



# *Edmund Rice Network News*

## *NSW/ACT June 2010*

Dear friends,

There's a lot's happening around the network in the next month or so, straight to it:

### **Upcoming Edmund Rice Network events:**

#### **Eddie Rice Camps Trivia night fundraiser**

Edmund Rice Camps will be holding their 17th Annual Fundraising Event on 23<sup>rd</sup> July, a Trivia Night held at Monte Sant' Angelo Mercy College, North Sydney. Open to everyone, come and join our volunteers, family and friends and organise a table. There will be prizes, raffles, auctions, games, trivia and much more.

**Date:** 23rd July 2010 **Time:** 7pm - 10:30pm

**Venue:** Monte Sant' Angelo Hall. 128 Miller St, North Sydney

**Cost:** \$15 p.p paid at the door **BYO:** Drinks and Snacks. There will be sausage sizzle, tea, coffee and soft drinks for sale **Theme:** Each table come dressed in your own theme.

Prizes for best dressed and most creative **Numbers:** Max 10 people per table

**RSVP:** Book a table by Monday 12th July. [campsnsw@edmundrice.org](mailto:campsnsw@edmundrice.org)

#### **ERC Indigenous programs: Let's Talk program updated for Jul-Oct 2010**

Join the Edmund Rice Centre for a unique cross cultural learning experience to develop a first-hand understanding of Indigenous culture and issues in rural New South Wales.

- Let's Talk Local: 4th-11th July (For year 11 students)
- Let's Talk EREA: 25th – 31st July (For all teaching and Executive Staff of Edmund Rice Education Australia)
- Let's Talk SVDP: 1st – 8th August (For young people in the St. Vincent de Paul network)
- Let's Talk Dharwunda: 30th August – 3rd September (For teachers and educators from the Armidale Catholic Schools Office)
- Let's Talk Outback: 26th September – 2nd October (For year 11 students from Good Samaritan Colleges)

For more information please contact Cassandra at the Edmund Rice Centre on (02) 8762 4200 or email [cassq@erc.org.au](mailto:cassq@erc.org.au)

#### **Afternoon Tea For The Future**

The next Afternoon Tea For The Future will be held on Tuesday 27th July from 2pm - 4pm. at the Library of the Edmund Rice Centre 15 Henley Rd Homebush West. It is just a short walk from Flemington Station.

The topic for discussion is: How much packaging is enough? Please bring in an example of packaging. It can be any example from one you like for its efficient use, to something you believe is a waste of resources. As always our focus is on the impacts our actions have in reducing or accelerating the pace of Climate Change. Donation of \$2 or \$5 depending on ability to pay and a small afternoon tea is served along with lively discussion and company. Inquiries to [leoniec@erc.org.au](mailto:leoniec@erc.org.au)

## **Support ERC Mid Year Appeal**

### **Message from ERC Director, Phil Glendenning:**

*Dear ERC friends,*

*Each year ERC conducts two appeals for support for our work from the community.*

*The mid-year appeal is currently running and all donations are applied to our work in support of refugees and asylum seekers, Indigenous peoples and people in the Pacific facing the reality of climate change.*

*Responses to the appeal so far have been good but we still have a way to go to reach our goal. Donations are tax deductible and can be made via the website or by cheque or credit card (cheques should be made out to Edmund Rice Centre Services).*

*Please donate what you can to help keep the work going.*

*Cheers, Phil*

**To help ERC continue projects, research and advocacy such as this, please go to**

**[www.erc.org.au/donate](http://www.erc.org.au/donate)**

## **Invitation: Putting a break on Climate Change**

You are invited to join with members of the Pacific Calling Partnership to share stories about successful initiatives to raise awareness of what we can do about the effect of climate change on Pacific islands

Saturday 7 August 11am - 4.00pm

at the Edmund Rice Centre 15 Henley Rd HomeBush Bay NSW (2 mins from Flemington station) bring something to share for a light lunch entry by donation

## **Edmund Rice Business Ethics Initiative: 10th August - Business Ethics Breakfast**

### **“The Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, the United Nations and Diversity in Employment”**

Come to breakfast with Professor Ron McCallum, hear and his reflections on the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and how fair work places are diverse work places. Professor McCallum AO is the foundation Blake Dawson Waldron Professor in Industrial Law in the Faculty of Law of the University of Sydney. Ron is the first totally blind person to be appointed to the Deanship of a Law School in Australia or New Zealand.

WHERE: Gilbert + Tobin, 2 Park Street, Sydney.

WHEN: Tuesday 10th August, 2010 - 7.30am start (finish at 9am)

COST: \$40, Members and students \$25.

RSVP: Please contact ERBEI at ERC phone (02) 8762 4200 or email: [busethics@erc.org.au](mailto:busethics@erc.org.au)

## **ERC Fair Trade Program: Thailand Fair Trade Tour - Sep-Oct 2010**

The Edmund Rice Centre's Fair Trade Program, in conjunction with Well Connected Tours, will be running a selection of tours through Thailand in September, working alongside Thaicraft, an organisation which has over 20 years experience in working with communities of craft producers, including minority ethnic groups, promoting social and economic development in all parts of Thailand.

Both tours leave on September 26th, with Tour A returning on October 3rd and Tour B returning on October 9th. Prices are \$2670 and \$4204 respectively, plus airline taxes.

Please contact Danny Long at Edmund Rice Centre for more information: (02) 8762 4200 or by email [dannyl@erc.org.au](mailto:dannyl@erc.org.au)

### **Other Events:**

**Taize Retreat**, 2 July – 4 July 6pm Friday – 2pm Sunday at Meroo Christian Centre, Mill Rd Kurrajong NSW. A brother from the Taize community in southern France will lead in a weekend retreat which is for all ages. Come and join with others from different places and backgrounds to pray, to listen, to share and to be bearers of trust and peace. Be strengthened in our efforts to build a culture of reconciliation and peace. During the

weekend there will be; times of prayer and song, times of quiet and silence, an opportunity to explore our commitment to solidarity and relationship with others, an opportunity to build friendships Cost: \$100 including meals and accommodation. Further info: contact Kathy Moroney e: [kmoroney@ncca.org.au](mailto:kmoroney@ncca.org.au) ph: 9299 2215 [www.nswec.org.au](http://www.nswec.org.au)

**Other Ways: growing alternatives to violence.**

A Special Event, Sept 24, hosted by the National Council of Churches, Christians and other people of goodwill engaged in action to overcome violence and promote peace on the interpersonal, community and global levels are invited. In these the best and worst of times, gather to share your experiences, celebrate achievements, learn together and build networks for the future at this day to mark the end of the Decade to Overcome Violence. The program from 1.00pm to 9.00pm at Santa Sabina College Strathfield, will include local and international speakers, facilitated conversations and a public dinner. [www.ncca.nsw.org.au](http://www.ncca.nsw.org.au) Inquiries to the PEJ Centre. See a Study guide "Telling the Truth About Ourselves and the World" at [www.oikomene.org](http://www.oikomene.org)

**Taizé Evening Prayers – Sunday 4 July**

Brother Ghislain, from the Ecumenical Taizé Community in France, will be leading Meditative Prayer, with songs from Taizé at St Mark's Anglican Church, The Mall, South Hurstville – Sunday 4 July at 6.00pm – supper follows. The event is sponsored by the NSW Ecumenical Council – enquiries to Kathy Moroney 9299 2215 [kmoroney@ncca.org.au](mailto:kmoroney@ncca.org.au) or

**Training for Transformation - A Popular Education Model for Community Change**

Based on the Methodology of Paulo Freire. Join us for the day to look at and experience the key elements of the Training for Transformation methodology. And we want to explore together how it might be used and what value it has for local efforts for community change and education.

When: Saturday, 3 July, 2010 From: 9:30 coffee for a 10am start until 4pm

Where: Grail Centre, 22 McHatton Street, North Sydney

Please RSVP to the Grail at 99553053 or [ruthcrowe@ozemail.com.au](mailto:ruthcrowe@ozemail.com.au)

20 places available Lunch provided - donation requested

**Flaring Forth – Eco Spirituality Retreat**

Friday August 13 to Sunday August 15 at Stanwell Park, facilitated by Michael Dyer. Through storytelling, solitude, contemplative practice, nature walks, creative expression and ritual celebrations you will encounter an expanding spiritual reality and rediscover your relationship to all created beings.

Cost \$250 RSVP and more info Michael at [dyerlog@tpg.com.au](mailto:dyerlog@tpg.com.au) Ph 0409 654065

***Until next month, blessings***

***Donna***

**PS: "Dare to enter my mystery and become hope for the world" Munnar Chapter, 2008**