



Inspiration for Mission 2015

Formation Programs

*Pathways Toward Presence,
Compassion and Liberation*



Oceania Province
Christian Brothers

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INTRODUCTION

Greetings to all within our Edmund Rice Communities in Oceania Province! Please accept this document as an invitation to be actively involved in a variety of Formation experiences on offer during 2015.

Formation for Mission is a canonical responsibility of the Oceania Province Leadership Team and as such it is articulated, communicated and promoted as a priority of the Mission Directorate. Formation gives us an understanding of our collective purpose as well as providing opportunities for personal growth, professional support and a sense of belonging. It is essential therefore that each individual has access to formation opportunities at a level appropriate to their role, their circumstance and their need. Meeting the needs of the community to which the individual belongs is equally critical, and this will often mean that there is an expectation on an individual to complete a formation experience for the good of the community.

The programs and opportunities identified within this booklet do not exhaust the scope of formation services which regional personnel can provide. Often the most successful formation experiences are those that are tailored to suit the needs and particular interest of the audience. The people working within each region are eager to work with leaders within ministries, associate groups, volunteer groups and schools to develop and facilitate experiences that are sensitive to the diversity within each group and directed to meeting the particular goals of the group.

Needless to say, the formation experiences offered are always professionally planned, coordinated and delivered by well qualified and experienced formation facilitators/presenters. Therefore it is appropriate that the communities budget for these experiences in a manner which respects the quality of the professional service being provided. That said, pastoral and financial consideration will always be given to groups who have limited access to funding.

To support communities in their financial discernment, the table that follows presents some fee for service guidelines that might help clarify expectations and make it easier for all parties to enter into dialogue about 'tailor made' formation provision with confidence. Please note that preparation time is included in the cost charts set out below. Factors such as audience size, resource requirements, travel times and follow up requirements will determine where the final cost might be within the range indicated.

Formation Service Fee (Edmund Rice Ministries and Groups)

	Per Day	Per Half Day
Province Governed Ministry*	\$175-250	\$125-\$200
Province Affiliated/Sponsored Ministry*	\$250-\$350	\$175-\$250
Edmund Rice Group	By Negotiation/Donation	
NFP Organisation – not funded	\$150-\$300	\$100-\$125
Outside Group - funded	\$800-\$1000	\$400-\$500

**These fees will be partly determined by the nature of funding available to the Ministry*

Formation Services Fee (School Communities)

	Per Day	Half Day	Student Per Day	Student Half Day
EREA	\$500-\$750	\$250-\$400	\$400-\$500	\$200-\$250
Associate	\$550-\$800	\$300-\$425	\$430-\$550	\$225-\$275
CEO	\$600-\$850	\$350-\$450	\$450-600	\$250-\$300
Other	To be negotiated	To be negotiated	To be negotiated	To be negotiated

INTERNATIONAL FORMATION

Internship - GENEVA

Edmund Rice International (ERI) is a non-governmental organisation (NGO) which works at the international level to promote and protect the rights of children and young people particularly in regard to education. Care for the environment is a value that is embedded in all that ERI does.

The internship aims to:

- Offer an enriching and educational experience for individuals that provides insight into advocacy for human rights at an international level.
- Contribute to the holistic growth of the individual, particularly in regard to justice and spirituality and to encourage participation in human rights advocacy.
- Build capacity within the Edmund Rice Network.

The internship is located with ERI and works out of the office shared with our partner organisations Franciscans International (FI) and the Marists (FMSI) in Geneva, Switzerland. The duration of internship is normally for periods of 2 – 6 months at a mutually suitable time.

Information on the Internship Program and how to go about applying is to be found on the ERI website <http://www.edmundriceinternational.org/policies/eri-internvolunteer-policy>

Edmund Rice International Online Course

'Acting Justly' is an Edmund Rice International course designed to raise awareness and promote more effective global action for justice. The online course aims to:

- Assist in developing an 'advocacy' mindset.
- Promote a greater understanding of the work of Edmund Rice International.
- Promote a deeper understanding and appreciation of Catholic Social Justice Tradition, and the ideals and work of the United Nations.

The course is open to anyone and there is **no charge for participating**. To access the course and register, please email Brian Bond at bpbond@edmundrice.org or for more information go to <http://ericourse.org/course/>

Cross-Cultural Engagement Volunteer Program

The Cross Cultural Engagement Volunteer Program enables those within the Edmund Rice Network to:

- Be in mutual relationship with people through cross-cultural experiences.
- Engage in relationships that support communities to advocate for Human and Earth rights.
- Gain a deeper insight into the reality of our world.

The Volunteer program engages a participant in a full-time residential placement within a single community for a period in excess of two months. The placement might be local, national or overseas based but must be within a cultural setting different from the participant's dominant cultural experience.

For further information contact the local Province Coordinator in your region of residence. (Listed on page 2)

PROVINCE BASED

Edmund Rice Geneva and Ireland Pilgrimage (in partnership with EREA)

The Pilgrimage commences in Geneva and concludes in Ireland. During the program participants will have the opportunity to:

- Study human rights education and advocacy and experience the work of ERI and the United Nations first hand in Geneva.
- Walk the very streets that Edmund walked and visit the places of his birth, life and death in Ireland.
- Explore Celtic spirituality and Irish Church in the sacred landscape of Glendalough.
- Encounter the richness of Irish culture and the magic of the Irish landscape.
- Explore the story of the Presentation Brothers (who are recognised as Edmund founders), and the stories of Nano Nagle and the Presentation Sisters and Catherine McAuley and the Sisters of Mercy.
- Experience the hospitality of these religious communities.

Costing: The approximate costs for 2015 would be \$4,500 plus airfares to Europe.

Enquiries: Luke Edwards: luke.edwards@erea.edu.au or Phone: 03 9426 3215

Dates: 21 September - 5 October , 2015



NATIONAL FORMATION NEW ZEALAND

Oceania Province personnel based in New Zealand are available to develop and facilitate formation experiences for New Zealand Edmund Rice Network groups. What follows is a guide only and options are not limited to these offerings. Invited guests may be considered to enrich and develop further formation opportunities.

Identity development options for volunteers and organisation staff members:

- Edmund Rice 101 - The story of Edmund Rice and the principles of life, work and spirituality that are features of an Edmund Rice group or organisation.
- Edmund Rice 202 - Unpacking the Edmund Rice ministry characteristics: 1. Acknowledging the sacredness of life; 2. Being in right relationship with the others and the earth; 3. Leadership in social justice; 4. Community and hospitality; 5. Cross-cultural awareness.
- The Universe Story - Spirituality in the 21st century. A reflective process awakening and inviting us to reflect on life and faith in the context of the vast age of the universe.
- Drawn by Connection, Destined for Life: Living with a new consciousness and a new reality. A reflective process for groups and individuals drawing on the writings of Teilhard de Chardin, Thomas Berry and other local contemporary writers.

Cross-Cultural Immersions (India, Philippines, Africa, and beyond)

Preparation, celebration and re-entry reflections are offered to schools, ministries and individuals.

- What is cultural immersion?
- Why? How? Where?
- The impact of cross-cultural immersion.

Awareness, Advocacy and Action

- The Compassionate Companion – the aims of advocacy from an ER perspective
- Coordination of services are offered to support:
 - Preparation: Reflection opportunities as one begins to engage with social issues.
 - Companionship: Celebration and reflection during the advocacy journey.
 - Discernment: When is my work done? The challenge of moving on.

The National Edmund Rice Network Conference

Dates for 2015 to be advised. This event is coordinated on behalf of the Edmund Rice Network of New Zealand and developed in consultation with the Edmund Rice Network Commission, whose members are the executive leadership personnel of every Edmund Rice group, school and ministry in New Zealand.

Community groups providing formation opportunities

Auckland Reflection Group – Weekly gathering on a Monday night, primarily for young adults.

Rotorua – Monthly gathering - focus on scripture – First Monday of the month – primarily for older adults.

Christchurch – Varying meeting times, open to all ages.

Oamaru – Monthly gathering - primarily for older adults.

For more information or to join a group, please contact Damaris Kingdon or Cathy Harrison via the NZ Edmund Rice Centre, phone +64 (09)638 7003 or AdminNZ@edmundrice.org

NATIONAL FORMATION AUSTRALIA

CORE NATIONAL PROGRAMS

The following four programs are coordinated in partnership with EREA and reflect the value of participants from both entities sharing experiences that broaden the understanding of the Edmund Rice Network. Regional dates will be confirmed in the promotional material circulated in 2014. All enquiries should be directed to the Regional Coordinator.

A Place of Beginnings (Galilee)

- Target Audience:** This program has been designed for all members of staff who have not worked in Edmund Rice Ministries or Catholic schools in the Edmund Rice Tradition before. We encourage the participation of all staff in this program.
- Descriptor:** The program provides an opportunity to meet people from a variety of ministries and schools and to listen to their stories. It gives people the opportunity to see how their own story is part of stories: Creation; the Gospel of Jesus and the response of Edmund Rice to that Gospel. It allows participants to reflect on how they can participate in this work of *Presence, Compassion and Liberation*.
- Format:** This is a two day program in Eastern, Northern and Southern Regions whilst being a 3 day program in the Western Region.

Encounters with the Sacred (Mt Sinai)

- Target Audience:** This program has been designed for all members of staff who have been working in Ministries or Catholic schools in the Edmund Rice tradition for at least five years. We encourage the participation of all staff, including support staff, in this program.
- Descriptor:** Mt Sinai provides people with opportunities for personal reflection, conversation with people from other ministries and schools, reflection on stories that give us a sense of identity, as well as a chance to look to the future. It provides space and opportunity to consider encounters with the sacred in one life and work environment in the world.
- Format:** This is a two day, non-residential program in Eastern, Southern and Western Regions whilst being a residential program in the Northern Region.
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The Call to Leadership (Into the Deep)

Target Audience: This program has been designed for personnel in middle management positions or those aspiring to leadership.

Descriptor: The Into the Deep program provides participants with an opportunity to meet and connect with other people called to the service of leadership. It seeks to provide an atmosphere for sharing, reflection and exploration of the nature of leadership and to see how our work today sits alongside the work of Jesus of Nazareth and Edmund Rice as well as the many who have followed their example. This is not always easy work and sometimes calls us out into the depths we may not have imagined, but as Luke assures us in his Gospel, it is full of possibility.

Format: This is a two day residential program in all regions..

Leading for Liberation (Break Every Yoke)

Target Audience: This program has been designed for Ministry Leaders, Board Members, Principals, Deputies, Business Managers, and those in senior positions of leadership.

Descriptor: The Break Every Yoke Program provides people engaged in the service of leadership at a senior level with opportunities for personal reflection, dialogue with other leaders and reflection on the stories that shape our identity as well as the opportunity to engage with people of other faith and cultural traditions and those on the margins. It offers participants the opportunity to experience contemporary responses to the pressing issues of our time. It calls us to take seriously the words of the prophet Isaiah who reminds us of God's vision of compassion, justice and peace that is also at the heart of the Gospel.

Format: This is a three day residential program in all regions. Southern and Western Regions combine with the program at the ER Centre Amberley in Victoria.

NATIONAL PROGRAM DATES

	<i>Eastern</i>	<i>Northern</i>	<i>Southern</i>	<i>West SA</i>	<i>West WA</i>
A Place of Beginnings (Galilee)	27 & 28 April 1 & 2 June	19 & 20 March 30 April & 1 May 21 & 22 May	23 & 24 July 10 & 11 September	5 & 6 March 7 & 8 May 6 & 13 Nov	23 & 24 March 18 & 19 May 18 & 19 Nov
Encounters with the Sacred (Mt Sinai)	26 & 27 October	14—16 October	12 & 13 March	30 & 31 July	10 & 11 August
The Call to Leadership (Into the Deep)	20 & 21 July	27-29 May 26-28 August	25 & 26 May	11 & 12 June	10 & 11 September
Leading for Liberation (Break Every Yoke)	19—21 August	11—13 March	Combined Southern and Western Regions 4 to 6 March		

NATIONAL FORMATION AUSTRALIA continued

Skilled Facilitator Program 2015

31 May - 5 June

Focus:	Skilled Facilitation
Target Audience:	For those who lead others and who wish to better understand and practise the art and skill of empowering groups.
Descriptor:	The Art of Skilled Facilitation – an intensive workshop in process facilitation. This six day intensive workshop caters for those beginning and those who are experienced in facilitating groups. It offers theory and tools as well as opportunities from which self-confidence and competence can grow.
Facilitator:	Paula Sgherza
Venue	Edmund Rice Centre Amberley, Melbourne, Victoria
Cost:	En-suite rooms \$1570, communal bathrooms \$1460. A 10% discount available for the Edmund Rice Network and EREA.

Spirituality Program for Boards, Groups or Teams

Dates to be negotiated

Focus:	Spirituality
Target Audience:	Boards, Groups and Teams
Descriptor:	<p>This program of five sessions is designed to assist Edmund Rice Ministry Boards, Groups or operational teams to nurture the spirituality that both the group and individuals hold.</p> <p>Completion of the five sessions in this program will help Ministry teams define their sense of mission, explore the movement of the creative spirit of God, promote authentic community engagement and right relationship.</p> <p>Five Sessions include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Exploring personal and Group Identity. 2. Exploring the Group's Vocation and Mission. 3. Capturing the Reality – the Life, Death and Resurrection cycle. 4. Reflecting on the Power Cycle. 5. Creating a History Line to further deepen the Team's Spirituality. <p>The program can be conducted across 5 individual meetings (30 minutes per session) or over an intensive one day program</p>
Venue	To be tailored for your particular ministry
Cost:	By negotiation
Contact:	Contact your local Regional Coordinator for details

Just Speaker Engagement

Edmund Rice Centre guest speakers are available both locally and interstate to provide Conference presentations, Seminars, Training Programs, Forums and School and Community group workshops.

National Speakers include:

Phil Glendenning
Director

Phil is a passionate educator and advocate for human rights for those most marginalised in our society. Phil has been the Director since 1996, and is widely known and respected in the media and political arenas, both nationally and internationally. He has led research projects and campaigns on the situation of Asylum Seekers and Refugees as well as being co-founder and National President of Australians for Native Title and Reconciliation (ANTaR).

Jill Finnane
Eco-Justice and
Climate Change

Since 2004 Jill has coordinated the Eco-Justice and Pacific Calling initiatives. She has a wide background in teaching, community education in fair trade, sustainable development and permaculture, the impact of climate change.

Marie Timon
Pacific Calling
Spokesperson

Marie Timon is from the Pacific Island Nation of Kiribati, a region most at risk from the effects of climate change. She works to build understanding of decisions industrialised societies need to make to limit the impact of climate change on the lives of the people of these islands.

Cassandra Gibbs
Indigenous
Programs

A Gamilaraay Woman from Goodooga, in north-western New South Wales, Cassandra is the Indigenous Education Officer. Since 1999 she has been part of the Centre's 'Let's Talk' initiatives to build reconciliation through engagement and dialogue.

John Sweeney
Business Ethics

Since 2005, John has coordinated the Business Ethics initiative as a contribution to improving and widening the public discussion of ethics inside and outside business, public life and work. He is engaged in teaching and research on human rights and social justice issues.

Cost:

The Edmund Rice Centre is a not for profit organisation which relies on the payment of fees for its services to support its operation. Fees for speakers include preparation, presentation and local travel. Interstate travel is at the cost of the recipient. Fees are negotiable on a case by case basis (refer page 13 for guidance).

For further information please contact Justice and Community Education Centre
on 02 8762 4200 or email erc@erc.org.au



Eastern Region Personnel

Br Vince Skelly

Regional Coordinator
Dip.T. B.Ed., M.Ed.L.,
MA. Theol, ATCL FAIM,
MACE, MACEL.

Vince Skelly has been a member of the Christian Brothers since 1968. He has been Principal/ Headmaster/Deputy of a variety of schools including Boarding, Single Sex and Co-educational and has taught from Years' 5-12.

He completed a Masters in Educational Leadership and Master of Arts (Theology) through ACU with an overseas component.

His recent ministry was as Rector of St Leo's Catholic Men's Residential College at the University of Queensland for ten years.

Currently he is the Regional Coordinator for the Mission Directorate in NSW/ACT.

Br Michael Walsh

Formation Consultant
BA (UNE), Graduate
Diploma of Religious,
Education (Dundalk,
Ireland), Master of
Education (ACU).

Michael Walsh was born in Sydney 1939. He joined the Christian Brothers 1957 and has taught in CB schools for forty years. In the last fifteen years he has been in a leadership role as Principal. From 2002 he coordinated the retreat team at Mulgoa facilitating retreats and leaders' programs.

Since 2007 he has been working as a consultant with EREA in the work of spiritual formation of teachers involved in the planning and delivery of all its programs.

Br Kevin McDonnell

Adult Educator BSc,
MSc, PhD.

Kevin McDonnell has studied in geology and in addition, completed numerous courses over the past 40 years, ranging from short courses to one-year sabbatical programs (in Rome, Jerusalem, Cambridge MA and Exeter UK) in biblical studies, eco-biblical studies and ecotheology spirituality. Since the mid-1970's he has led workshops in these and related areas for adults, mainly teachers and others in the Edmund Rice Network in Australia, together with leading the Catholic Biblical College in South Africa where he taught biblical studies and led formation programs for young adults.

For more information about programs and services available in the Eastern Region, please contact Vince Skelly, phone 02 9556 7021 or vskelly@edmundrice.org

EASTERN REGION PROGRAMS

Wonderful World - Cosmos/Fire/Fish

23-24 May, 5-6 Sept, 7-8 Nov

Focus:	ECO Spirituality
Target Audience:	Edmund Rice Network, CRA and beyond.
Descriptor:	A suite of three weekend programs aimed at educating people in aspects of earth care and growing awareness of a spirituality of Earth. Titles for the program are Cosmos, Fire and Fish utilising the environment of the Blue Mountains region. Maximum: 20.
Facilitator:	Br Kevin McDonnell
Venue	Edmund Rice Retreat and Conference Centre, Mulgoa
Cost:	\$190; Day Attendance \$130

Wonderful World – Young Leaders

August

Focus:	ECO Spirituality
Target Audience:	Edmund Rice Network, ACU and by invitation. Maximum: 20.
Descriptor:	A two day program for young leaders already engaged with Edmund Rice ministry or similar, drawing on a spirituality of the Earth and the Edmund story, enabling a personal growth and encouraging a deeper engagement with leadership as ministry.
Facilitator:	Br Vince Skelly and Br Kevin McDonnell
Venue	Edmund Rice Retreat and Conference Centre, Mulgoa
Cost:	\$190; Day Attendance \$130



EASTERN REGION PROGRAMS

Edmund Rice Centre for Justice and Community Education

The Edmund Rice Centre for Justice and Community Education is committed to the promotion of Human Rights, Social Justice and Eco Justice, through research, community education, advocacy and networking with Indigenous people, Refugees and Asylum Seekers, Pacific People affected by climate change and marginalised groups in society. Its educational programs and resources include:

“Let’s Talk”

- “Let’s Talk Local” – immersion project in Indigenous communities for young people.
- Workshops on reconciliation and Indigenous rights.

Care for The Earth

- Workshops applying the principles of the Earth Charter to work, home and school
- Afternoon Tea for the Future – workshops on Eco Justice Issues
- Pacific Calling Partnership – Human Rights and the impact of climate change

International Immersions

- International Immersions focused on reconciliation, human rights, and the preferential option for the poor in Latin America, South Asia and Africa.
- Internships for students studying at universities in Sydney and overseas.

Business Ethics Initiative

- Fair trade promotions and sales at conferences, schools and community gatherings.
- Education workshops - values and ethics in the work place.

ERC Research, Publications and Resources

- ‘Deported to Danger’ Vol. I and II: Analysis of deported asylum seekers.
- ‘A Well Founded Fear’ – DVD Encounters with Asylum Seekers deported from Australia.
- ‘Towards Coexistence’ – Research into Native Title and Reconciliation.
- E newsletter activities, media releases; coming events; fortnightly email to subscribers.
- ERC website: www.erc.org.au .
- ‘The Hungry Tide’ DVD Kiribati and Global Warming - DVD (primary and secondary/adult).
- ‘Turn Down the Heat’ music CD.
- Pacific Calling Partnership Resource Book.
- Asylum Seeker and Refugee Education Resource (Activities for Students).

Community Education Programs

- Presentations for community groups, parishes, schools and universities.
- Teacher In-services on Social Justice and Human Rights.
- Australian Catholic University – School of Education.

Northern Region Personnel

Gerard Keating Regional Coordinator	Gerard is the Regional Coordinator, Oceania Province Mission Directorate. He has a broad leadership experience in both school and office roles. He has had many years' experience in the development and delivery of staff formation and professional development programs and has a particular interest in forming authentic leaders. Gerard has tertiary qualifications in Science, Outdoor Education, Education, Religious Education and Theology.
Br Jim D'Arcy Regional Networking and Advocacy Coordinator	Br Jim is the Regional Networking and Advocacy Coordinator and has a passion for working with local Indigenous Elders to allow them to share some of the stories of Indigenous People in South East Queensland with the Edmund Rice network and beyond. Br Jim has tertiary qualifications in Education, Religion and Theology.
Uncle Joe Kirk Indigenous Elder of the Turrbul People	Uncle Joe is a respected Indigenous Elder of the Turrbul people. He is also a Cherbourg Elder. In recent times he has been an Indigenous Education Worker at St Edmund's College, Ipswich.
Br Tony Hemenstall	Br Tony has been a teacher, counsellor, formator, spiritual director and member of a Province Leadership team. He has been one of the key leaders of the Congregations growing understanding of the new cosmology and its implications for spirituality and religious life. Tony has many qualifications but in 2011 completed a sabbatical that included study with Brian Swimme.
Denis McLaughlin Associate Professor	Denis is a gifted academic and educator in the School of Education at the Australian Catholic University. He is also passionate about ensuring our Edmund Rice places are authentic. He is the author of the 2007 book on Edmund Rice, 'The Price of Freedom'.
Anita Hendrie Regional Mission Team Consultant	Anita has experience in education, youth ministry, leadership development and retreat facilitation. She has also been involved in a number of justice and outreach programs. She is passionate about social justice and empowering others to make a difference in the community. Anita has tertiary qualifications in education, arts and theology.

For more information about programs and services available in the Northern Region, please contact Gerard Keating, phone 07 3621 9645 or gikeating@edmundrice.org



NORTHERN REGION PROGRAMS

New Street Revisited - Exploring the Beginnings of Edmund's Mission

30 August to 2 September

Focus:	Leadership Formation
Target Audience:	Leaders and aspiring leaders.
Descriptor:	<p>A residential program for leaders and aspiring leaders who wish to engage more fully in Edmund's mission today. This formation program is an opportunity to break open the Edmund story and his response to the Jesus story. There will be time for making connections with this story, the kingdom story and your own personal story in the context of the directions of the Christian Brothers.</p> <p>ACU Masters Accreditation—Satisfactory completion of a dissertation that is directly related to New Street Revisited, the course enables students in a Masters in Educational Leadership Course to gain a Unit credit.</p>
Facilitator:	Associate Professor Denis McLaughlin and Gerard Keating.
Venue	TBA
Cost:	\$840 per person (approximate).

Mt Sion Revisited - Exploring the Mission of Jesus as the Foundation of Edmund's Mission

2—5 August

Focus:	A residential program for leaders and aspiring leaders who have completed New Street Revisited.
Target Audience:	Leaders and aspiring leaders.
Descriptor:	<p>This 4 day formation program continues the journey begun on New Street Revisited and explores further Edmund's mission in the context of the scriptural and theological understandings of the Jesus story.</p> <p>By returning one year after New Street Revisited, participants will share stories of their attempts to bring Edmund's mission, as part of God's mission, alive in their work and life.</p> <p>ACU Masters Accreditation—Satisfactory completion of a dissertation that is directly related to New Street Revisited, the course enables students in a Masters in Educational Leadership Course to gain a Unit credit.</p>
Facilitator:	Associate Professor Denis McLaughlin and Gerard Keating.
Venue	TBA
Cost:	\$880 per person (approximate).

NORTHERN REGION PROGRAMS

Indigenous Cultural Course – Breaking open some of the local Indigenous history

22-24 July

Focus:	Aboriginal Story of South East Queensland.
Target Audience:	Indigenous and non-Indigenous staff in Ministries and Schools.
Descriptor:	This three-day course is focused on the Aboriginal story of South East Queensland and in particular the story of Cherbourg. It is aimed at both Indigenous and non-Indigenous staff in EREA schools, Flexible Learning Centres, Province ministries centres or people from the wider Edmund Rice Network. The course has been designed in consultation with the Catholic Murri Ministry and involves presentations from Indigenous people who are well respected in their fields. A key part of the program is a journey to and visits with the Cherbourg Indigenous Community
Facilitator:	Br Jim D’Arcy and Gerard Keating. Guest Indigenous Speakers from various fields including local history, native title and education.
Venue	TBA
Cost:	\$800 per person (approximate) including meals and accommodation in Murgon.

An Emerging Spirituality for the 21st Century Part One: The Divine Milieu Breaking open the story of the Universe as our foundational story

31 May – 2 June

16-18 August

Focus:	Cosmology and Spirituality.
Target Audience:	Staff groups to gain an initial insight into the New Cosmology and Emerging Spirituality for the 21 st Century program.
Descriptor:	This is part one of a three part journey to deepen participants understanding of their understanding of the new story of the universe and the implications for our understanding of the mystery we call God. This program in particular looks at the work of Thomas Berry and Brian Swimme and also attempts to look at the sacred texts of creation stories in the light of this new scientific understanding of creation. Participants are encouraged to continue onto the part two and three phases of the program in the following years. Duration of part 1 is 3 days (2 nights) live in.
Facilitator:	Facilitator – Br Tony Hemenstall and Gerard Keating.
Venue	The Archer, Eco-spirituality Centre, near Woodford.
Cost:	TBA

NORTHERN REGION PROGRAMS

An Emerging Spirituality for the 21st Century

3-5 May

Part Two: Our Cosmic Reality– Earth Our Home

Our relationship with our cosmic home, Earth

Focus:	Cosmology and Spirituality.
Target Audience:	Staff groups to gain an initial insight into the New Cosmology and Emerging Spirituality for the 21st century program.
Descriptor:	This is part 2 of the three part program described above.
Facilitator:	Br Tony Hempenstall and Gerard Keating. Guest Indigenous Speakers from various fields including local history, native title and education.
Venue	The Archer, Eco Spirituality Centre, near Woodford.
Cost:	TBA

An Emerging Spirituality for the 21st Century

22 –24 March

Part Three: The Sacred Universe

Our understanding of the Jesus story in the light of the new Universe Story

Focus:	Cosmology and Spirituality.
Target Audience:	Staff groups to gain an initial insight into the New Cosmology and Emerging Spirituality for the 21st century program.
Descriptor:	This 3 day (2 night) program builds on the part 1 and part 2 programs and looks at the implications for our understanding of spirituality, Jesus and our mission in the world in the light of this New Cosmology.
Facilitator:	Br Tony Hempenstall and Gerard Keating.
Venue	The Archer, Eco-spirituality Centre, near Woodford.
Cost:	TBA



An Emerging Spirituality - Short Sessions

A brief introduction into the Universe Story

Focus:	Cosmology and Spirituality.
Target Audience:	Staff or community groups to gain an initial insight into the New Cosmology and Emerging Spirituality for the 21st century program.
Descriptor:	This is a short session that looks at 3 different ways of understanding the creation of our universe. It is designed to invite people into exploring the implications of our own foundational story on our spirituality, but also ignite interest in attending the full Emerging Spirituality for the 21st Century program.
Duration:	Length of Program: 1.5 to 2 hours.
Dates:	By Invitation and negotiation
Facilitator:	Gerard Keating.
Venue	By negotiation.
Cost:	By negotiation.



Southern Region Personnel

- Peter Hay**
Formation Coordinator
- Peter is a trained Spiritual Director who has a passion for leading people into experiences that will be transforming. His interests include Ecology and Spirituality and Cross-Cultural engagement. As the Director of Edmund Rice Centre, Amberley he has experience in facilitating retreats and a wide range of formation programs. He has a Master of Arts - Spiritual Direction and Degrees in Theology and Arts.
- Olga Buttigieg**
- Olga has extensive experience and training in facilitation of retreat experiences, particularly in relation to being present to the sacred story of earth, the labyrinth, meditation and interfaith dialogue. At Amberley, Olga assists in the leading of EREA programs, the Yingadi Aboriginal Immersion, the facilitation of a series of Stillness and Silence days as well as engaging in a range of initiatives relating to spirituality and interfaith dialogue. Olga has a doctorate in Spirituality.
- Anthony Cocomazzo**
- Anthony is the coordinator of the Amberley Ministry Team in 2015. He facilitates and coordinates the schools' Ministry Retreat program, the City Justice Walks, Refugee Realities programs and has developed an Edmund Rice retreat day for students. Anthony has completed his Bachelor of Education with ACU. In 2013, Anthony participated in the Tutembee Pamoja, East African Cross Cultural Immersion.
- Andrew Gurrisi**
- Andrew is employed part-time to assist in the planning and facilitation of the Tutembee Pamoja Immersion. He is a passionate contributor to the Edmund Rice Camp program and has been a participant in the Tutembee Pamoja cross-cultural Immersion.
- Jessica Kustura**
- Jessica is employed part-time to assist with the Ministry Retreat program and the Tutembee Pamoja Immersion to East Africa. Jessica has been engaged in Edmund Rice Camps for a number of years and is a participant in the 2015 Tutembee Pamoja Immersion.
- Andrew Lansdell**
- Andrew coordinates the Yingadi Aboriginal Immersion. He has undertaken training as a Skilled Facilitator and has completed tertiary studies in Sports Science. Andrew has participated in previous cross-cultural experiences conducted through Amberley.

For more information about programs and services available in the Southern Region, please contact Peter Hay, phone 039439 82822 or peter@amberley.org.au



SOUTHERN REGION PROGRAMS

Yingadi Aboriginal Immersion

5 programs in 2015

16 - 20 March, 20 – 24 April, 4 – 8 May, 22 – 26 June, 10 – 14 April

Focus:	Aboriginal Spirituality.
Target Audience:	Those members of our community with a thirst to explore more deeply Aboriginal culture, spirituality and history.
Descriptor:	Yingadi is an invitation to come and be with Vicki and her family on Mutthi Mutthi Country, to listen and learn from them and to experience the sacredness of the lands through which we travel. On this journey we connect strongly with the stories of Vicki's mum Joan and grandma Alice. Our Yingadi Immersion will contain three key experiences: being at Balranald; being at Lake Mungo; and being at Coomealla.
Facilitator:	TBA
Venue	Balranald, Lake Mungo and Coomealla
Cost:	\$950 (exc GST) per participant

Tutembee Pamoja – East African Immersion

January 2015

Focus:	Cross Cultural Engagement.
Target Audience:	Young adults connected to the Edmund Rice Network.
Descriptor:	Tutembee Pamoja offers the opportunity to volunteer alongside passionate and creative Eddie Ricers from Nairobi and Arusha. This includes undertaking two short-term placements with grassroots community organisations and volunteering on two East African Edmund Rice Camps. Tutembee Pamoja is a month long program, with two weeks in Nairobi, Kenya and two weeks in Arusha, Tanzan.
Facilitator:	TBA
Venue	East Africa
Cost:	\$4200 approximately (including airfares).



SOUTHERN REGION PROGRAMS

Stillness and Silence Days

16 May, 8 August, 28 November

Focus:	Spiritual Awareness.
Target Audience:	Edmund Rice Network.
Descriptor:	The Stillness and Silence Days are an invitation to slow down and experience connectedness. Following the insight of Ainslie Mears, these days invite participants to sit quietly, for it is in quietness that we grow. The day includes meditation, a labyrinth walk, creative exploration of our own life, and connecting to nature through a Presence Walk.
Facilitator:	Olga Buttigieg – olga@amberley.org.au or (03) 9439 8282.
Venue	Edmund Rice Centre, Amberley.
Cost:	\$60 which includes lunch (concession always available).

Ministry Retreats/Justice Retreats

Focus:	
Target Audience:	Senior Secondary Students and Young Adults.
Descriptor:	<p>The Ministry Retreat Program is a two or three-day immersion style retreat. Based in the inner city, the participants in these retreats are provided with a unique opportunity to engage with groups of disadvantaged and marginalized people. This experience helps the students gain insights and deepen their understanding of the pressing social justice needs of our time. The Retreats offer:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An experiential spiritual awakening. • An opportunity to spend a day with a marginalised and disadvantaged group. • A chance to observe a range of Church sponsored and community based organisations committed to working with and in support of the poor and marginalised. • A time to reflect on one's own life and spirituality. • An insight into issues of social justice on a local level. • Networks to pursue future volunteering opportunities and links with a range of justice advocates.
Facilitator:	Anthony Cocomazzo and Jessica Kustura
Venue	Inner City Melbourne
Cost:	TBA

SOUTHERN REGION PROGRAMS

City Justice Walk

Focus:	Justice
Target Audience:	School Students.
Descriptor:	<p>Melbourne is a bustling city of many contrasts. While it is a place of affluence and comfort being the home of many businesses, financial and retail centres, it also has many alleyways and corners that conceal the homeless, gambling addictions, drug use, prostitution, poverty and people trafficking.</p> <p>The Edmund Rice Youth Ministry Team has designed a City Justice Walk that will challenge students to develop a more holistic view of Melbourne. The walk will engage students in reflection on the deeper justice issues that exist in our city. Issues such as homelessness, drug dependency, gambling, racism and human trafficking will be discussed from a social justice perspective.</p>
Facilitator:	Anthony Cocomazzo and Jessica Kustura.
Venue	TBA
Cost:	TBA

Ecology and Spirituality Retreats

Focus:	Ecology and Spirituality.
Target Audience:	Students and young adults.
Descriptor:	<p>Given the critical situation of our earth community, the Edmund Rice Youth Ministry Team, through this retreat experience, aims to engage students and groups of young adults in developing a deeper connection to their local eco-system.</p> <p>This retreat experience will utilise the grounds of Amberley as well as a wide range of resources and activities designed to stimulate critical thinking and reflection.</p> <p>The retreat will also engage participants in a variety of liturgical and ritual celebrations that are earth centered.</p>
Facilitator:	Anthony Cocomazzo, Olga Buttigieg and Peter Hay.
Venue	Edmund Rice Centre, Amberley.
Cost:	TBA



SOUTHERN REGION PROGRAMS

Centre for Ecology and Spirituality, Glenburn

The following programs are open to the Edmund Rice Network and general public. They are held at the Centre for Ecology and Spirituality, Glenburn.

Sacred Earth

1 February – 25 April

Focus:	Eco-Spirituality
Descriptor:	A twelve week sabbatical style course on The New Story, Cosmology and Eco-spirituality.
Cost:	\$10,450.

Sacred Earth Week-long Intensives

Focus:	Eco-Spirituality								
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Cost:	\$650 per week.								

Sacred Earth Workshop:

14 April

Focus:	Drumming
Descriptor:	Elementary instruction in drumming. Meditation, singing and body movement.
Cost:	\$50 per week

Flinders Ranges/Lake Mungo Retreat

28 April – 8 May

Focus:	Immersion in the Universe Story, desert spirituality and aboriginal theme.
Descriptor:	Walks and meditations through the gorges of the Flinders Ranges and Lake Mungo.
Cost:	\$1670 (Early-bird offer \$1570 if paid before 28th February)

Worldviews (4-Day Retreat)

3 June – 7 June

Focus:	Worldviews
Descriptor:	Conversation around religious and ecological worldviews.
Cost:	\$ 400 per person

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Centre for Ecology and Spirituality, Glenburn

Winter Solstice Event**27 June**

- Focus:** Eco-Spirituality
- Descriptor:** A day of some ritual and meditation.
- Cost:** \$50 per person.

Eco-theology and Eco-spirituality**3 July – 5 July**

- Focus:** Spirituality
- Descriptor:** Examining the connection between theology and spirituality.
- Cost:** \$190 per person.

Earth's Desire (4-Day Retreat)**5 August – 9 August**

- Focus:** Thomas Berry's Poem.
- Descriptor:** Conversations around the sources of our worldviews.
- Cost:** \$400 per person.

Spring Retreat (5-Day Retreat)**6 September – 11 September**

- Focus:** Eco-Spirituality.
- Descriptor:** Meditations and conversations about nature.
- Cost:** \$400 per person.

Drumming Workshop**31 October**

- Focus:** Drumming
- Descriptor:** Traditional methods of drumming. Some singing and meditation.
- Cost:** \$50 per person.
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SOUTHERN REGION PROGRAMS**Centre for Ecology and Spirituality, Glenburn****Forest Retreat****27 – 29 November**

Focus: Eco-Spirituality

Descriptor: A weekend with much of the time spent in the old growth Toolangi Forest.

Cost: \$190 per person.

Pre-Christmas 3-Day Retreat**16 – 18 December**

Focus: Reflective time.

Descriptor: Mostly individual reflective time.

Cost: \$100 per day.

Online Course on Eco-spirituality**Accessible anytime**

Focus: The Universe Story, Cosmology, Spirituality.

Descriptor: A four-module course to be taken in sequence.

Cost: \$50 per module.

For more information about programs and services available at the Centre for Ecology and Spirituality, Glenburn, see www.edmundrice.org.au/glenburn or contact Trevor Parton, phone 03 5797 8532



Western Region Personnel

- Richard Mavros**
Regional Coordinator
- As an educator and facilitator, Richard recognises the value of providing relevant opportunities for people to reflect on the meaning of their experiences in the light of the sacred stories of our tradition. With a Masters in Theological Studies, formal adult facilitation training, Christian Brothers Chapter experiences and key roles in National and International Edmund Rice conferences, he brings a wide cross-section of experience to supporting individual and group formation experiences.
- Catherine Tesoriero**
Formation Consultant
- Catherine has been connected to the Christian Brothers for over 24 years as a teacher and Assistant Principal at Trinity College and as a member of the Regional Mission Team WA/SA. Her current role provides her with the opportunity to develop and facilitate formation programmes for EREA and Christian Brothers Ministries, Staff and volunteers. In 2007, Catherine completed the Renee Stevens Skilled Facilitator Course and in 2009 was awarded the Sisters of Mercy 'Catherine McAuley Award' enabling her to engage in a WA based program for women in service and leadership. Catherine coordinated the New Pathways Project from 2010-2012 and in 2013 lead the consultation on possible models for Young Adult Formation in WA.
- Damian Walsh**
Formation Consultant
- Damian taught for sixteen years in Christian Brothers schools before entering the social services field in 1992. Awarded a Churchill Fellowship in 2000 to investigate the emotional, psychological and spiritual support to the carers of those living with HIV/AIDS, Damian has also completed units of study in Spiritual Direction and in Human Formation at the YTU in Melbourne and at the WTU in the USA. He has a Masters degree in Counselling and is a qualified supervisor and has worked as a counsellor, clinical supervisor and manager in the social services sector both in Victoria and WA.
- Natasha Siebert**
- Inspired by a long history with Christian Brothers and ER Camps in SA, inclusive of a 15 month volunteering placement at CBAS Tardun, Natasha has a deep commitment to grass-roots mission expression. With academic qualifications in Juvenile Justice and Adolescent Mental Health, she is well placed to understand and support young adult personal growth and formation. Natasha has a deep appreciation of people experiencing grief, loss and the need for ritual celebration of life, and is gifted in facilitating meaningful reflective opportunities and creating life giving experiences for others.
- Adam Whitefield**
- Adam's qualifications are in International Development and Business. He has a background in international and domestic project management with vulnerable communities, and experience in young adult/volunteer development from his previous work with the Youth Ministry Team at Amberley. Working in International Development has seen Adam spend significant time with communities in Nepal, Kenya and Tanzania. This breadth of experience and his motivation for justice sees Adam excel in the areas of cross-cultural communication, program design and young adult formation, group facilitation and volunteer coordination and communication.

For more information about programs and services available in the Western Region,
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WESTERN REGION PROGRAMS

Near Restful Waters – Renewing the Journey

SA 29 & 30 October
WA 5 & 6 November

Focus:	Spirituality and Renewal
Target Audience:	Ministry and school personnel who have previously completed a renewal program and have continued within an Oceania ministry or Edmund Rice school for a further five years.
Descriptor:	This program provides an opportunity for participants to reflect on the values and beliefs that they live by, to explore how their acquired wisdom has assisted them in living these values and to engage with a spirituality which encourages the integration of lived experience with an awareness of the sacred in these experiences. Processes will be geared to affirm, encourage and challenge participants to recognise their ever-increasing role as 'carriers of the tradition' and will seek to refresh and restore the spirits of these significant community members.
Facilitator:	SA/WA Formation Consultants.
Venue	Various venues in Perth and Adelaide

Edmund Rice Network Sundowner

(SA) 25 February
(WA) 26 February

Focus:	Reaffirming Congregational and Mission Directions.
Target Audience:	Ministry Personnel and Key School, Boards, Leadership Teams.
Descriptor:	Designed to promote and affirm the Congregational directions for key school and ministry personnel, Boards and leadership teams, to acknowledge people leaving leadership positions and to welcome those new to leadership in South Australia and Western Australia.
Facilitator:	SA/WA Formation Consultants.
Venue	Adelaide – Rostrevor College. Perth – TBA.

Edmund Rice Staff Reflection Day (SA)

20 July

Focus:	Vision, Reflection and Group Development.
Target Audience:	Edmund Rice Ministry and School personnel in SA.
Descriptor:	Staff and volunteers explore.
Venue:	Christian Brothers College, Adelaide SA.

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