



# *Edmund Rice Network News*

## *NSW/ACT November 2011*

Dear friends,

November brings a long list of wonderful invitations for involvement in various justice and advocacy activities of the Edmund Rice Network. First a chance to dress up and have a great night out for a good cause at the inaugural Edmund Rice Fundraising Tapas party this Friday night and also the opportunity to have a coffee with renowned journalist and broadcaster Mike Carlton at the Edmund Rice Business Ethics Initiative Breakfast and much more, read on...

### **Business Ethics Breakfast with Mike Carlton**

Shock-jocks, self-righteous finger-pointers and other "personalities" seem to be common in today's media. Can a profession like journalism defend its own central value against corrupting forces? There are many professional journalists who take their ethical responsibilities seriously. The Edmund Rice Business Ethics Initiative invites you to breakfast with Mike Carlton, one of Australia's most experienced journalists as he reflects on some of the ethical challenges he has faced. In a 40-year career, he has been a radio and television news and current affairs reporter, foreign correspondent, radio host and newspaper columnist. He currently writes a column for the Saturday edition of the Sydney Morning Herald.

**Details:** Breakfast with Mike Carlton @ Gilbert+Tobin, 2 Park St. Sydney

Tuesday, 15th November, Start 7:30am for punctual finish @ 9:00.

Tickets: \$40, Members & Students: \$25 (incl. GST) For bookings contact Gary Wellmore, (02) 8762 4200 Email: [reception@erc.org.au](mailto:reception@erc.org.au)

### **SeeChange Program**

In December, the Edmund Rice Retreat and Conference Centre at Mulgoa will host a Oceania-wide formation program called 'See Change' focused on the link between social justice and spirituality. Three great speakers will give presentations, and on those days the retreat will be opened up to day participants as a day program.

For details go to: <http://www.edmundrice.org/See-Change>

### **Afternoon Tea For the Future, November 29**

All are welcome to Afternoon Tea For the Future on 29<sup>th</sup> November 2011 at 2pm at the Edmund Rice Centre, 15 Henley Road, near Flemington Station. Join us in discussion of a film: "**Development & Climate Change**". This is a collection of short films shown at the United Nations Climate Change Conference in Copenhagen in 2009. They cover topics such as adaptation, impacts and technology across Africa, Asia and South America. They raise awareness, share ideas, and convey important messages in a creative and engaging way. Come and discover/share any new awareness or ideas this film may impart to us. The facilitator will be Michael Ryan, a presenter of Beyond Zero Emissions. Informal discussion. Donation \$5 or \$2 depending on ability to pay. Enquiries: Email

[stephanies@erc.org.au](mailto:stephanies@erc.org.au)

### **Special Invitation to Pacific Calling Partnerships 's friends and supporters**

Please join the Edmund Rice Centre in welcoming Maria Tiimon back after her sad time grieving the death of her father with her family in Kiribati and to share stories and reflections on the actions we have been engaged in during the year on behalf of PCP. We hope to evaluate how well our actions succeeded in implementing the 2011 Strategic Plan and begin the process of laying a basis for the work of the Strategic Planning Committee when it meets again early next year. If you live too far away to come but would like to contribute, you are very welcome to send a short paragraph describing and reflecting on the PCP actions you have been involved in and we'll read it out. Eg, it would be lovely to hear something from the letter writing network which includes people from all over Australia or something from our friends who live on one of the Pacific or Torres Strait Islands.

**Date:** 10 November **Time:** 6.pm - 9.pm **Venue:** Edmund Rice Centre, 15 Henley Rd Homebush West (2 minutes from Flemington station) Light refreshments provided - if you would like to help organise the refreshments please contact Maria on 02 8762 4200 or [mariat@erc.org.au](mailto:mariat@erc.org.au) **Admission:** by donation of \$5.00

### **Pacific Calling Partnership - Youth Forum**

On the back of a great gathering at the last youth forum, a team of 5 young people has joined with Maria to organise Pacific Calling Partnership's 3rd Youth Forum

**Date:** 23 November **Time:** 6.00m - 9.00pm Light refreshments provided **Admission:** by donation of \$5.00 **Venue:** to be advised in a few days but somewhere close to public transport, the city of Sydney and where young people gather.

Would you like to help Maria and the team publicise this event or help to organise the refreshments? Please contact Maria on 02 8762 4200 or [mariat@erc.org.au](mailto:mariat@erc.org.au)

### **Volunteer Opportunity for Pre-school Teachers in East Timor**

Pre-school teachers are required as volunteers to assist Comunidade Edmund Rice's (CER) work of supporting and mentoring Timorese staff for a placement for 3, 6 or 10 months in 2012. Are you available? 8 pre-schools are currently operating with 3 Timorese staff at each. Each school operates for 3 days a week and all staff come together each Friday for training, planning and some wider networking.

Drawing on the charism of Blessed Edmund Rice, CER expresses its solidarity with the people of Timor Leste in their mission of transformation. Working with the people of Timor Leste, CER aims to promote the integral and sustainable development of the people of Timor Leste, and the land and culture, through empowerment and building right relationships. For Further Information Contact: Br Gerard Brady: Oceania Support Centre, Volunteers & Immersions : 02 98103922 [gjbrady@edmundrice.org](mailto:gjbrady@edmundrice.org)

### **New Pathways Conversation**

Oceania Province is in the process of exploring new forms of connection with and commitment to the Edmund Rice Charism, which are being called "New Pathways".

If you would like to join in this discussion, there are plans to have an Edmund Rice Network gathering in Sydney in late November or early December to host the discussion and share ideas. If you're interested in joining in the conversation please contact Donna on [dmulhearn@edmundrice.org](mailto:dmulhearn@edmundrice.org) ph 87624200



### **Launch of Australian Campaign to Ban Uranium Weapons**

Please join us on Sunday November 6<sup>th</sup> the *International Day of Action Against Depleted Uranium Weapons* to formally launch this new Australian campaign. Depleted uranium weapons destroy ecosystems leaving areas toxic causing birth deformities and cancers .

**When:** 3-4pm, Sunday November 6<sup>th</sup>

**Where:** Edmund Rice Centre, 15 Henley Rd, Homebush West, (near Flemington Station) Hear a first-hand account of the impact depleted uranium has had on communities in Iraq and about the growing world-wide movement to ban the use of these devastating weapons. Find out how together we can raise awareness

about the plight of victims, mostly women and children, and ensure their suffering never happens again. As well as planning futures actions, also:

- A message from Campaign Patron: Renowned anti-nuclear campaigner Dr Helen Caldicott
- Personal Story: Donna Mulhearn
- Plus new DVD on depleted uranium and up-to-date information on the Fallujah Project For more information, please email [acbuw@hotmail.com](mailto:acbuw@hotmail.com) or phone Donna Mulhearn, 0422 74 9319, see [www.acbuw.org](http://www.acbuw.org)

### **Songs of Meaning and Power, November 25-27**

Songs can help us build a better world: by putting common or different values, dreams and stories to music. This weekend will create time and space to raise our voices and learn some songs that kept past social movements strong, including movements for peace, liberation and civil rights. November 25-27. It will include a Concert on Friday 25 November, an informal singing session on the Saturday night, workshops and thematic song sharing circles throughout the weekend - including womens, spiritual, environmental. See <http://www.songweekend.wordpress.com> for more information.

*blessings*

*Donna*

**“The time is Now, the place is Here, We are the people!” Munnar Chapter, 2008**