



Eddie-torial

Making a difference

Vale, Marylin Elizabeth Raina

Champion Supporter of Eddie Rice



Marylin became associated with Edmund Rice Camps WA (ERCWA) during 2009, to assist with the preparation and planning for a major fundraising event – the ERCWA Charity Ball.

Quite quickly it became evident that Marylin was a fantastic networker and a determined and committed person – the event was a huge success largely thanks to the work done by Marylin.

The success of Charity Ball gave impetus for a structural change at ERCWA.

Marylin was invited to join the Board to help harness the new opportunities and contacts that had been made, as well as to grow and mature the organisation.

In this new role Marylin was tireless in her efforts to ‘encourage’ people to attend ERCWA events, but was quick to suggest that if they couldn’t attend they were welcome to make a donation.

When Marylin fell ill she was determined that it wouldn’t stop her involvement or work with ERCWA.

During this time, dealing with the emotion of her illness as well as the physical toll, Marylin continued to regularly attend Board Meetings, pushing the Board and the organisation to strive for more.

Marylin’s positive (stubborn and determined) attitude was astounding: *“Buggered if I’m going to let this rubbish stop me helping Eddie Rice.”*

Marylin wasn’t just an amazing supporter of the organisation, she was our friend. She was a strong woman who will be sadly missed.

Quite simply ERCWA would not be where it is today without Marylin... and that is the best tribute of them all.

We have no doubt that her legacy – her determination to keep improving – will live on for a long time to come.

Thank you Maz – rest, be at peace.

Dear Marylin

On the fields of our games
Where we laugh and we play
All the kids running round
In the sunshine of the days
Eating food made with love
Watching clouds from above
We are blessed thanks to your loving ways
When we think of you it will be
To say thank you and be free
You have helped us out so much
Eddie Rice with Marylin’s touch
We’ll honour your memory
To our best ability
So long our friend, may your sleep be peaceful

Constable Care Says We Care

ERCWA was recently presented with the Constable Care Child Safety 'Education & Care Award' for successfully implementing our Child Care, Safety Protection and Reporting Protocols.

The protocols mean that all ERCWA staff and volunteers have been trained and assessed, and diligently comply with a comprehensive set of policies and protocols.

In turn, this ensures that all who access our services can do so with the confidence and safety they deserve.



This award is in fact not just an accolade for the protocols but for all who have implemented them.

As part of her work with Edmund Rice ministries across the Oceania Province of the Christian Brothers, Dr Pauline Meemeduma

developed these extensive protocols and has worked tirelessly to support their implementation across many diverse Edmund Rice Ministries in this part of the world.

Congratulations to all members of the Eddie Rice network as this award affirms the nature of the safe environments we strive to create.

Image, left: CEO Kevin Knapp receives the Child Safety Education and Care Award from Minister for Education Hon. Peter Collier MLC and category sponsor Mr D.S. Russell (Freemasons WA)



On the Bone with K-Dawg & KIDS' KORNER

Who let the dawg out? The notorious K-Dawg has hijacked KIDS' KORNER to bring you a special challenge.

This issue I'm laying down the mad beats of the Eddie Rice Limerick Challenge.

The entry that best captures the spirit of Eddie Rice and what we do to will win a mystery prize!

You've just got to write one that's better than mine and send it to kknapp@edmundrice.org by 31 October 2014.

Here goes:

Ode to Eddie

There was a young man from Ireland
Who decided to reach out his hand
To the downcast, the forgotten and poor
He brought education and work and much more
Helping to shape our Youth Ministry – just grand!

The infamous K-Dawg is also known as Chief Executive Officer Kevin Knapp, while C Sugar Biskit is Senior Coordinator of Remote Youth Programs Courtney George and M Bizzle Sauce is Manager of Community Engagement Meg Huitema.



After the Eddie Rice pack and I have shortlisted the submissions, we'll then turn to our trusty Facebook 'likers' to vote on the winner (so make sure you 'like' our page too!).

The winner will be announced in the next issue of *The Eddie-torial* and on Facebook.

Word.

K-Dawg



Image, above: K-Dawg with his posse, C Sugar Biskit & M Bizzle Sauce.

July Mega Camps a Mega Success

A huge CONGRATULATIONS to everyone who participated in the July Mega Camps in Dwellingup and Moore River.

It was collectively one of the most successful winter camp seasons on record, with a massive:

- 99 ERCWA kids
- 96 volunteer Leaders
- 8 volunteer Camp Coordinators
- 4 volunteer Camp Coaches
- 11 ancillary volunteer Bus Drivers
- 17 ancillary volunteer Cooks
- 5 ERCWA staff

The Late Teens' camp theme was video games.

In the usual fun Eddie Rice fashion, every camp team was allocated a specific song and whenever this song was heard the team had to put on ghost costumes and run around the campsite looking for the Pacman.

There were a lot of laughs and a few sneaky tactics but overall it was a ton of fun!

The highlight of the camp was the Mario Kart activity.

A racetrack was created out of 'slip and slide' materials which kids and leaders raced around in cardboard 'cars'. Within minutes, of course, everyone was covered in soap and slime!



Through a reflection activity on the last day of camp, the leaders discovered that it is the small tasks that make the biggest difference in the overall atmosphere and energy of camp.

The leaders acknowledged these 'tiny magic moments' that made camp so special on paper hands, such as "High fives from both kids and leaders for goals/good kicks", "The cooks volunteering their time" and "Watching one of the boys offer everyone biscuits".

We also must not forget all the support we continue to receive from our partner schools and corporate sponsors who provide Eddie Rice Camps with so much and allow us to keep doing what we do best.

We cannot wait until the next Mega Camp season!

Image, above: Volunteer Leader Tom Hegerty with the Pacman and Volunteer Leader Pia Novacsek dressed as a ghost.

Garden City Wishing Us Well

From 23 July to 20 August Garden City set up an ERCWA Wish Wall in their Central Fashion Mall that asked shoppers for monetary donations towards our camps, with an eye-catching display.

The wall contained items that we need for every camp from our Catering & Resource lists, as well as our wish list items that we'd love to have on camp.

This amazing gesture from Garden City raised \$1925.75.

The dedicated team there is always coming up with fantastic ideas to help us out – evident by the spectacular, specially made Eddie Rice balloon collection box.

All donations, big and small, help us cater to the needs of campers and leaders alike as they build long-lasting and meaningful friendships on our programs.

Image, left: Manager Operations Chris Dix, Events Coordinator Brooke McCamey and CEO Kevin Knapp next to the display.

Image, right: The specially made Wishing Wall and balloon collection box.



Save the Date for Vintage Silver Celebrations!



This year's Bankwest Sunset at Salter Point cocktail party will see us celebrate our 25th Anniversary in Vintage Silver style on Saturday 8 November.

The night will involve great entertainment, food and cocktails and we look forward to honouring our great supporter and friend Marilyn Raina (please see tribute on **front page**).

Tickets will be available in September with early bird and special group pricing.

If your company would like to sponsor the event in some way, please contact our Events & Fundraising Coordinator Brooke McCamey via bmccamey@edmundrice.org or 0429 913 364.

5 Minutes with Bella Cicero

Join us in welcoming Bella, our new Coordinator Volunteer Leader Services, as Courtney begins work in a new part time role as Senior Coordinator Remote Youth Programs.

We're very excited at what these changes will bring and hope you'll join us in supporting both Bella and Courtney in their new roles.

Hi everyone!

I'm sure by now you're all aware that there's a new kid on the block – that would be me!

My name is Bella. I recently went to my first ever camp and it was such a pleasure to meet all of the leaders. You were such a friendly, welcoming bunch and made that absolutely amazing week EVEN better.

So here are a few fun facts about me:

I'm 21 and went to Iona Presentation College, which is where I learned about Edmund Rice and all the fantastic work he did.

In year 12 I decided I wanted to be on Getaway (yup) so I pursued a degree in Journalism at Curtin University. Whilst studying I've been working as a nanny for a few different families, with kids from the age of 2–13.

It made me realise that I'm actually not so interested in becoming a Getaway superstar after all and am actually really passionate about working with kids! So here I am.

Camp was probably one of the most incredible experiences I've ever had. As a complete newbie, I

really had no idea what I was in for.

Turns out I was in for one of the most rewarding weeks of my life.

I felt like I learned so much from all of the leaders and all of the teens on camp, like how to deal with being soaking wet and covered in egg for three hours in the freezing cold!

But also how one week and 24 people can change another person, teen or child's entire perspective.

Before camp, I was so excited about becoming a part of the Edmund Rice team. Now I feel so, so lucky that I've been given the opportunity.

I know I have some pretty HUGE shoes to fill, but I'm hoping you guys can be patient while I'm learning the ropes.

If you're around, please pop in and say hello!



Winona: An Eddie on the Road Success Story

Eddie on the Road is a mobile version of ERCWA that allows us to deliver our camps experience to remote (and largely indigenous) communities in WA.

The ongoing and increased level of support from the Tate Family Foundation and the appointment of a dedicated staff resource in Courtney George will see this program go from strength to strength. Thank you, Tate Family Foundation!



Meet Winona, a hilarious, bubbly and somewhat sarcastic 17-year-old.

We met Winona in April 2011, when our first Eddie on the Road took place in Yalgoo. Winona then went on to participate in the 2012 'Yalgoo Mega Camp' at Moore River.

However, it was in October last year that we started to talk about 'opportunities' and 'leadership' with Winona.

ERCWA offers opportunities for Perth-based and rural kids to 'graduate' from the organisation and become camp leaders. Soon enough we had booked Winona on a Qantas flight down to Perth!

In the days leading up to camp, we trained Winona to be a camp leader and fitted her out in a new ERCWA hoodie. We also went bowling, to the movies and to Bounce Inc for some recreational fun.

Image, above: Skype shenanigans by Clare & Courtney and real life shenanigans with Courtney, Winona & Clare

Image, right: Clare, Winona & Courtney on camp after going down the slip 'n' slide.

The three of us were constantly in fits of laughter, particularly when we jokingly forced Winona to eat Teriyaki chicken and she hated it!

Winona had an awesome time on camp, acting as a friend, mentor and leader to our Eddie Rice kids. She embraced all aspects of camp and even let us in on a few secrets about how to make the best 'loom band' possible. Though we didn't quite meet her standards.

ERCWA would like to thank Iris Koornstra (one of our generous sponsors) for providing the funding to make Winona's trip possible.



We had the best time with Winona on camp and can't wait for her to return to Perth to do it all again!

In the meantime, we look forward to meeting up with Winona and the Yalgoo kids, when we visit their community in October later this year.

All the best

Courtney & Clare

(Senior Coordinator of Remote Youth Programs, and Volunteer Camp Leader, Coordinator and Eddie on the Road Assistant)

Meet Stephanie Harper

Hello, my name is Stephanie Harper. I'm 17 years old and I'm a student in year 12 at Willetton Senior High School.

I've started work experience for six weeks at Edmund Rice Camps as I'm completing a Certificate II in Community Services.

So far I've worked in admin, given Brooke support with organising events and helped to edit the website.

I'm extremely excited and really grateful to have been given this opportunity.

I have a passion to obtain a career of helping people in need. I hope to learn new skills and help make a difference while working with Eddie Rice.





Free Movie Tickets For Doing Your Part

ERCWA is lucky enough to have been reselected as a Charity Partner by McDonald's Movies by Burswood for its 2014/2015 season.

Community Cinemas runs the outdoor cinemas at Burswood, Bassendean, Curtin University and now Murdoch University. The sessions are run by volunteers, with all profits going to children's charities.

In order to meet our commitment, ERCWA needs to provide one volunteer each night during the season, from December to April.

Roles include working in the snack kiosk, working in the bar, checking tickets at the gate, pulling out the beanbag seats, selling raffle tickets, being a sausage sizzler and so on.

Brooke McCamey, Coordinator Events & Fundraising, says "As a current volunteer, I can tell you that the work isn't too hard and it's a really enjoyable evening.

"You also receive a free movie ticket for every night you volunteer and you can even volunteer together as a couple or family!"

If you, your friends or family can offer your services one regular night per fortnight please contact Brooke on 0429 913 364 or via bmccamey@edmundrice.org.

Valued Gifts

We are also selling the Value Card gift vouchers for \$59 as well as raffle tickets.

They make great Christmas presents and all proceeds go directly to ERCWA.

Cards and raffle tickets are available from 22 September.

Please visit our website or contact our wonderful volunteer, Claire, to purchase cards (claireworsdell@inet.net.au).

Upcoming Programs & Events

17 September	McDonald's Movies By Burswood Volunteer Info & Sign-up Night @ Westcourt*
19–21 September	Mini Camp @ Woodman's Point
25 September	An Evening with Munjed Al Muderis @ Trinity College
1 October	Fun Fest @ Garden City & SciTech
2 October	Fun Fest @ Beach Volleyball & Rollerdomo
3 October	Fun Fest @ Beach Volleyball & Rollerdomo
16 October	Ancillary Volunteer Thank You Sundowner @ Westcourt*
24–26 October	Mini Camp @ Woodman's Point
30 Sept – 3 Oct	Youth Leadership Programme @ Camp Kelly, Dwellingup
8 November	Bankwest Sunset at Salter Point
22 November	McDonald's Community Cinema volunteering begins
7 December	Kids Christmas Party @ Westcourt*

* ERCWA HQ, Salter Point

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

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