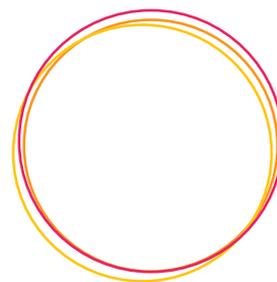


**Edmund Rice  
Camps Victoria Inc.**  
Annual Report  
2011-2012

We aspire to be Victoria's leading provider of residential camps and recreational experiences for disadvantaged children, youth and families.



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In 2011 our  
**volunteers**  
contributed over  
**24,000 hours**  
of time, a value of  
**\$618,240\***

\*Figure based on ABS average hourly earnings estimate for volunteers (2000), with increases reflective of increased wage level determined through the use of ABS data from both 2000 and 2010/11.

Many photographs in this report were taken by staff and volunteers of Edmund Rice Camps.

Design and layout of this report by Melanie Martin.



# Executive Officer's Report

This year Edmund Rice Camps Victoria has continued to run fantastic programs due to the significant contributions of our volunteers (on and off camp), the input of referring agencies, the tireless efforts of staff, the generous donations from financial donors and the regular support by our stakeholders. With all these areas working in unison, the highlights of camp form the memories that can shape and inspire the lives of both volunteers and participants.

## Financial

The most important development to help build our financial capabilities in the past year has been the employment of a Development Officer, Candice Brittain. The establishment of this new position, and the professionalism and experience brought to it by Candice, has highlighted just how much the fundraising wing of ERC needs to be developed. This realisation produced a 'Case for Support' that articulates what Edmund Rice Camps is about, how the programs are delivered, who benefits and how benefactors can support this great work. In addition, a Fundraising Plan was established to develop strategies in our fundraising efforts.

The profile of Edmund Rice Camps was also lifted through local media sources and online platforms. The establishment of a regular donor pathway has allowed ERC to more accurately predict where our revenues will come from for future budgeting and planning. This is a key area to grow in 2012.

Candice's work is extremely important and I thank her for her energy in not only developing our fundraising but also shifting our culture to help build long-term viability.

Our biggest financial supporter continues to be the Edmund Rice Oceania Province who provided \$106,000 in 2011-12. We are extremely grateful for their ongoing support.

## Service delivery

This year's 11 camps reached out to the following community groups; Asylum Seekers, African children and Families, Indigenous children, non-Indigenous children, Teenage boys and Families. The statistics provided in this Annual Report show a decrease in the number of camps and participants involved in ERC programs. This is because 2011 included two basketball activity days with 40 teenage boys attending each day and an activity day for 15 teenage girls. These were not run during 2012 due to the boys getting a little older and no longer expressing interest in the days as they were now engaged in competitive basketball and the girls were involved with a mentoring program.

Our camps continue to be entirely staffed by volunteers, with paid staff supporting from the office. This displays a great depth of skill within our volunteer base. ERC is ever more reliant on new volunteers, hence our volunteer training has been increased (outlined in the statistics provided in this annual report) and will again be a focus in 2012.

## Evaluation

Three of the four Family camps and the Teenage boys camp were evaluated through a formal process that involved surveying the participants, volunteers and agencies. This information allows us to make management decisions based on qualitative data. Most importantly, the evaluation data adds to the capacity within the organisation to operate within a context of review, change and implementation, ensuring we remain relevant to the needs of the communities we serve.

## Stakeholders

Edmund Rice Camps is highly efficient in its ability to operate 11 programs with limited staff time and financial resources. This is largely due to the important contributions by Edmund Rice and associated sister Schools, Edmund Rice Centre Amberley and Oceania Province Support Centre.

## Acknowledgements

Thank you to the Board of Management for their support throughout the past 12 months. These volunteers give their time and energy to help us meet the challenges faced by our organisation in an increasingly difficult financial and legal environment.

Lastly, the effort and dedication of Edmund Rice Camp volunteers cannot be exaggerated in terms of their willingness to reach out to the children and families on camp. These participants get access to some of the finest young role models you could find in our community.

Mark Monahan  
Executive Officer

# Chairperson's Report



The Board of Edmund Rice Camps Victoria (ERCV) has met on eleven occasions since the last AGM in 2011. Attendance and engagement by all Board members in the governance process have been consistent and professional, as we have addressed a wide variety of issues and policies that impact on the organisation. In addition to scheduled Board meetings, members have also contributed time and energy to both the newly established Audit and Risk Committee and the Evaluation Committee. Board and Committee meetings have been professionally run, with minutes of proceedings available to all members of the Association through the ERC office.

The Board has undertaken a number of initiatives this year with a view to strengthening the governance structure of ERCV. In June we signed off on a five-year Strategic Plan, which was largely authored by Cleona Feuerring, with the assistance of Stephen Barnes, David Siddles, Stephen Ellich and Mark Monahan. The Strategic Plan will serve as our compass as we negotiate the challenges and developments of the coming years.

The Evaluation Committee, chaired by Dr Zita Unger, under its own Terms of Reference, has continued its work in establishing and implementing detailed evaluations of specific ERC programs by drawing on the responses of leaders, participants, families and agencies. The outcomes of this process are proving invaluable in determining the issues that are of relevance to all our stakeholders.

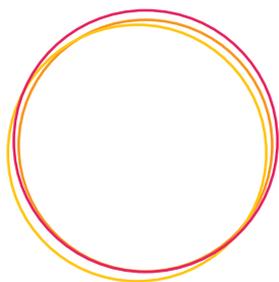
The Audit and Risk Committee, consisting of Stephen Barnes, Stephen Ellich, Trevor Dray and David Siddles, has worked closely with the Executive Officer, the Development Officer and the Treasurer to address the financial and legal issues faced by large volunteer organisations such as ours. They have established a Cashflow Governance Policy and investigated issues surrounding Occupational Health and Safety in relation to both employees and volunteers. With the invaluable assistance of Dianne Donati, they have also overseen the development of the *ERC Volunteer and Employee Rights and Responsibilities Manual*.

This year has seen a number of other developments that directly affect the governance of ERCV. On behalf of the organisation the Board has signed a *Memorandum of Understanding* with Oceania Province, which cements us as a ministry of Oceania and clearly details the structural relationship between ERCV and the Christian Brothers. The Board has also entered into an agreement with the Treacy Centre, in its capacity as an Oceania Support Centre, whereby all ERCV's finances will be run through Treacy, including the preparation of monthly and end of year financial statements. And lastly with regard to Oceania, the Board has been involved in steps toward establishing a national identity for ERC through the development of national branding, with a new logo and tag line.

A significant accomplishment of the Board this year has been to negotiate and finalise a new three-year contract with our Executive Officer, Mark Monahan. This is both an affirmation of the significant contribution Mark has made over the last four years and a recognition that he is the best person we could have at the helm of the organisation as we meet the challenges of the next three years.

The ongoing existence of a relatively small not-for-profit organisation such as ours is never guaranteed, but with the exercise of due diligence and the establishment and maintenance of transparent and accountable policies the Board of ERCV is confident that we have a bright future. This confidence is borne of the inspiring leadership we see in our Executive Officer, Mark Monahan, the support and initiative of our Development Officer, Candice Brittain and the ongoing commitment of all our young volunteers. We thank them all for their efforts over the past twelve months and recommit ourselves to maintaining ERCV as a leader in recreational programs in the social service sector.

Mark Smith  
Chairperson



# Governance

Edmund Rice Camps Inc is an incorporated association (Registration No. A 15259 x, ABN 78 403 166 367). We trade under the name Edmund Rice Camps.

## Meet our Board of Management

The Board of Management has overall responsibility for the governance of the organisation. In particular, the Board oversees: the achievements of organisational aims, strategic planning and review, the nurturing of the ethos and spirit of the organisation, compliance and legal obligations, financial planning and performance, risk compliance, policy review and endorsement, promotion and fundraising, and provides an accountability function to the members, funding bodies and the community.

The Board of Management, at the members' direction, employs the Executive Officer to implement its decisions and hold responsibility for the day-to-day management of the organisation.

The current Board members, their qualifications, skills and experience and their responsibilities are as follows:

### Mr Mark Smith - Chairperson

B.Ed, Grad Dip, M.Ed  
Director of St Bernard's College Santa Monica Campus.  
Past EO of ERC Vic – 1997–2001

### Ms Cleona Feuerring - Deputy Chairperson

B.Laws and B.A  
Senior Lawyer, Victoria Legal Aid

### Mr Mark Monahan- Executive Officer

BA in Recreation Leadership  
Non-voting Board Member

### Br Robert Stone - Board Secretary

Dip Teach, BA, Grad Dip (Student Guidance & Welfare)  
M Ed (Human Relations & Community Development)  
Grad Cert TESOL  
Education Officer – Edmund Rice Foundation (Australia)

### Mr David Siddles - Treasurer

BBus(Accounting & Finance)  
Senior Trust Accountant- ME Bank  
Member Audit and Risk Committee

### Mr Trevor Dray - Director

BA,BSW, Dip FLM  
Refugee Services Manager (Barwon), MacKillop Family Services  
Non-Executive Director

### Mr Stephen Ellich - Director

BE(elec)(honors); MBA; Grad.Dip.Admin; GAICD  
Executive General Manager - Telecommunications, Construction & Field Services  
Non-Executive Director; Member of the Audit & Risk Committee

### Mr Peter Robinson - Director

BEC  
Project Director Leighton Contractors

### Mr Stephen Barnes - Director

BCom, DipCom, Dip Journ, CA MAICD CFTP CSA (Cert)  
Director - Byronvale Advisors  
Chair - Audit and Risk Committee

### Dr Zita Unger - Director

BA, BEdSt, PhD, GAICD  
Chair - Evaluation Committee

### Ms Georgina Bainbridge - Director

Account Director – Spark Communications  
Ceased as board member January 2012

### Mr Tam Tran - Director

Kildonan Uniting Care  
Senior Manager Community Development  
Ceased as board member March 2011

## Board of Management Meetings

Board Member appointments and cessation dates along with number of board meetings attended during the financial year are given below.

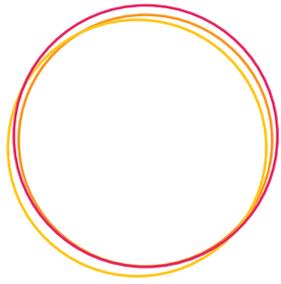
Board Member	Date Appointed	Date of cessation	Board Meeting Eligible to Attend	Board Meetings Attended
Mr Mark Smith	Apr 2007		11	10
Ms Cleona Feuerring	Jun 2009		11	8
Mr Mark Monahan	Nov 2005		11	10
Br Robert Stone	Nov 2008		11	11
Mr David Siddles	May 2009		11	9
Mr Trevor Dray	Jun 2007		11	10
Mr Stephen Ellich	May 2010		11	10
Mr Peter Robinson	May 2010		11	10
Mr Stephen Barnes	Nov 2010		11	11
Dr Zita Unger	May 2010		11	9
Ms Georgina Bainbridge	Jun 2011	Jan 2012	7	5
Mr Tam Tran	Feb 2010	Mar 2011	2	2



Our mission is inspired by...

justice  
support  
trust  
hope  
growth  
commitment  
community

Guided and inspired by the life of Edmund Rice, with a strong sense of social justice, we commit to the formation of a dynamic and supportive community. By inviting and challenging our volunteers to act as positive role models, we provide opportunities to young people and families for growth, support and enjoyment in an atmosphere of acceptance, care and fun.

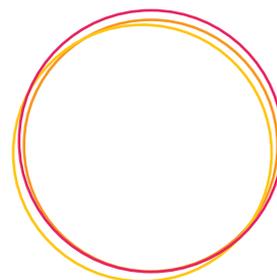


## Our Goals

The key goals of our strategic plan are to;

- Reinforce and share its values and commitment to the Edmund Rice principles of social equity and justice.
- Respond to the needs of children, young people and their families by encouraging the development of the unique capacities of each individual and facilitating a socially engaged, inclusive and compassionate organisation culture.
- Continue to deliver and expand its recreational experiences for children, young people and families.
- Continue to provide high quality services to the community and engage in community strengthening by being responsive to existing needs of children, young people, families and volunteers, whilst also developing and implementing ways to respond to emerging needs.
- Develop and implement additional innovative and creative models of service, which engage and respond to the needs of specific groups such as newly arrived migrants, refugees and Indigenous people.
- Continue to fund current programs and devise ways to seek additional funding to grow the programs.
- Build resourceful partnerships with other not-for-profit agencies that are aligned with the culture and goals of ERC (Vic) in an effort to enhance delivery of services to children, young people and their families.
- Engage in quality supervision, monitoring and evaluation of services to ensure it meets the needs of children, young people, families and volunteers.
- Implement organisational changes to improve internal capacity, ensure self-sufficiency and financial capability.
- Build partnerships with corporates to provide funding and/or “in kind” support that will assist and enhance the achievements of ERC (Vic)’s goals.

# Our Camps



## Summer Kids Camp

45 children applied for this camp, with 26 being allocated to the camp. Summer beach fun, four days of influence from wonderful young role models and creation of great memories was the recipe for this wonderful camp. One participant's social worker said that ERC is the only place that speaks positively of their referral mainly because others won't give them the support they really need.



## Transition Kids Camp

A three way partnership of Charles La Trobe College, Banyule City Council and Edmund Rice Camps created a kids camp for children making the transition from grade 6 into year 7. This period of time is often considered a difficult phase in a young persons life. However a camp modelled by some of Victoria's most uplifting young adults enabled a fun, inspiring and personally rewarding experience for all children that promises to make their first day at school a whole lot easier.



## Summer Family Camp

Most families in Australia can choose which one or their many holidays is their favourite. The families attending this Summer family Camp found it to be their FIRST holiday together. The families combined like the magic found at the local caravan park down the beach over Summer and the volunteers were like the ever supportive and watchful eye of Surf lifesavers. The week was topped off with a once in a life time experience of flying in an Ansett Aviation Training Centre simulator. The words to describe were nothing short of – "incredible", "spectacular", "oh my god", "so real" and "I actually got motion sickness"!



## Older Boys Camp

Our kids camps are often the occasion for first time experiences. This teenage boys camp did this as well by providing one boy his first experience of swimming at a surf beach. 46 applications for 20 positions were received for this camp, most seeking an experience of positive social interaction. The formal evaluation completed on this camp arrived at results of 95% rating of awesome by the boys and 95% of volunteers saying they would return to complete another camp. A fantastic and unique camp program.





### Labour Day Long Weekend

In partnership with Edmund Rice Asylum Seeker Project, a camp was run for 14 Asylum Seekers at the beautiful campsite of Santa Monica, Lorne. Dancing, soccer, cooking, soccer, visit to the 12 apostles, soccer and so many laughs, were the simple elements of this camp. The experience of spending time with someone else from a different walk of life ensured all walked away from this camp feeling that difference is a gift and something not to be shyed away from.

### Indigenous Kids Camp

5 years ago this camp started with a community member of Healesville saying "the children have no pride in who they are". Each year this camp provides the children with encouragement to be the opposite of that. This year's camp was lucky enough to have Ron Murray as a guest for the camp. He encouraged all Indigenous children to stand up and be proud to be aboriginal. The weight of such a positive influence was remarkable to the volunteers as they witnessed almost instantly the children walking with more self confidence and desire to share who their family is.

### African Kids Camp

Group drumming workshops, Karate lessons, bike riding, archery, Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre – mostly all new experiences for this group of kids but were an absolute hit. But nothing could come close to the final nights disco where everyone tried to out do each other on the dancefloor. The kids won hands down!!

### Queens Birthday Family Camp

Often one story from camp sums up what was created for everyone on camp, so here goes: "I had the pleasure of sitting with a 13 year old boy, eager to learn "I'm Yours" on the ukulele. While the other participants were downstairs watching a movie, we sat for over half an hour drawing out a chord chart and playing together until his hands were sore. He continued to practice for the rest of the camp and on the last day asked if he could play for everyone. To sit and sing with the families as he proudly played the chords, and to watch the joy on his face as he shared what he had learned was such a lovely moment to be a part of".



“It is most special is to find that in this dark world there are still some beautiful people around. I have never seen such caring, happy people willing to make our lives have meaning. In my darker days I will now have a wonderful memory to draw on. Thank you, you’re all legends.”

**Tom**  
– Family camp participant

**Winter Kids Camp**

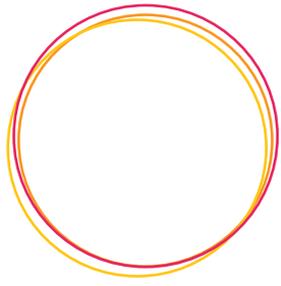
Rain is often looked upon as a dampner of fun and good times. This weeks crew made the most of all they had. When it wasn’t raining they took advantage of the ever popular Trampolines at DOXA Malmsbury campsite. When it was bucketing down they made puppets, newspaper fashion parades, indoor Olympic sports and visited Maldon Gold mine and Castlemaine Pool. All children returned from camp spruiking nothing but great memories as soon as they hopped off the bus for the last time and greeted their parents.

**Winter Family Camp**

Some camps have a very special spark that remain in the front of the mind of everyone involved. That is exactly this camp. The life stories that the families attending this camp could tell, no-one should ever experience. However the simple model of ERC created an environment for these families to say this was life changing and something they will never forget. Some participants after camp agreed to return to counselling, others said they could learn to trust the public again. One participant said “they had not seen their children smile like this since they were tiny tots”. There is nothing better than a fun, enjoyable family holiday away together.

**African Family Camp**

6 families including one mum who was 38 weeks pregnant enjoyed the serenity of Rawson Village, Gippsland. The mums slept for most of the first two days – exhausted from the day to day duties of running after their kids. Day three the mums cooked a traditional Sudanese dinner that was nothing short of delicious. Day four the kids enjoyed Roller Blading on the biggest rink in the Southern hemisphere, while the mums saved their enjoyment for a spa at the local pool. Day five the home videos made during the week were show cased displaying the significant relationships that had been built during the week.



# Our Volunteers

**Rowyn Williams**  
20 years old

I find putting an Edmund Rice Camp into words quite difficult. No words seem to do the experience justice.

I became a volunteer in January 2011 when I joined a Summer Kids Camp. Since then I have completed five other camps.

I was drawn to volunteering with ERC because I had friends involved, and they kept raving about what a great experience camps were. I also used camp as a second residential component for my Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award.

For me camps are more than just a fun week to hang out with kids and other volunteers. What makes them addictive is the personal challenge. I am always being challenged by the participants needs. Learning to work with a new group of volunteers each time has helped me develop a whole new set of skills. The trust, encouragement, support and genuine care for each other, that to me is the essence of an Eddie Rice Camp.

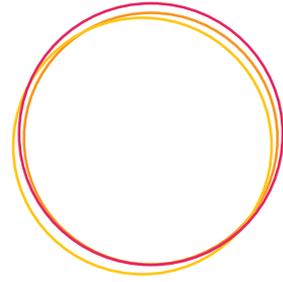
My favourite camp moment was when I took a young African girl to the pool. She was terrified of water, so it was really important to let her make the choices about what she was comfortable doing. Together we went from the baby pool, to the waterslide, and finally to the giant blow up dinosaur with a massive jump into the water at the end!

ERC is an organisation I have become passionate about because the values and culture of the organisation reflect what I believe in. Volunteers will go the extra mile to help a child or parent, there is this shared belief that all people have strengths and gifts that are amplified by the 1:1 ratio, this is what makes ERC the best place to volunteer.

“My client came back with a renewed appreciation for family life. She greatly benefitted from having a ‘buddy’ with her son to monitor him while she got a chance to relax with other adults. The camp helped her with ideas for after school routines eg shower then dinner then bed. But most importantly she had fun.”

**Terry**

– Referring Case Worker



### Camps Statistics

Years	Number of Camps	Number of Participants	Number of Volunteers	Number of Volunteers Trained
2011/2012	11	245	330	234
2010/2011	14	337	368	193
2009/2011	12	300	327	164

### Training Statistics

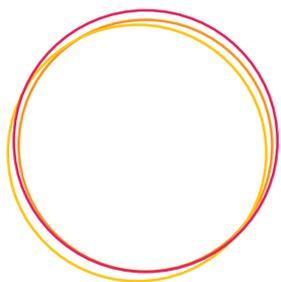
Year	Group Leader	Camp Captain	Camp Coach	Pastoral Facilitator	Total Trained
2011	26	17	11	9	63
2010	18	8	5	10	41
2009	12	7	8	5	32
2008	10	10	6	7	33

“Going on camp made me remember that it’s ok to be free and relaxed. I have so many amazing memories – my strongest is just my son being a child and having a wonderful time with other children, leaders and parents.

I loved seeing the beautiful faces of leaders I know and meeting new amazing ones. Their kindness, maturity, energy and love are incredible to me. Getting to know the other families was wonderful. I loved the fact that I managed to go on the scariest ride with my son, that is family memory that we will hold onto for a long time to come – thank you...”

**Katie**  
– Family Camp Participant

On a five day  
**kids camp** a child  
will experience more  
than **55 hours** of **1:1**  
**positive attention**  
from a **volunteer**.



# Fundraising and Events

## 30th Birthday Celebrations

On the evening of 7th of May 2011 over 160 Eddie Ricers gathered to celebrate Edmund Rice Camps Victoria turning the big 3-0. The cocktail event was held at the very stylish Platform 28 bar in Docklands. The scene was set for a night of sophisticated celebration. Eddie Ricers, past and present, joined to “remember when” with old friends and plan the next adventure with our current enthusiastic volunteers. The evening was also a perfect opportunity to present Br. Gerard Brady with his life membership award. An achievement that was met with rounding applause and a few celebratory drinks!

We managed to squeeze in a little fundraising into the program with raffles and silent auctions. A total of \$1,300 was raised to contribute to our June Family camp.

## The Runners

Run Melbourne (June 2011) and the Melbourne Marathon (October 2011.)

A small team of Eddie Ricers participated in Run Melbourne and encouraged their friends and family to support their efforts through sponsorship. The Run provided an opportunity to belt out a few Eddie Rice classic hit camp songs— just to keep spirits high.

A few months later the Melbourne Marathon was held. We had two dedicated entrants from the ERC community, Ev O’Neil and Jo Vu. Ev, having just returned from placement in Africa, donned the trainers and posted a personal best time of under 4 hours. Jo surprised everyone, especially himself, by finishing a full marathon for the first time. Jo may have been the last runner to cross the line but with a cheer squad of fellow ERC volunteers to support him he can now call himself a marathon runner. Inspired by the commitment of these two young men, thousands of dollars was donated to camps by their friends and family.

In total these two events rose over \$4700.

## ERC Trivia Night

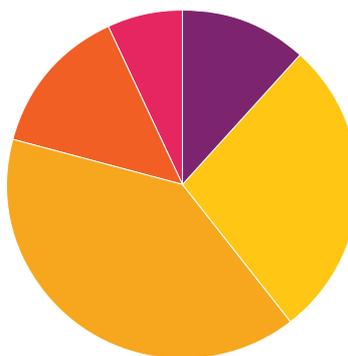
A highlight of the ERC fundraising calendar has become the volunteer organised and run Trivia Extravaganza. More than a simple Trivia night it is an evening filled with music, competition, and revelry. Our EO Mark did need to sacrifice his hair for the greater good – but that’s a small price to pay! The night made \$7,000 for camps – a great result. Planning is well under way for the 2012 extravaganza.



## How you can help

ERC relies on the generous support of our dedicated volunteers. Every contribution helps us deliver camps and experiences to kids who are doing it tough. Volunteers give generously of their time to staff our camps, administration as well as supporting our many fundraising events.

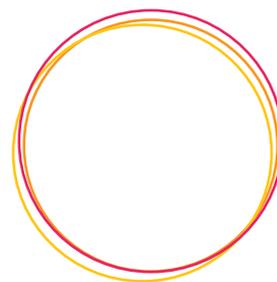
Donations and gifts-in-kind from our community and corporate friends help us continue our work, providing kids and young people a positive camp experience.



Fundraising Results 2011/2012

Private donations	12%
Major gifts	28%
School donations	40%
Grants	14%
Events	6%

# Our Supporters and Partners



The work of ERCV would not be possible if it were not for the generous financial contributions of many individuals and organisations in the community.

## Donors

Those individuals who make donations to support our work as either a one off gift or a regular contribution wish to remain anonymous and let their actions speak for themselves. We take this opportunity to publicly thank you; your support is essential to our work.

## Schools

The following schools are champions of our work and contribute, not only financially, but also by providing us buses, and facilities at little or no charge. We would like to take this opportunity to thank;

- St Bernard's College
- Presentation College Windsor
- Parade College
- St Columba's College
- St Patrick's College
- Star of the Sea
- St Joseph's College Geelong
- Xavier College
- Christian Brothers College, St Kilda
- Ardeer South Primary School
- St Kevin's College
- Yarra Valley Grammar
- CBC Yarraville Old Boys Association
- Mt Lilydale Mercy College

## In Kind Support

Each year the list of businesses, corporations and individuals that support us continues to grow. We would like to acknowledge;

- Growers Fresh – who donate all of our fresh fruit and vegetables
- Barkly Driving School
- Treacy Conference Centre, Parkville VIC – for use of meeting space.
- Ansett Aviation Training Centre
- Melanie Martin – for graphic design of our annual report and event material
- Vincent Conde - for Karate lessons on camp
- Sugarloaf Sailing Club
- YMCA Anglesea
- Edmund Rice Centre, Amberley
- Greg Layton

## Grants and Corporate Gifts

We have been successful in securing grants and corporate gifts in 2011; we would like to thank the following donors;

- Commonwealth Bank Staff Community Fund
- Banyule City Council
- Lord Mayors Charitable Foundation – Winter Days of Giving
- McDonalds Australia – Local Hero
- Aldi Australia – 10th Birthday
- Portland House Investment – Staff Fund
- Regis group

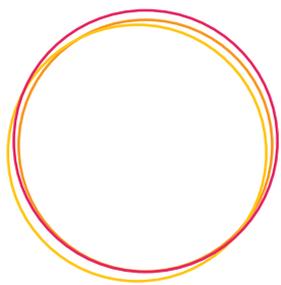
## The Edmund Rice Oceania Province

Our single largest and longest supporter continues to be the Edmund Rice Oceania Province. For over 30 years their support has ensured our continued operation, we offer our sincerest thanks.

## Our Partners

The very model of ERC is based on working in partnership. We facilitate the partnership between Referring Agencies and Participants and Volunteer. We would like to acknowledge those organisations that have played a significant role over the last year;

- Edmund Rice Community and Refugee Services
- Yarra Valley Indigenous Health Team
- VACCA
- Doxa Foundation
- Charles LaTrobe College
- Banyule City Council
- Edmund Rice Oceania Support Centre



## Life Members

ERC would like to acknowledge the “legend” Eddie Ricers who have been involved with ERC for over ten years in leadership, governance or other activities and whose contribution of valuable service has met the criteria for Life Membership.

- Br. John Wright
- Br. Tim Bilston (deceased)
- Frank O’Shea
- Br. Peter Clinch
- Andy Kuppe
- Ben Moodie
- Daniel Butler
- Anthony Michielin
- Sarah Morgante
- Anthony Ramsay
- Bernadette Ramsay
- Meg Monahan
- Jess Connor
- Adrian (Pip) Ferris
- Br Gerard Brady
- Anthony Chapman
- Martine Batchelder

“I would like to extend a big thank-you to the camp staff and volunteers that made this camp possible for my clients to attend. They were completely blown away at the friendliness of staff, the buddies and the fantastic activities they participated in. Their first request when they got back was if they could please stay longer next time. This was most definitively the highlight of this family’s summer and was a much needed experience for both of them. My client very much appreciated the richness of this experience and both she and her son came back buzzing. The family will have found memories that they will carry with them for a long time.”

**Sonia**

*– Referring Case Worker*

# Treasurer's Report



2011 has been a very successful financial year for Edmund Rice Camps Victoria as we remain in a stable financial position. There has been a lot of behind the scenes development this past year, which has involved strengthening our process and policies to further enhance our financial accountability. This past year has also involved handing over the accounting and financial reporting to the Christian Brothers at the Treacy Centre who have generously accepted this role and to which I, as treasurer, am most grateful. These combined, have left ERC in a more sustainable financial position.

Throughout the year we have also continued to ensure appropriate cash reserves, have worked hard on budgeting and planning for the future and ensured that our programs were run in a sustainable way. The current stable financial position of Edmund Rice Camps Victoria is the result of sound governance and a lot of hard work by our exceptional employees and volunteers.

During 2011 costs continued to rise in all aspects of our organisation and required us to be particularly diligent with regards to expenditure. The cost of feeding and accommodating sixty people for five days have risen exponentially with it now costing eight thousand dollars on some family camps for these basic essentials alone. Add to that the costs of the various activities, fuel and the time of our fantastic staff, you'll quickly realise we have some big challenges ahead in securing sufficient funding to run these camps.

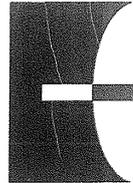
Our underlying results show a small loss for 2011, which may not sound like a good result but demonstrates that despite all our hard work to keep ERC Vic stable in this tough economic climate we still have a long way to go. In the past our principle financial supporter has been the Christian Brothers, however they now provide less than 50% of the funds we require each year. The expanding gap between their support and our increasing expenses remains a constant challenge for ERC, and there will be considerable hurdles ahead in the coming years. Edmund Rice Camps Victoria is a not-for-profit, self-funded charity that receives no government funding and relies upon the generous support of donors, volunteers, business and community groups, trusts and foundations and the Christian Brother's Province. Securing funding from these various sources has increasingly become harder as there are more demands placed on the ever-shrinking pool available. We are developing regular fundraising events and hope that in the future these will become a permanent fixture on everyone's calendar but at the moment we still rely heavily on donations and grants.

In this coming financial year and with all those challenges ahead previously mentioned I hope that Victoria will continue to support the important work of Edmund Rice Camps and help us to rise to meet these challenges head on. Together we can achieve amazing results, which I know will make a life changing difference to the many Victorians who appreciate our services.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Siddles'.

David Siddles  
Board Treasurer

**AUDITORS REPORT TO THE MEMBERS**  
**EDMUND RICE CAMPS INCORPORATED**



**Chaundy  
& Henry**

CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS  
A.B.N. 50 175 251 428

P. W. Selkrig F.C.A.  
D. A. Manton F.C.A.

**Scope**

I have audited the financial statements of the Edmund Rice Camps Incorporated for the financial year ended 31st January 2012 being a special purpose financial report, comprising Statement of Financial position, Statement of Income and Expenditure, Statement of change in Equity, Statement of Cashflows and Notes to the Accounts. The Board is responsible for the preparation and presentation of the financial statements and the information they contain. I have conducted an independent audit of these financial statements in order to express an opinion on them to the Members.

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis which contemplates the continued support of sponsors and donors and continuation of normal activities and the realisation of assets and the settlement of liabilities in the ordinary course of business.

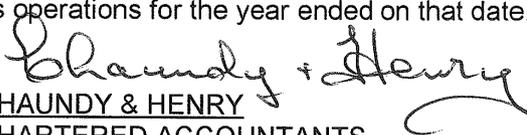
My audit has been planned and performed in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards to provide a reasonable level of assurance as to whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. My procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial statements, and the evaluation of the accounting policies and significant accounting estimates. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion on whether, in all material respects, the financial statements are presented fairly in accordance with the basis of accounting described in Note 1 to the financial statements.

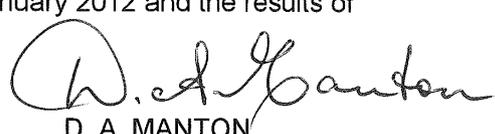
As an audit procedure, it is not practicable to extend my examination of donations and fund raising beyond the accounting for amounts received as shown by the books and records of the Organisation.

The audit opinion expressed in this report has been formed on the above basis.

**Opinion**

In my opinion, the financial statements present fairly, the financial position of the Edmund Rice Camps Incorporated at 31st January 2012 and the results of its operations for the year ended on that date.

  
**CHAUNDY & HENRY**  
**CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS**

  
**D. A. MANTON**  
**PARTNER**

**DATED** at Abbotsford this 19<sup>th</sup> day of March 2012

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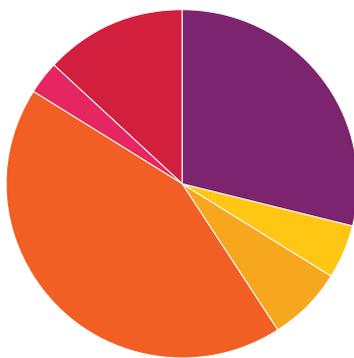
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# Statement of comprehensive income

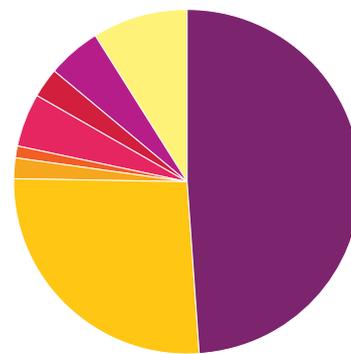
for year ended 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2012

Income	2012 \$	2011 \$
Donations	72,980	30,673
Grants	12,590	51,910
Fundraising	18,080	15,681
Province support	106,001	107,834
Interest	7,119	6,095
Fees/Other	31,376	24,199
	<b>248,146</b>	<b>236,391</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Salaries/On Cost	124,942	108,023
Camps	66,603	67,817
Depreciation/Loss on Disposal	4,100	6,786
Audit fees	2,000	1,650
Motor vehicle	11,322	10,769
Repairs & Maintenance	7,646	8,675
Fundraising expense	11,922	2,479
Others	21,958	30,007
	<b>250,493</b>	<b>236,205</b>
Operating Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	<b>(2,347)</b>	<b>186</b>

The accompanying Notes form part of these statements



Income	2012	2011
Donations	29%	13%
Grants	5%	22%
Fundraising	7%	7%
Province support	43%	40%
Interest	3%	3%
Fees/Other	13%	15%



Expenditure	2012	2011
Salaries/On Cost	50%	46%
Camps	27%	29%
Depreciation/Loss on Disposal	2%	3%
Audit fees	1%	1%
Motor vehicle	5%	4%
Repairs & maintenance	3%	3%
Fundraising expense	5%	1%
Others	9%	13%

# Statement of financial position

for year ended 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2012

<b>Current Assets</b>	<b>2012 \$</b>	<b>2011 \$</b>
Employee Salary Advances	0	2,150
General Cheque Account	-2,477	11,340
Gift Fund	1,773	530
Bank - ING Direct Account	29,535	43,682
Term deposits	111,743	75,477
ERC Disconnect Challenge	3,250	0
Petty Cash Account	200	200
Prepaid Expenses	4,491	4,400
Sundry Debtors	12,622	14,810
Inventory	1,840	0
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>162,977</b>	<b>152,589</b>
<b>Non Current Assets</b>		
Equipment - Officers Valuation	9,500	9,500
Less Accumulated depreciation	-1,900	-5,202
Equipment - at cost	3,917	33,325
Less Accumulated depreciation	-1,980	-30,084
Motor vehicles - at cost	45,243	45,243
Less Accumulated depreciation	-26,196	-20,098
Furniture Office Equipment	0	17,710
Less Accumulated depreciation	0	-17,710
<b>Total Non Current Assets</b>	<b>28,584</b>	<b>32,684</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>191,561</b>	<b>185,273</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Sundry Creditors/GST/PAYGW	17,521	5,728
Provision for Annual Leave	9,331	7,299
Grants in Advance	0	5,190
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>26,852</b>	<b>18,217</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>164,709</b>	<b>167,056</b>
<b>Represented by Accumulated Fund</b>	<b>164,709</b>	<b>167,056</b>

The accompanying Notes form part of these statements

# Statement of cash flow

for year ended 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2012

<b>Cash flow from Operating Activities</b>	<b>2012 \$</b>	<b>2011 \$</b>
General Receipts	240,084	216,623
Interest	7,119	6,095
Payment for Administration & Suppliers	-234,408	-244,594
<b>Net Cash provided by (used in) operating activities</b>	<b>12,795</b>	<b>-21,876</b>
<b>Cash flow from investing activities</b>		
Payment for Plant & Equipment	0	-14,043
<b>Net Cash provided by (used in) investing activities</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Net increase (decrease) in cash held	12,795	-35,919
Cash at Beginning of Financial Year	131,229	167,148
<b>Cash at End of Year</b>	<b>144,024</b>	<b>131,229</b>

## Notes to the Statement of Cash Flows

### (a) Reconciliation of cash

Cash at the end of financial year as shown in the Statement of Cash Flows is reconciled to the related items in the Statement of Financial Position as follows:

Cash on Hand	200	200
Cash at Bank	143,824	131,029
	<b>144,024</b>	<b>131,229</b>

### (b) Reconciliation of net cash provided by Operating Activities:

Operating Surplus (Deficit)	(2347)	-8,496
Adjustments - Depreciation/loss on disposal	4,100	32,684
<i>Plus/Minus</i>		
Change in assets and liabilities:		
(Increase) Decrease in Sundry Debtors	2,188	-13,862
Increase (Decrease) in Sundry Creditors/GST	13,825	-1,685
Increase (Decrease) in Grants in Advance	-5190	190
(Increase) Decrease in Salaries in Advance	2150	1,650
(Increase) Decrease in Prepayments	-91	141
(Increase) Decrease in Inventory	-1840	0
	<b>12,795</b>	<b>-21,876</b>

# Statement of change in equity

Balance as at 1st February 2011	167,056	166,870
Surplus (Deficit) for the year	(2347)	186
Balance as at 31st January 2012	<b>164,709</b>	<b>167,056</b>

The accompanying Notes form part of these statements

**NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE ACCOUNTS**  
**As at 31st January 2012**

**NOTE: 1 STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

These financial statements are a "Special Purpose Financial Report". The Board have determined that the organisation is not a reporting entity as defined in Statement of Accounting Concepts 1: Definition of the Reporting Entity, and therefore there is no requirement to apply accounting standards in the preparation and presentation of these statements. The financial statements have been prepared on a consistent basis.

The statements are also prepared on an accruals basis from the records of the Organisation. They are based on historical costs and do not take into account changing money values or, except where specifically stated, current valuations of non-current assets

**Fixed Assets:** Property, plant and equipment are stated at cost representing the fair value of the consideration given in exchange, less accumulated depreciation and any impairment amounts.

Depreciation is calculated on a straight line basis over the useful life of all property, plant and equipment, excluding investment properties, as follows:

Equipment - 5 years

Motor Vehicles - 6 years

Purchases of items for \$1000 or less are expensed in the year of purchase. Once an item's written down value reaches \$1000 it is to be fully depreciated.

**Income Tax:** The entity is exempt from tax under Division 50 of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997

**STATEMENT BY MEMBERS OF THE BOARD**

In the opinion of the board, the financial statements of Edmund Rice Camps Incorporated present fairly the financial position of the organisation for the year ended 31st January 2012 and its performance for the year ended on that date, and at the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe the organisation will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

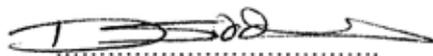
This statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the Board and is signed for and on behalf of the Board.



Dated this 19<sup>th</sup> day of March 2012

**STATEMENT BY TREASURER**

In my opinion the accompanying accounts comprising - Statement of Comprehensive Income, Statement of Financial Position, Statement of Cash Flow, Statement of Change in Equity and Accompanying Notes of the Edmund Rice Camps Incorporated, present fairly the financial position of the organisation as at 31st January 2012 and the results of its operation for the year ended on that date



Dated this 19<sup>th</sup> day of March 2012





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