



NEWS

Goulburn History Book Receives Premier's Gong

A history of St Patrick's College, Goulburn has won the Community and Regional History Prize at the NSW Premier's History Awards. Former college teacher, David Bollen's book *Up on the Hill* which provides a detailed and engaging history of the college from its foundation in 1874 through to its closure in 1999, won the \$15,000 prize.

The judge's comments on the book included the following:

Ultimately, what sets this book apart from the many entries in this category, and what demands it be recognised as the winner of the NSW Regional and Community Prize, is the manner in which the author works what is essentially an institutional history into a singular and highly successful piece of community history. Bollen skilfully evokes the sense in which the institution was itself a community. Moreover, and perhaps most impressively, he relates the history and culture of the College in terms of numerous broader factors and phenomena, including its relationship to the local regional community and its important place within the larger communities of Australian religion and education, all the while appreciating how the institution reflected and helped influence the changing nature of those communities over time. In sum, this book is an exceedingly satisfying work and an impressive example of how such histories ought to be approached.

Copies of the book are available for \$49.95 plus postage from the Oceania Support Centre in Balmain on +64 (0)2 9810 3922 or by email: mabourke@edmundrice.org

New International Webmaster

The Congregation Leadership Team is happy to announce the appointment of Br Michael Burke as the Web Editor for the international Congregation/Edmund Rice Network website. We are most grateful to Michael for accepting this responsibility for us. His role will entail the co-ordination of the flow of information from each of our 5 Provinces and two Regions to the rest of the network.

Already each Province / Region / District has a contact person to gather news and stories for this website. The website will also enable news, stories and articles from the CLT and other Congregation bodies to be circulated across the network. In these times of massive change both within our network and across our world we believe it is vital for us all to regularly share what is happening and how God is working within, among and around us.

Michael will remain resident in his home province of Africa, in Johannesburg. He hopes to begin work as Web Editor this November. We would like to express our gratitude to the African Province and the Southern African District for releasing Michael for this international role.

Michael is taking over the role from Br Michael Godfrey who initiated and carried forward the project of a new website for our international network and who has performed this work with characteristic dedication, creativity and persistence. For this we are deeply grateful and say a big "thank you" from the whole network.

Michael Burke will be working closely with Br Neil Richards who uploads the material onto the new website. Neil is currently in the process of moving from Sydney to Rome and expects to arrive at St Peter's in November. We wish him a safe journey and look forward to welcoming him in Rome.

In case you haven't yet found the new website it is: www.edmundrice.net – Br Francis Hall

ANNOUNCEMENTS

It is with much pleasure that I announce the appointment of Ms Alice McMonagle as the Edmund Rice Camps and Mentoring Program Coordinator in Brisbane.

Alice has been working with Edmund Rice Camps as the Young Adult Formation Program Coordinator and an important part of the team delivering the Edmund Rice Camps program in Brisbane. Alice completed a volunteer placement with Edmund Rice Camps, Cape Town South Africa, in 2004 and 2005.

Prior to working with Edmund Rice Camps, Brisbane, Alice worked as the Fundraising and Appeals Coordinator for the Legacy Fund of Brisbane. This experience will be important as Edmund Rice Camps nationally seek to advance fundraising and grant writing to support the development of Edmund Rice Camps.

Alice holds a Bachelor of Mass Communication and is currently studying towards a Graduate Certificate in Development Practice.

We congratulate Alice on her appointment and wish her every success in this his new role with Edmund Rice Camps and Mentoring in Brisbane.

I also acknowledge the fine contribution of Alice and the Brisbane Edmund Rice Camps and Mentoring team of Jess Marshall, Nicole Jones and Phil Shakhovskoy during this year of transition and ensuring Edmund Rice Camps continue to provide an outstanding opportunity for young people in need. – **Gerard Keating**

EVENTS

(Sydney): Business Ethics Breakfast – November 10

If you missed breakfast with Des Hasler earlier this year, you can catch him again on November 10. The Edmund Rice Business Ethics Initiative is pleased to invite you to Dooley's Catholic Club, Lidcombe for breakfast with this very successful NRL coach who is no stranger to dealing with difficult ethical problems in sport. Come and be a part of the conversation.

Tuesday, November 10, @ 7:30 am – Tickets \$40. For more information, phone +61 (0)2 8762 4219 or marissab@erc.org.au

(Melbourne): A New Heart and a New Mind – Ecological Conversion: The Challenge of the 21st Century

Earth Song will be hosting an Educators Residential program in Melbourne in November at the Edmund Rice Centre Amberley, 7 Amberley Way, Lower Plenty from Wednesday November 18 to Friday November 20.

This seminar will explore current understandings of the origin and nature of the universe as a basis for opening up fresh insights into the place and role of the human within a “single, sacred community” (Thomas Berry).

The fee for the seminar is \$395. This cost includes accommodation, meals, presenters fees and materials. Cheques are payable to EarthSong Project.

(Melbourne): Face to Faith Invitation

Edmund Rice Education Australia in conjunction with the Tony Blair Faith Foundation invites you to come and gather with educators and faith leaders for an evening reception on the eve of the first teacher training workshop in Australia for the ground breaking interfaith global educational program – Face to Faith.

The aim of Face to Faith is to increase religious literacy among young people by providing them with the opportunity to connect with those of a different faith and culture to discuss key global issues.

Where: EREA National Office, 9 The Vaucluse, Richmond. RSVP to Madeline.kift@erea.edu.au

(Brisbane): Aquinas Lecture 2009

Professor Anthony Kelly CSsR will deliver the Aquinas Lecture 2009 at ACU Brisbane campus on Monday November 23, 2009 at 5.30pm. RSVP (Acceptances only) to Roslyn Gibson on +61 (0)7 3623 7563 or aquinas.lecture.rsvp@acu.edu.au by November 13.

POSITIONS VACANT

Training and Formation Officer – ER Camps and Mentoring - Brisbane

Edmund Rice Camps and Mentoring – Brisbane is a charitable organisation that provides a variety of services and programs to support the development of young people in need. Edmund Rice Camps and Mentoring – Brisbane have operated in Queensland since 1992 and are part of several Edmund Rice Camps entities organised by the Christian Brothers ministries throughout the Oceania Province.

The **Training and Formation Officer** is part of the operational support team for the organisation and is responsible for the management and development of a variety of training and formation activities for Edmund Rice Camps staff and volunteers. These are designed to enhance, support and best utilise their skills to deliver and develop programs and activities that enhance the organisation's commitment and outreach to the poor and marginalised through the personal development of young people.

For more information on the position and selection criteria, please go to www.edmundrice.org

If you are interested in the position, please submit your CV and covering letter addressing the selection criteria to: - The Regional Coordinator – Formation at hr@edmundrice.org or mail to PO Box 923, Indooroopilly, Qld 4068.

Applications close 5.00pm AEST, Tuesday November 19 2009.

OCEANIA UPDATES

Oceania Updates is distributed by email every fortnight to Brothers, members of the wider Edmund Rice Network (ERN) and interested groups and individuals. Its purpose is to provide regular news and information on the Oceania Province, its people, places and happenings as well as on Congregation issues.

Please send any material for *Oceania Updates* to the Province Communications Manager, Tom Cranitch at tacranitch@edmundrice.org or +61 (0)7 3261 9675.