideal where the greatest poverty of being unwanted and uncared for can be eradicated by simply creating a safe environment that accepts and celebrates differences instead of ostracising them.

Image, above left: Volunteer Grace Peris, Eddie-Ricers Luke and Thomas with Camp Coach and Ancillary Volunteer Tanya Davis on one of the ERCWA camps.

Profile, Fundraising & Events, Oh My!

ERCWA would like to thank the Profile, Fundraising & Events (PFE) Committee for all of their tireless work.

The PFE Committee is tasked with lifting the profile of ERCWA through various means, with a focus on coordinating key fundraising events throughout the year.

The PFE Committee consists of Board members Jacci Lamborn (Chair) and Liana D'Ascanio (Deputy Chair), Brooke McCamey, Claire Worsdell, Teagan Kursar, Rishi Rawlins, Jo Verity and Stephen Morphett.

This group of dedicated and passionate volunteers all devote large portions of their own time and expertise to this worthy cause.

All of the committee members have a passion and talent for planning, organising and delivering successful events.

The events, which include the quiz night and gala, are designed to cater to all stakeholders within the Edmund Rice community and highlight the services provided by the organisation.



Such events also make a significant contribution towards raising the necessary funds that ensure the programs we run continue to grow.

Corporate sponsorship plays a vital role towards the success of our events and fundraising efforts throughout the year.

For more information please contact our CEO Kevin Knapp via kknapp@edmundrice.org.

Image, above: PFE Committee member Brooke McCamey with Chair Jacci Lamborn at the recent annual ERCWA quiz night.



Welcome to the Team

Introducing our latest ERCWA team members, Emma, Nicole and Lisa.

Emma Thompson, Coordinator Volunteer Leader Services



I started my Eddie Rice journey as a volunteer leader in early 2014.

I enjoyed building friendships with fellow like-minded volunteer leaders and had lots of fun interacting with the kids. These opportunities allowed me to learn more about myself and the world around me.

In February 2015, I was appointed as the Coordinator Volunteer Leader Services and I'm very excited to be working alongside such an awesome group of passionate young leaders.

Outside of ERCWA, I created and launched a mentoring program called RP-Link in 2014, through the organisation Teach Learn Grow.

This role involved recruiting, training and managing young adults / university students – just like many of our Eddie Rice leaders – as well as supporting and empowering them to develop their own leadership and mentoring skills.

It also allowed me to spend time in several Aboriginal schools in WA – where I coordinated a group of volunteers with Eddie Rice's very own Courtney George!

Nicole Mancini, Coordinator Events & Fundraising

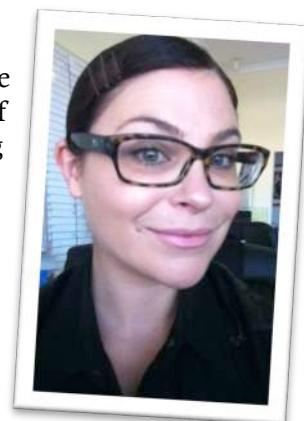
I recently came onboard as the Coordinator Events & Fundraising and had the privilege to go on a May Mini Camp.

Without a doubt it was the most fulfilling and transformative event in my life to date.

This work leaves everyone (staff, volunteers, leaders, children and their families) with a positive and renewed outlook on life with a drive to further your involvement and excitement for the next program.

What an amazing experience to see firsthand the impact of this incredible life-changing work ERCWA delivers.

I'm so excited and cannot wait to be a part of the next program, even if it does mean time away from my cats – it's completely worth it.



Lisa Sander, Interning for 7 Weeks



I'm really excited to gain some real-life experience as I'm in my final year at the University of Notre Dame studying a Bachelor of Behavioural Science with a Major in Public Relations.

Behavioural Science is a unique degree that teaches you how to conduct yourself in an ethical manner

and strives for social justice and equality, which underpins the values of Edmund Rice himself.

I'm working closely alongside Nicole and Meghan Huitema, Manager Community Engagement.

Some of my tasks so far include assisting Nicole with planning and organising the annual quiz night, seeking sponsorship, generating ideas for the latest newsletter and conducting extensive social research with Meghan.

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