



**EDMUND RICE EDUCATION  
AUSTRALIA**

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**From the EREA Council**

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### **The First Annual General Meeting of Edmund Rice Education Australia**

Greetings to all in Edmund Rice Education Australia. During this past week the first Annual General Meeting of Edmund Rice Education Australia was held. The proposed Constitution for EREA requires the EREA Council to hold an AGM at about this time in the year with the participation of the EREA Board.

On Tuesday evening we gathered in the beautiful chapel at Christian Brothers College, Adelaide to celebrate the Eucharist. Present were the members of the Council, Board, Executive, together with the Principals and Board Chairs of our Adelaide schools: St Paul's, Gilles Plains; Rostrevor College, Woodforde; CBC, Adelaide. The latter provided for us a clear reminder of the people whom EREA has been established to serve. Fr Peter Gardiner CP presided at the Mass which followed the theme of the day's readings. We were challenged to consider how is each of us, indeed how is Edmund Rice Education Australia, taking up the challenge of Jesus to his disciples to be salt for the earth and light for the world. The celebration involving national and local elements of EREA continued with a meal together.

The Annual General Meeting itself was held on Wednesday morning in the Spirituality Room at Rostrevor College. The reports of the President and Board Chair were tabled. Mr Des Powell and I spoke to some of the elements of our report. These reports reflected on the culture being established in EREA and how EREA is fulfilling the role that has been given to it by the Christian Brothers. The reports will be provided in the 2009 Annual Report which is in the final stages of preparation. The annual audited accounts for EREA were also tabled and signed at the meeting. Br Julian McDonald, the acting OLT liaison person, was present for the meeting and offered his reflections on the development of EREA together with encouragement for the continued work of this ministry of the Province.

After the AGM the Council and the Board had further time to work together to consider our roles and the future direction of EREA. There was also time to meet separately to address matters on our own agendas. We are conscious of the trust given to us by the Brothers and their support which has been fundamental to all that we do.

We are very thankful for the hospitality shown by the Principals and Board Chairs of the schools and their making available the facilities for our meeting. Their presence was a reminder for us of all the people in the communities associated with our schools and educational facilities across the nation.

May the blessings of God and the inspiration of Blessed Edmund Rice be with us always.

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