



Edmund Rice Network News

NSW/ACT November 2010

Dear friends,

Some updates of what's been happening around the Edmund Rice Network and news of upcoming events and a bit of this and that...

Asylum Seeker Support Service

Is now up and running! We have volunteers out there teaching English, delivering furniture and helping with CV's. We have plenty of gaps to fill, so please get in touch with Grace, our project officer, to discuss what you can do. The asylum seeker support service aims to accompany and assist asylum seekers in the transition and settlement process through friendship and practical support. If you were not able to make it to the volunteer preparation night, but are interested in volunteering in this project, please contact Grace at gracem@erc.org.au.

Pacific Calling Partnership

The Edmund Rice Centre's Pacific Calling Partnership has been punching above its weight (again!) sitting at the table at an international climate change conference with the likes of the United Nations, World Bank and the IMF at meetings in Kiribati last week. The team have reported a successful mission and will be remain busy in the lead up to "COP16", the International Climate Change Summit, to be held in Cancun, Mexico next month. The Pacific Calling Partnership is proud to host an official side event at Cancun (December 9), as well as an event at Klimaforum (December 6), both at Cancun.

Camps Update



North West Community Visit – 21-24th Oct:

Following on from the Easter camp when 28 kids came down from North-West NSW for camp, six staff and volunteers headed up to visit the kids in their communities. Thursday afternoon we had reached Gulargambone, and joined the students for an art and powerpoint productions, plus a few games. The bell soon rang and we moved on towards St Josephs Walgett. All day Friday at St Josephs educated a few of us also, to the finer points of a year 5 and 6 assignments, as well as our own limitations at

gymnastics. It was great seeing the kids and staff thriving, and to be made to feel so welcome around the school environment.

Saturday we pushed on further to Goodooga, creating links whereby some kids from the town will take part in 2011 Easter camp for the first time in conjunction with the other 2 communities. It was great to see the landscape so green and full of life, the rivers full, fish being caught and the welcome of old friends.

A full report and all camp news is available in *Eddy Would Go* which will be posted next week. Regards, Steve Cooper

Edmund Rice Centre's Indigenous Programs 2011

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

Let's Talk Dhawunda: Open to teachers and educators from Armidale Catholic Schools Office as part of the Smarter Schools National Partnership Literacy Numeracy Program. Let's Talk Dhawunda is a five day (5) cross cultural immersion program that visits Aboriginal communities such as Moree, Myall Creek Massacre site, Walgett, Brewarrina, Goodooga, Lightning Ridge and Narran Lakes.

1st Semester: 21st -25th March, 2011, 2nd Semester: 29th August – 2nd September **Let's Talk Rural:** Open to all teachers and educators in all sectors. We also welcome teachers in training as well as people who are 'teachers' in non school environments. Let's Talk Rural is a seven (7) day cross cultural immersion program that visits Aboriginal communities such as Moree, Myall Creek Massacre site, Walgett, Brewarrina, Goodooga, Lightning Ridge and Narran Lakes. 10th – 17th April, 2011

Let's Talk EREA: Open to all staff working for Edmund Rice Education Australia. Let's Talk EREA is a seven (7) day cross cultural immersion program that visits Aboriginal communities such as Moree, Myall Creek Massacre site, Walgett, Brewarrina, Goodooga, Lightning Ridge and Narran Lakes. 1st – 8th May, 2011

Let's Talk Local: Open to all Year 10 & 11 students from all schools. Let's Talk Local is an eight (8) day cross cultural immersion program that visits Aboriginal communities such as Goodooga, Brewarrina, Lightning Ridge and Walgett participating in a number of cultural activities and visits to significant sites. 3rd – 11th July, 2011.

Outback: Open to all students attending Good Samaritan Colleges in Sydney and Wollongong. Let's Talk EREA is a seven (7) day cross cultural immersion program that visits Aboriginal communities such as Goodooga, Brewarrina, Lightning Ridge and Walgett participating in a number of cultural activities and visits to significant sites. 24th September – 1st October, 2011

Let's Talk SVDP: Open to Young Vinnies in the St Vincent de Paul network. Let's Talk SVDP is a seven (7) day program based in the rural Aboriginal community of Goodooga in North West NSW. The program is designed in a way to maximize the opportunity to make a hands on contribution in partnership with the local community
Date to be confirmed.

To register your interest, to apply or to enquire about further information please contact: Cassandra Gibbs, Indigenous Education Officer, Edmund Rice Centre
Phone: Mobile) 0418380702 or Office) 02) 87624215 Email: cassg@erc.org.au

Afternoon Tea for the Future:

The next Afternoon Tea For the Future will be the last one for the year 2010.

The topic for discussion is the Power of Community. We will be showing and discussing a great documentary titled "The Power of Community, How Cuba Survived Peak Oil", as our jumping off point. Cuba was forced through sudden withdrawal of its source of oil from the Soviet Union to find a way to continue to farm and grow without reliance on a ready source of oil. Community co operation and a real sense of ownership and mutual responsibility show the way for other countries to also move to a less fossil fuel energy driven future.

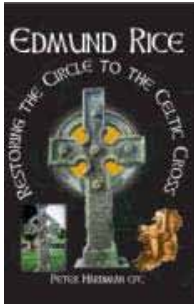
Tuesday December 7th from 2pm to 4pm at the Edmund Rice Centre, 15 Henley Rd Homebush West, near Flemington station.

Relaxed informal discussion, Donation of \$2 or \$5 depending on ability to pay.

Hope to see you there, Leonie Cornell, leoniec@erc.org.au PS: Leonie is not able to continue facilitating next year and so the invitation is out there for anyone who might be able to take this on, please contact Leonie to discuss.

Joan's fundraiser

Our very own Joan Rafferty (Health- Care Coordinator) has been in intensive training all year along with her friend Trish Davis to participate in a triathlon to raise money for Edmund Rice Annexes in NSW, supporting disadvantaged students. Please dig deep and support the "speed sister". All details below.



John Hallet's book

A beautiful new book on the life of Edmund Rice is now available, written by Br Peter Hardimann, called *Edmund Rice – Restoring the circle to the Celtic Cross*. This big, colourful and carefully researched book presents the life of Edmund Rice and his times in rich story format with many illustrations. If you would like a copy (cost \$40) please contact Donna at dmulhearn@edmundrice.org, Ph: 0488295190

Talk, hear, pray about Advent in a suffering world

A Cry of the Heart - Advent and our longing for peace
Saturday December 4, 1.30pm to 4.30pm at St Mary's Catholic Church, 21 Swanston St, Erskineville, (a 5 minute walk from Erskineville Station)

A reflection afternoon from the Justice and Peace Office with input from Margaret Wiseman and Dr Gerard Goldman as well as time for prayer and conversation.

Dr Gerard Goldman is Director of the Broken Bay Institute. He holds doctorates in both missiology and ministry, and has a particular interest in the theology of peace and reconciliation. Margaret Wiseman has been Catholic Chaplain at Silverwater Women's Correctional Centre for ten years. Refreshments provided, Please RSVP for catering purposes by Tuesday 30 November. For more information contact Chantelle on 9390 5319 or at chantelle.ogilvie@sydneycatholic.org

blessings

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“Fly free as Edmund did before you to new horizons, to the unknown, the not-yet-imagined.” Munnar Chapter, 2008



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Joan Rafferty and Trish Davis (Team - "Speed Sisters") are taking part in a Triathlon in Kurnell, Botany Bay, Sydney on 28th November, 2010. Trish will undertake the 6km run and the 20km bike ride. Joan will take on the 750 metre swim.

Joan and Trish would like to raise funds to support the outstanding services provided by Obley Education Centre in Western Sydney, The Haven on the NSW Central Coast and Eddy's Annexe at Corrimal. These Centres provide a safe and supportive learning environment for children who through no fault of their own are unable to attend mainstream schools and/or have become disconnected from affirming social networks. Teachers at the Centres aim to build authentic open relationships with these young people and their families to confirm the dignity of each and to re-establish each in mainstream schools or vocational training or employment.

Joan and Trish have been training long and hard and are hoping for a shark-free Bay, perfect weather and some slack competition! Lunatic effort but they will do their best. All you have to do is to put your hands in your pockets and pull out some sponsorship funds to support their efforts. So come on.....

Donations over \$2.00 are tax deductible.

PAYMENT:

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In order to assist the Foundation staff to issue tax deductible receipt it would be appreciated if supporters of the "Speed Sisters" could forward the following details:

Supporters name:.....

Address:

Amount of donation: \$.....

These details can be:
mailed to Edmund Rice Foundation Ltd PO Box 154 Balmain NSW 2041,
faxed to the Secretary Edmund Rice Foundation Ltd 02 9810 3033, or
e-mailed to MABourke@edmundrice.org