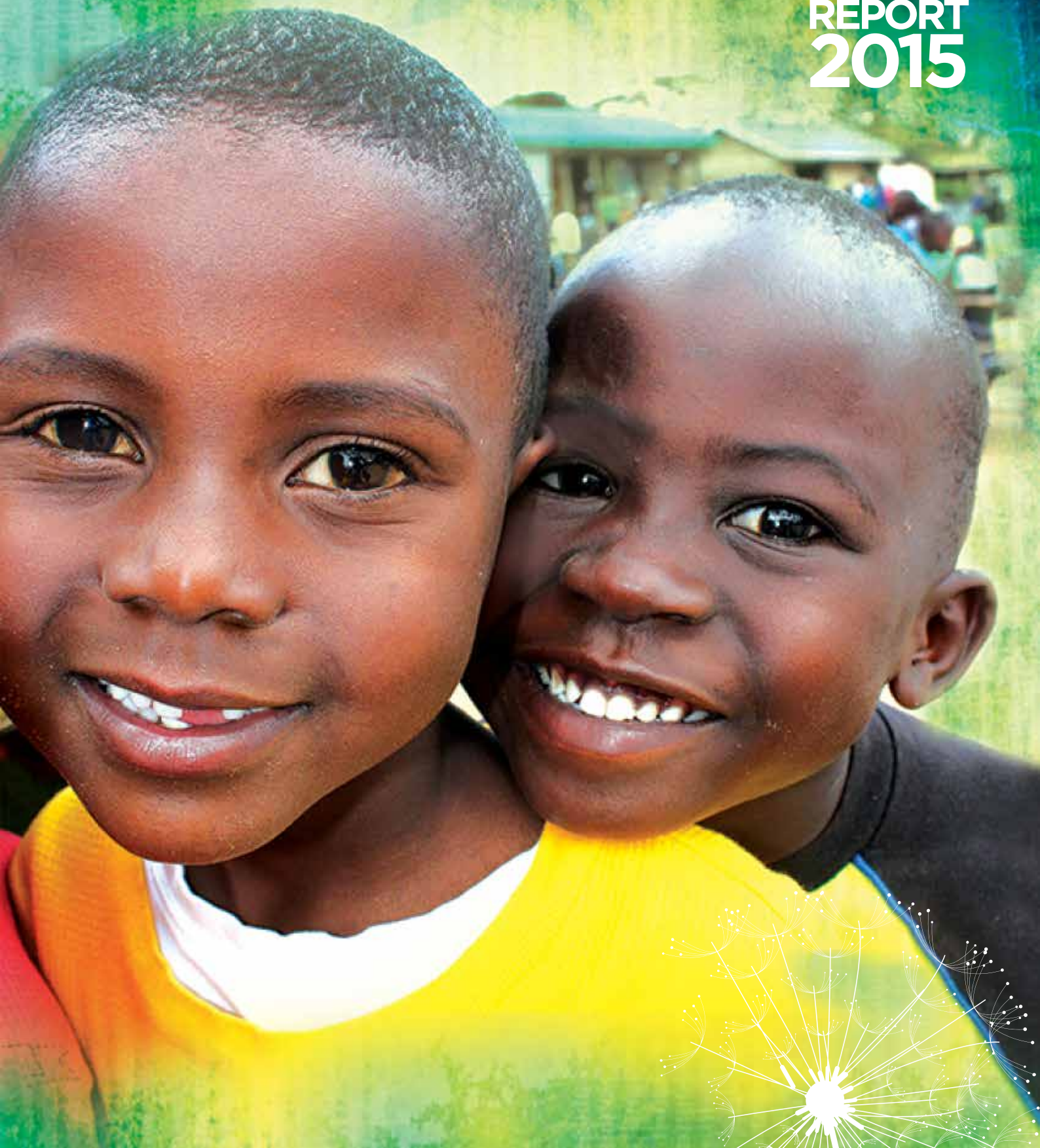


# Liberating Lives



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“I have found that among its other benefits,  
**giving liberates**  
the soul of the giver”

Maya Angelou



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# Chairman's Report

**IN THE EVER-INCREASING** speed of the world today, a prevailing sentiment is to focus on what we as an individual, family unit or some other gathering of people want. The Western World has developed an underlying entitlement mentality to the latest "material trapping" whether it the latest iPhone, a larger house or longer overseas holiday. This sense is in almost everything that we observe and see or listen to and the world is poorer for it. The gap between those who have and those who don't across the globe is widening, yet we continually witness the governments of the developed countries announce massive cuts to aid programs that benefit the most needy throughout the globe.

But rather than be daunted by this, ERFA views it as an opportunity to be an enabler to make a true difference to the socially and economically disadvantaged of the world. The heart of the world is seeking to be engaged, it is crying out to be provided an avenue to make a meaningful contribution to support their fellow humans in need. We, ERFA, as a foundation offer a tangible way for this to occur. We are seeing the active embracing by those who have come into contact with ERFA as tangible evidence of the relevance of what we are striving to do in making a difference to the less fortunate in the world.

ERFA, as a living conduit, continues to inspire and connect people. In our own small way, we are making a real difference to the lives of those we support ensuring sustainable projects are developed and maintained. We are absolutely committed to Liberating the Lives of as many as we can and each step forward helps those without the capacity to help themselves and is a significant step in the right direction.

Our mantra of offering people experiences, directly through "Gone Fishing" immersions and indirectly through fundraising events or via the *Metanoia Matters* website, means ERFA plays a crucial role in enabling the stories of those in need to be heard or witnessed. These stories are confronting and challenging for us in the Western World and often shake us to our core given the harsh, unbelievable reality of what we observe or hear. However the raw genuineness of them as they are witnessed or told, compels us to action.

## Presence • • Compassion Liberated •

Our empowering people to have a Presence, to show Compassion and to become Liberated personally, will ultimately make a difference to those we support. 2015 has seen ERFA grow structurally and financially to build a strong base to ensure its long-term sustainable future.

The commitment of our CEO, Anthony Ryan, and his exceptional team is crucial to increasing the awareness of ERFA and its work. To my fellow Board members, thank you for your tireless support.

This annual report highlights the sound position that ERFA is in, having just completed its third year in existence. We have only started to scratch the surface and I personally am hugely excited by the prospects ahead for us to make our strategic vision a living reality.

We look forward to 2016 and beyond with great hope and expectations. We remain committed to being an ongoing participant and supporter of projects that aid those in need by developing health and education programs that truly transform lives. We appreciate your support to date, never take it for granted and look forward to a continuation of it into the future.

**Peter Murphy**  
CHAIRMAN





**THIS LAST YEAR** has been a time when the resources and the networks of the Edmund Rice Foundation have been called upon more than ever. The world is certainly in turmoil; every day it seemed a new humanitarian crisis emerged; Syria, the effects of Ebola and the ongoing effects of climate change all dominated the headlines but more importantly have had a direct impact on the demands placed on the Edmund Rice Foundation. The impacts of these avoidable tragedies have been huge on the communities that we form an alliance with. Although the Foundation does not have a strong presence in West Africa the effects of Ebola and the ensuing fear that emanated from the outbreak meant that all economies throughout Africa suffered. The economies of Kenya, South Sudan and Tanzania were affected markedly by reductions in tourism, small business and trade. This in turn meant that those communities already struggling to make ends meet were faced with other hurdles that at times seemed insurmountable. Similarly, border security and climate change have impacted markedly on the poor of this world.

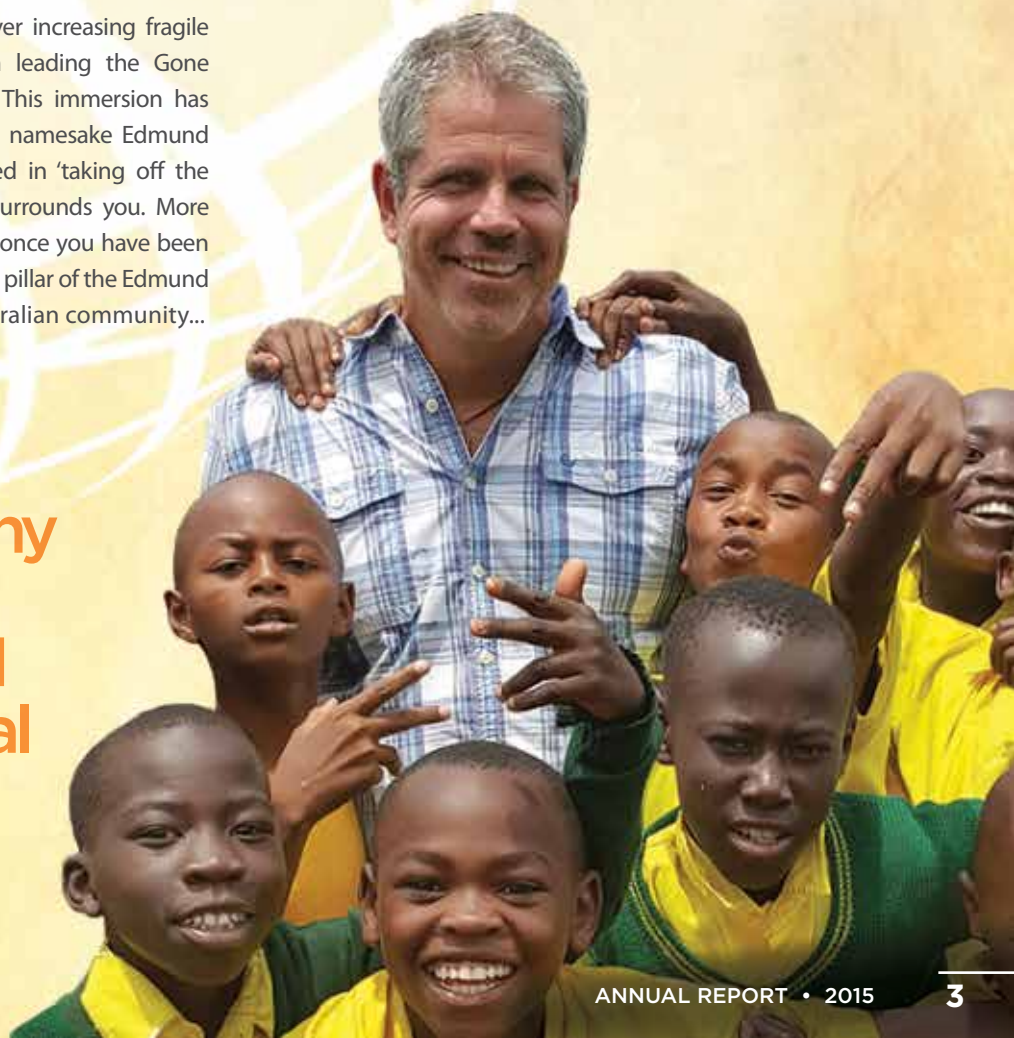
It is during this time that the Edmund Rice Foundation made the formal decision to walk as much as possible alongside the communities we support and to further assist in establishing sustainable projects in an ever increasing fragile world. Two weeks ago I returned from leading the Gone Fishing corporate immersion to Nairobi. This immersion has become a cornerstone of our work. Our namesake Edmund Rice was a business person who believed in 'taking off the blinkers' and looking at the world that surrounds you. More importantly, what is the choice you make once you have been exposed to the real view? A main focus and pillar of the Edmund Rice Foundation is to challenge the Australian community...

**to be more  
educated and  
open to the many  
needs of our  
community and  
our international  
neighbours.**

In 2015 there were so many highlights of our work: the support of our indigenous and multicultural programs at the North Melbourne Flexible Learning Centre was an exciting alliance forged with Edmund Rice Education Australia; the increase in support of the Edmund Rice Camps program for impoverished youth throughout Australia; the construction and installation of a world class solar power system at the Nzara Hospital in South Sudan; the growth of our community engagement programs in the Philippines; and the support of new Hub communities in rural Zambia are all examples of the growth and maturation of the Edmund Rice Foundation.

In 2016, we will look to continue this focus on supporting and striving for sustainable community projects within Australia and overseas. We will continue to build our network of support and, just as importantly, we will take seriously the challenge of educating and enthusing the Australian public to walk in solidarity with these communities. I would like to take this opportunity to thank and affirm our wonderful staff and all our volunteers, donors and supporters. We applaud you and feel humbled by your passion and drive to make this world a better place.

**Anthony Ryan**  
CEO EDMUND RICE  
(AUSTRALIA)





# Project Report Oceana

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## CALLAN SERVICES

Papua New Guinea

Project Leader: Br Kevin Ryan

2015 ERFA Funding: \$175,000

The Callan Services network is regarded as one of the most important disability service providers in Papua New Guinea.

The focus of all Callan Service activities centres upon the Convention for the Rights of People with Disabilities (CRPD), an international human rights treaty of the United Nations intended to protect the rights and dignity of persons with disabilities.

### Key activities for Callan Services in 2015 were:

- 1) **Review of strategic plan** – the 2015 – 2020 strategic plan was launched by the PNG Minister for Education, the Honourable Nick Kuman in May.
- 2) **The Annual Conference** of the Network explored leadership requirements and methods to improve gathering of data on effectiveness of services.
- 3) **Edmund Rice International and Advocacy Training and Action** – an advocacy training workshop brought together representatives of the National Board for Persons with Disabilities; the Network of Callan Services for Persons with Disabilities;



staff members from CSNU, CSNI and representatives from Special Education Resource Centres (SERCs); the PNG Assembly of Disabled Persons; the Prime Minister's office; the Special Education Unit of the National Department of Education; and the Disability Section of the Department for Community Development.

### The key outcomes of the workshop were:

- The achievement of a common understanding of what advocacy is for each organisation/department.
- An 'agenda' or 'common matters' for joint advocacy with the Government of PNG departments.

The implementation of advocacy by those trained will target communities away from the main towns and cities to ensure people are well informed about the CRPD, the need for disability legislation and what it can achieve in the country.

### 4) **Care Safety and Protection awareness and training workshops.**

Child Protection workshops were conducted throughout the year for staff members of the network, persons living with disability, volunteers, family members, and other relevant stakeholders with 373 participants in total. Many of these workshops were funded by ERFA.

### 5) **Support of Emerging SERCs**

– in November 2015 four staff visited several villages to survey disability needs following identification of a large number of people suffering from muscular dystrophy. Consequently, a submission has been made to the PNG Department for Community Development seeking funding for staffing, technical equipment and program implementation costs for 12 months to refine data collection, provide limited service delivery and support the communities in making a submission to the National Department for Education for the establishment a centre there.





## COMUNIDADE EDMUND RICE

Timor Leste

Project Leader:

Br Frank Hennessy

2015 ERFA Funding: \$119,000

CER works in Timor Leste to raise standards of health and education.



In 2015, CER employed 26 pre-school teachers, seven (7) primary school teachers, 65 women in quality gift/Christmas card making project, four (4) computer teachers, two (2) interpreters, two (2) vanilla project workers and one (1) mechanic.

CER provided support to three (3) government primary schools working with education authorities to employ teachers, provide teacher training, develop teaching materials and provide supplies. A total of 473 students (243 boys and 230 girls) from grades 1-6 attend the three schools.

CER runs five (5) official pre-schools (TEKA) in 10 separate centres for children 3-6 years of age. There are 247 children benefiting from the program and they are provided with a meal each day of class.

In 2015, CER continued to run a computer program providing teaching, programming and maintenance. CER accepts donations of computers, adapts them to local requirements and distributes them as needed to schools, individuals and groups. 70 students (30 male and 40 female) attended the vocational course.

CER also provided vocational training to 40 young people (17-25 year olds) in hospitality and administration.

CER's health program works with the government health department. The department provides a doctor, nurse and administrator and maintains a clinic. CER provides a nurse, mid-wife and ambulance driver. CER provides an ambulance as a mobile clinic and a second ambulance for taking patients to various hospitals. In 2015, there were 2,377 patient visits to the clinic, the mid-wife attended 71 births and there were 336 trips made by the ambulance to hospitals.

CER's "Dan Courtney Scholarship" program officially began in 2015. There were 28 students (13 male and 15 female) from villages studying at various tertiary institutions. The students will be assessed on an annual basis for their grants to continue.

CER is engaged in planning, erecting and repairing buildings for the community. This is funded and supported by various groups including ERFA, Rotary, Terrace Timor Network and the HELP group (H- Hutchinson Builders, E - St. Edmund's College, Ipswich, L- St. Laurence's College, South Brisbane and P - St. Patrick's College, Shorncliffe). In 2015, a three-year project building a mechanical workshop in Gleno was completed, a pre-school shelter shed was converted to a room, a new pre-school was built in Poerema and a water tank was installed at the health clinic. In addition to staff and volunteers, building projects always engage local workers.

During 2015, CER supported many immersion groups (including schools) visiting East Timor to share culture, knowledge and experience. They ran child protection workshops for 16 men and 31 women, and extensive work was undertaken with the aim of having the "Edmund Rice Association" incorporated in Timor as a legal entity.

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## EDMUND RICE SERVICES KABANKALAN

Philippines

Project Leader: **Br Rod Ellyard** 2015 ERFA Funding: **\$163,748**



Edmund Rice Services in the Kabankalan has an emphasis on those in most need.

The ERS Community Engagement Program (CEP) is one of three (3) Edmund Rice Services programs. It targets very poor families and is a community-led micro-finance scheme to assist in establishment of livelihood projects. The program endeavours to develop vibrant sustainable communities where the people grow in their own human dignity, are enabled to have adequate food, shelter, and access to basic health and education.

A major goal is the right to self-determination through empowering people with their own decision-making in a supportive community context.

Geographic areas are researched by the CEP team and, once identified, people are invited to a training program of twelve modules highlighting areas such as human dignity, effective communication, community and empowerment. Community leaders for the program are elected and identification of livelihood projects follows.

Small loans are provided to the communities to establish income-generating projects with repayments to be made every two weeks. The most common form of livelihood project has been the selling of rice. Communities make decisions on ways to assist members through funds raised including the provision of rice and basic groceries, school costs and medical supplies.

Leadership and formation training is provided including communication, management and financial skills. In 2015, two community leaders were employed on a part-time basis to assist with the regular collection of payments from communities.

To date, twenty communities have been established and 359 families comprise the community membership whilst a similar number of families of non-members benefit from the livelihood project sale of goods. The majority of members are women and estimated 5,640 people have benefited from the program including around 5,000 children and 600 women.

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## EDMUND RICE SERVICES MAASIN

Philippines

Acting Project Leader:

**Mr Kristoper Rex Oraiz**

**2015 ERFA Funding: 164,000**

Edmund Rice Services Maasin was established following a comprehensive process of research and social analysis in 2010 by an in-country development team, involving wide-ranging consultations with civic organisations, local NGOs and local community groups.

The overall object of the ERS Maasin project is to promote better quality of life for the poorest children and youth through removal of barriers and alleviation of poverty through education, health awareness and empowerment of poor families.

ERS Maasin delivers three programs, the Child Assistance and Livelihood Promotion (CALP); Community Based Rehabilitation (CBR); and Youth Development Animation (YDA).

In 2015 total direct beneficiaries of the CALP program were 2,423 (1,578 children, 728 women and 117 men). The CALP program provides supplementary feeding for children and, through this, school absenteeism has been lessened and children have gained sufficient weight leading to improvement in school activities.



The program also assists parents of school children in selling their produce through the support of the Department of Agriculture and the women and men involved received livelihood/skills training and attended monthly meetings.

CBR health services treated 7,070 people (5,877 children, 624 women and 569 men). This included ear patients been screened and treated and resulted in improved academic performance and self-esteem.

Children with low vision were appropriately seated in classrooms and received prescriptions for glasses. Some patients also had eye surgery improving self-reliance and independence.

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## VANILLA GROWING PROJECT

Timor Leste

**Project Leader:**

**Ms Kaylene Benson**

**ERFA Funding 2015: \$30,000 approved for 2015 with \$1,351 distributed and \$28,659 accrued for 2016 at Project Leader's recommendation**

Through vanilla growing, this partnership between the Terrace Timor Network (TTN) and the Edmund Rice Foundation Australia (ERFA) aims to increase the income of coffee farmers, which in turn will improve the health and well-being of families and the community.

Vanilla has great potential as a cash supplement to farmers in the region, and Timor is one of a few world geographies ideally suited to its growth.

With scant technical knowledge of how to grow vanilla, TTN in partnership with ERFA and supported in-country by Comunidade Edmund Rice (CER), has focused its energy on three (3) areas:

- Building the capacity of a local team to support ongoing vanilla growing
- Establishing a vanilla growers group that has knowledge, tools and resources to grow vanilla
- Engaging partners to improve agriculture practices that support a sustainable vanilla industry

### **In 2015, TTN's achievements include:**

- Engaged 15+ local community groups on vanilla growing
- Recruited four (4) project officers to receive ongoing training by TTN and CER to support the community to grow vanilla
- Established three (3) vanilla demonstration sites at Railaco Kraik, Samalete 3 and Cocoa.
- Identified 19 new growers with land and water suitable to grow vanilla
- Provided 1,050 support trees to farmers in readiness for vanilla vines
- Translated 60+ hours of audio and training materials into Tetun
- Trained 70+ farmers on compost to improve the quality of soil
- Engaged Permatil (a Timorese Permaculture NGO) to conduct a Local Needs Assessment to further identify farmer training and infrastructure need.



From little beans  
**BIG THINGS** grow...





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## BUILD THE BRIDGE

Project Leader:

**Mr Adam Whitefield**

ERFA Funding 2015: **\$25,000**

Build the Bridge in Adelaide runs a “Friday Hangout” which is primarily targeted at young refugee and asylum seeker boys (aged 16-24) who can become quite socially isolated in the community due to a lack of English language skills or support networks. Build the Bridge also runs welcome dinners to connect women and children to Australian families in close proximity to them (which benefited approximately 20 children and 10 women in 2015). The program also holds picnics and a Christmas party to target the issue of social isolation amongst newly arrived communities.

In 2015, 20 “Friday Hangouts” were convened with an average of 30 people attending equalling around 600 “check-ins”. This consists of 300 young adult volunteer check-ins (approximately 150 male and 150 female) and 300 newly arrived (young male) check-ins. Many of the young clients share what the project and community means to them and why they keep coming back.

In 2015, three (3) young Afghan clients, supported by EREA scholarships successfully completed their year 12 studies.





## EDMUND RICE CAMPS

**2015 ERFA Funding: \$162,000**

Edmund Rice Camps provide social learning opportunities through residential camps and recreational experiences for children and youth (7 to 16) and families across Australia.



Participants are socially and financially disadvantaged and at risk and Edmund Rice Camps experiences enable them to strengthen their capacities and sense of self-worth. Participants are referred by community service providers with whom ERCs work in partnership.

During 2015 Edmund Rice Camps surveyed referring agencies and parents to identify the area of need for children entering programs.

Three main issues were identified: addressing social isolation, building confidence and giving the children respite from often very stressful home environments. Agencies expressed the view that Edmund Rice Camps are an integral part of service delivery and support to children and families who experience disadvantage.

Families benefitting from the programs also presented with economic difficulties and often complex health and disability issues that impact the whole family. Identifying these areas has helped Edmund Rice Camps train volunteers and design programs to suit the needs of the children.

In South Australia, a “young mum’s camp” was successfully piloted that encouraged young adult volunteers to work alongside young mums to provide them and their small children valuable skills and opportunities in active recreation pursuits. The program will continue into 2016.

Throughout 2015, a total of 109 camps were held across NSW, VIC, SA, TAS, WA and QLD. Additional programs were also run including 44 activity days. Nationally, 1608 volunteers were engaged to run programs benefitting more than 1800 participants.

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## EDMUND RICE CENTRE MIRRABOOKA

Director : **Mr Stephen Bowman**

2015 ERFA Funding: **\$32,000**

The Edmund Rice Centre (ERC) was founded to meet the growing needs of the Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CaLD) community, as well as the Aboriginal community, in the north metropolitan area of Perth. The Centre provides classes including English language, computing, food & nutrition, "Women Together" and life-skills.

It also provides driver education, housing assistance and Youth Sports & Leadership programs. The Centre incorporates family camps and social activities that encourage community harmony and integrate the Aboriginal and CaLD communities into the greater Australian society.

In 2015, a total of 221 people benefitted from services provided by the centre. 146 children, 39 women and 36 men.

Youth leadership training sessions are offered on a weekly basis and these have been well attended with 111 young people participating throughout the year.



A senior leadership program has also been established with 3 men and 5 women participating.

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## EDMUND RICE COMMUNITY AND REFUGEE SERVICES

Director: **Br. Frank Perkins**

2015 ERFA Funding: **\$48,000**

Edmund Rice Community & Refugee Services (ERCRC) is a not-for-profit organisation based in St Albans, Melbourne. It provides free learning support and a range of social services to students of a disadvantaged background. ERCRC operated six Learning Support sessions each week of school terms in 2015 as follows: two weekly sessions were run for primary school groups in St. Albans and Sunshine each week and two for secondary school tutoring. Primary group sizes ranged from 20-30 children with around 20 volunteers in each and secondary group sizes were 16-18 students with 10-15 volunteers.



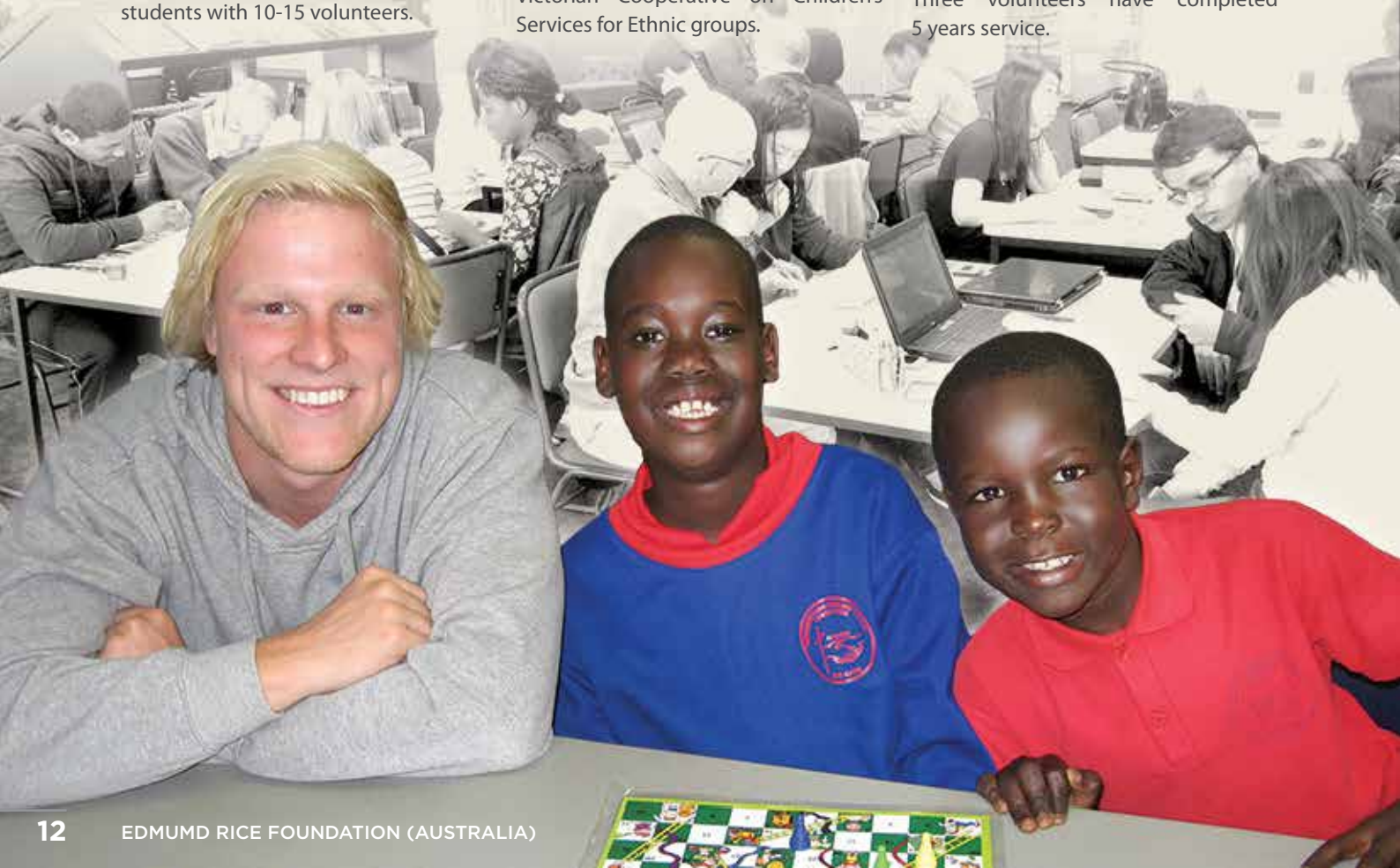
A Boys' Mentoring Program was also run comprising 20 boys, mostly of African descent, who were enrolled in Years 7 or 8 at two secondary schools in St. Albans, and who were identified as being at risk by the school staff. The group met after school each Thursday to link in with their mentors, and join in a program aimed at improving their self-image, self-esteem and resilience.

During October two new programs were offered to parents and children in St. Albans. A trial playgroup operated each Monday for mothers and children aged 3 – 5 in partnership with the Victorian Cooperative on Children's Services for Ethnic groups.

Numbers were small, but value was seen. A Kids' Club also operated each Monday for children aged 6 - 8. This operated as a trial in partnership with Edmund Rice Camps Vic.

During September, 28 ERCRC adult volunteers successfully completed the Edmund Rice Ministries Foundational Child Protection training. The ERCRC Director and Program Coordinator completed a one-day First Aid course given by Australian Red Cross.

In September, 34 adult volunteers attended a dinner given by ERCRC to recognize their significant contribution. Three volunteers have completed 5 years service.





## EDMUND RICE JUSTICE CENTRE

Director: **Mr Phil Glendenning**  
2015 ERFA Funding: **\$75,000**



In 2015, ERFA provided funding to Edmund Rice Centre Indigenous Programs.

Throughout the year, the program undertook a wide range of school and community consultations including cultural awareness workshops, embedding Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander perspectives into curriculum, and exploring Aboriginal art through authentic practice.

A tutor was provided for a summer school intensive program at the Australian Catholic University and one was also provided for a mainstream unit on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education at which 69 students participated.

*Let's Talk: Dhawunda* five-day cross-cultural immersions for teachers and educators were successfully completed in April and September and an Edmund Rice Education Australia immersion took place in October. The immersions are open to teachers and educators and visit predominately Aboriginal communities in outback NSW.

The programs provide help and support for Indigenous families in crisis and work to foster and advance the cause for Indigenous Australians.





## BR BEAUSANG CATHOLIC EDUCATION CENTRE (BBCEC)

Embulbul, Kenya

**Principal:** Mr Peter Shanahan

**2015 ERFA Funding:** \$399,091

2015 marked the tenth year of Christian Brother management of BBCEC (2006 – 2015). The school is situated in the town of Embulbul just outside Nairobi. It is a not-for-profit inclusive Catholic day school welcoming students of all tribes, cultures and religions, especially those who might not otherwise be able to access secondary education due to personal circumstances. Visits to families of all new enrolments (except pre-school and class 1) were undertaken and the major challenges identified were marital problems, unemployment, food, rent, shelter and financial problems.

In 2015, the school had a total of 65 staff (35 teaching and 30 administrative). Staff underwent reviews, staff turnover was minimal and they received a 10% salary increase. Enrolments of 739 students represented a decrease of 65 on 2014 (mostly in Form 1 of secondary school due to a combination of educational and financial factors). Of the 387 primary students, 210 were girls and 177 boys. Secondary student composition was 161 girls and 191 boys (total of 352).

In addition to tuition fees, 562 students received sponsorship. Fees increased in 2015 and the fee instalment scheme introduced in 2014 was refined and continued.

The Beausang Tertiary Support (BTS) Scheme sponsored 22 beneficiaries (20 past students and two staff) undertaking university or vocational courses during 2014/15.

The major focus for 2015 was on maintenance and grounds improvements. No major capital development took place.

The school's operational budget for 2015 was 40.5 million Kenyan Shillings. Income sources were: sponsored fees 22.8%, fees 17.5%, Cross Catholic Outreach 12.8%, ERFA 46.1% and other 0.8%.



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## EDMUND RICE ADVOCACY NETWORK

**Project Leader:**  
**Mr Joash Diemu Sigu**

**2015 ERFA Funding: \$20,000**

ERAN seeks to contribute to the overall access to economic, social and cultural rights of local citizens. It envisages a just and equitable society where human and environmental rights are advanced. In 2015, ERAN reached over 1,684 children, 211 women and 140 men.

In January, ERAN partnered to organise a web-cast on the Universal Periodic Review for Kenya. This provided an opportunity for at least 380 participants from civil society organizations to follow the process live as it was happening in Geneva. This has enabled groups involved in promoting human rights to understand the government's commitments and be able to hold them to account during the implementation of the accepted recommendations.

Throughout the year EREA facilitated workshops on child rights and child protection in various schools in Nairobi. These were delivered to teachers, staff and child protection officers. Some teachers in informal schools do not have training and EREA works to continuously build their capacity in understanding child developmental stages and positive discipline as well as appropriate mechanisms for intervention in alleged or suspected cases of child abuse.



Early in the year, ERAN held a consultative meeting for local leaders, police and area administration to deliberate on child right issues rampant in the area and possibilities for networking in combating the vice. A resolution to form an area child rights committee was reached with ERAN to spearhead the initiative.

In the middle of the year, ERAN facilitated a colourful event at Brother Beausang Catholic Education Centre in Embulbul in commemoration of the Day of the African Child with more than 400 children participating. The theme was 'Child Participation: Let Children be Seen and Heard'. Children played an important role in organizing and running the event with assistance from their teachers and held a procession locally to sensitize the neighbourhood on children's rights.

In June, ERAN submitted a shadow report in readiness for the upcoming review of Kenya by the Committee on the Convention of the Rights of the Child in Geneva in 2016 highlighting the plight of children in Kenya.

The report covered three thematic areas namely: Children with Disabilities, Children Living with HIV/AIDS, and Child Abuse, Neglect and Child Labour.

ERAN also continued with the life skills sessions in schools at least three times a week. Topics included assertiveness and negotiation skills; success and discipline; coping with stress and emotions; communication and leadership skills; self esteem; and self awareness.

Throughout the year ERAN ran a number of children's camps where children learnt, through creative arts, about their rights and responsibilities and had a lot of fun through games and sports. ERAN also recruited and trained youth as camp leaders enhancing leadership skills and ability to mentor other children.

In September, ERAN organized a forum on climate change to highlight the ongoing global challenges. They coordinated an event at schools where 450 trees were planted.

ERAN participated in the drafting and submission of various parallel reports on human rights during the review of Kenya under different treaty bodies of the United Nations and the African Union and early in the year they coordinated a human rights workshop attended by 50 youth.





# Project Report Africa

## EDMUND RICE KARIBU GROUP

Nairobi, Kenya

**Project Leader: Br Peter Cole**

**2015 ERFA Funding: \$13,234**

The Edmund Rice Karibu Group (ERKG) works with marginalised children, especially those who reside in Africa's largest slum, Kibera. The Group runs one-day camps to provide children with a positive, fun, tension-free experience.

ERKG aims to make connections with the wider Kibera community so that children are supported more fully both by teachers and parents. Children participating in the camps have a chance to share their hopes and aspirations, including through drama and art, as well as talking about the problems/dangers faced in their disadvantaged situation. The camps provide an opportunity for games, meals and education.

In 2015, more than 1,000 children benefited from Edmund Rice Karibu camps. The Group held 16 camps with each including 60-70 children. Some children attended two or three camps but most were on their first camp.

ERKG also runs community outreach programs where children benefit from sharing their goals and discussing



environmental problems, educational struggles and ability to manage confidence and self esteem. In 2015, six (6) community outreach programs were run with approximately 180 children each.

Formation days and skill training days improve the capacity of camp leaders to implement the aims of the camps. These are enjoyable for leaders and aim to empower them to lead small groups as well as to co-ordinate the activities of larger groups.

The ERKG core leaders were very active in engaging with teachers in targeted schools throughout the year. The Group continues to have good co-operation with parents. School teachers continue to welcome youth leaders to engage with schools both at community outreach times and on other occasions. Six (6) Kibera-based secondary schools provided the opportunity for Group leaders to give motivational talks to graduating Form 4 students with the aim of recruiting new leaders.

## Children participating have a chance to share their hopes and aspirations





## EDUCATION FOR LIFE

Eldoret, Kenya

**Project Leader:**

**Ms Angeline Obutu**

**2015 ERFA Funding: \$93,210**

**In 2015, ERFA funded three (3)  
projects in Eldoret:**

- 1. Education for Life (EFL)**
- 2. Eldoret Women's Program**
- 3. Eldoret Edmund Rice Camps**

The Education for Life (EFL) program promotes the rights of people and families living with HIV and AIDS. Most clients are women who have been widowed and rejected by their relatives due to stigma and discrimination and who live in the slum areas of Eldoret town in western Kenya, without regular jobs or income. The program also protects the rights of children who are at most risk especially those orphaned by HIV and AIDS and those born HIV-positive.

In 2015, the EFL program benefited 350 HIV infected and affected families through nutritional support, economic empowerment, counselling and capacity building on relevant emerging issues. 600 children benefitted from educational support and uniforms, counselling and academic follow-ups. 25 malnourished children were provided food while their parents were educated on nutrition and childcare. In addition to the program's direct beneficiaries, many others in the community are benefitting from education on HIV/AIDS.

EFL manages 13 Savings and Lending Scheme Community (SILC) groups providing training for members in small business enterprises such as producing and selling handcrafted items. This scheme is proving very successful and it is hoped that interest on savings will become a revolving fund to benefit the community.

The program's success is evident through reduction of stigma with many members now sharing about their HIV status and encouraging one another to live positively.

The Eldoret Women's Program is empowering women through sustainable income-generating community projects.



The current project of poultry farming has been fully managed by women in the community with training and guidance in financial accountability provided by the project leadership. A workshop was organised and facilitated by the Ministry of Agriculture to provide specific poultry farming skills.

Eldoret Edmund Rice Camps provides the opportunity for poor children to participate in day long programs designed to bring them together as caring communities undivided by ethnic tension. Camp participation grew throughout the year from 73 participants in the first camp to 104 in the final camp. 416 children benefited directly through participation comprising 247 girls and 159 boys.





## MARY RICE CENTRE

Nairobi, Kenya

Project Leader:

**Br Gerald Mgalula**

2015 ERFA Funding: **\$89,000**



The Mary Rice Centre (MRC) supports children from the Kibera slum living with physical and intellectual disabilities. The slum is located approximately 5km from central Nairobi. Kibera has been described as one of the most crowded places on earth and estimates of its population vary widely from around 250,000 to as high as 2 million. Life in Kibera is characterised by extreme poverty, few or no basic services and high rates of crime and unemployment. For children living with physical and intellectual disability in Kibera, life is unimaginable.

In 2015, the Mary Rice Day Care Centre provided centre-based care, learning and support for 32 children living with disability. These children were provided basic learning skills, therapy services and a food program. Medication and uniforms were also provided for the children. Another 17 children were supported through placement in special needs schools, vocational schools, primary schools and learning centres.

The centre also supports families through training, workshops and a parent support group. In 2015, parents were provided training on how to manage with their children at home more effectively.

A micro-finance scheme also assists parents with income generating activities such as bead making, tailoring and pre-vocational activities. In 2015, additional sewing machines were purchased and parents participating in tailoring skills training increased from 6 to 11.

Throughout the year, Mary Rice Day Care Centre involved the local community through consultation with local government leaders, training for parents and forums for parents to provide feedback on services and improvements. Staff at the centre attended workshops on child protection, stewardship and integrity.

They also participated in an end of year evaluation and planning workshop.

The biggest challenge for the Mary Rice Centre in 2016 is to find new premises as the centre's tenancy has expired and will not be renewed.

In 2015, the Centre relied on ERFA for more than 90% of its operational costs of approximately KHS6.4 million.

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## RUBEN CENTRE

Nairobi, Kenya

Project Director:

**Br Frank O'Shea**

2015 ERFA Funding: **\$364,289**

The Ruben Centre strives for an empowered and just Mukuru community by providing quality education, health, financial and social services to children and families in the Mukuru slum. The centre provides education, health services and social and economic empowerment programs.

In 2015, 2,500 children received free education at the school. 374 children were saved from child labour and are back at school. A new centre for children with special needs was established in May with 17 children (5 girls and 12 boys) attending. The Centre's clinic treated around 75,000 patients with approximately 75% of these being children. Around 1,500 women benefited from training and economic empowerment through the centre's social program.



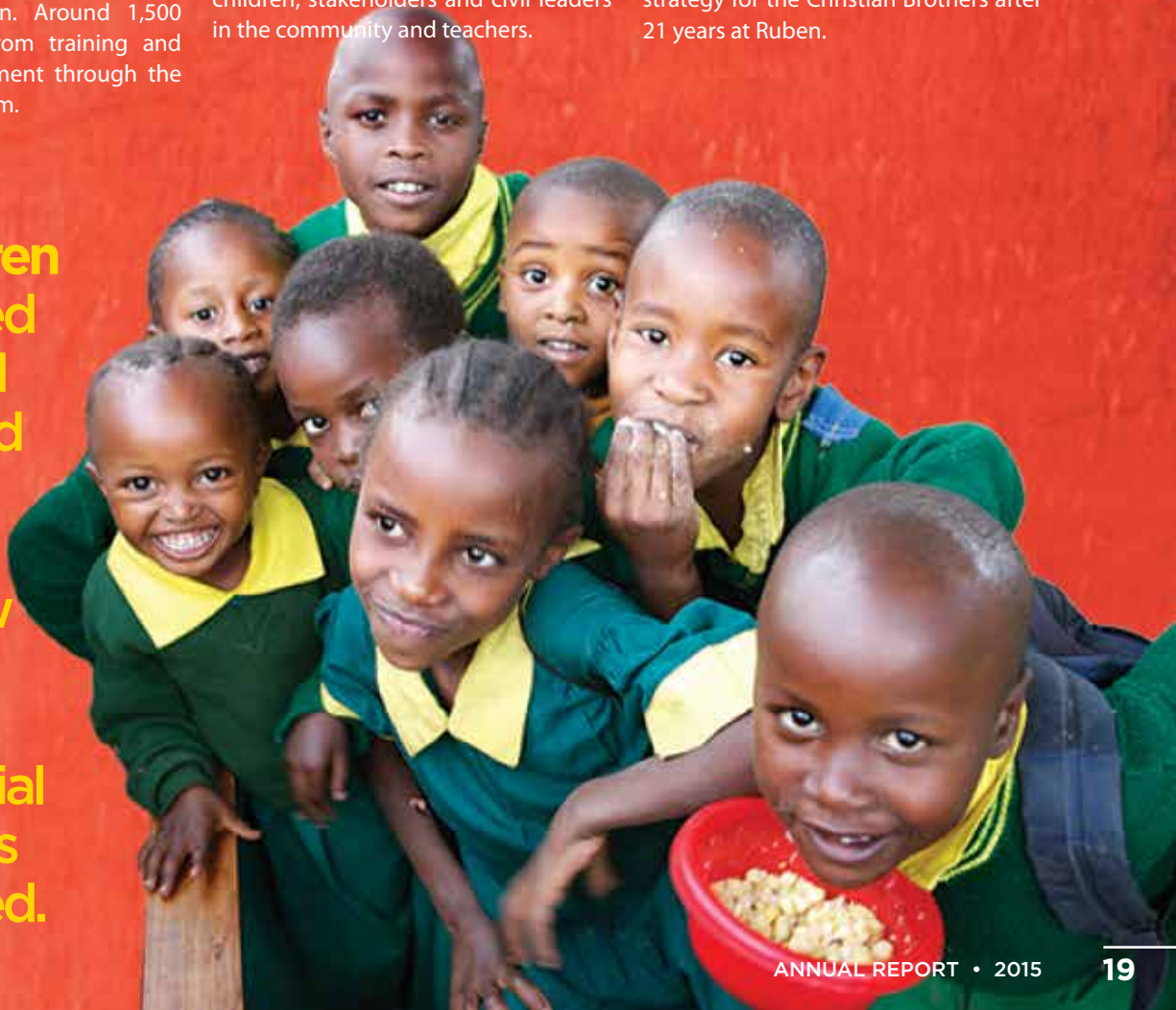
The clinic continues to offer a wide range of health services and plays a key role in educating the local community on health issues such as water and sanitation, cholera risk, polio awareness and immunisation and cervical cancer screening.

Trainings on child rights and gender-based violence were held throughout the year involving parents of school children, stakeholders and civil leaders in the community and teachers.

2015 saw the completion of many infrastructure projects. The primary school was completed as were new toilets and administration offices for the school. A new vocational training facility was built. Social worker offices were refurbished and two new conference rooms were created.

The Centre's new 5-year strategic plan (2016-2020) is in place with an exit strategy for the Christian Brothers after 21 years at Ruben.

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# Project Report Africa

## STAR SUPPORT GROUP

Yambio, South Sudan

**Project Leader:**

**Br Fredrick Otieno**

**2015 ERFA Funding: \$78,000**

Despite turmoil in Yambio, Star Support Group carried out its planned activities and all were successful. Programs undertaken included: awareness workshops for people living with HIV/AIDS; Home Based Care support/nutrition support; capacity building for staff members; transportation of clients to hospital for further treatment; monthly meeting for the provision of nutrition for orphaned children; monthly meetings for adult beneficiaries; child protection workshops; purchase of food nutrition for bed-ridden clients; provision of prophylaxis to clients; the introduction of a pilot project tailoring course to clients for self-sustainability/self-reliance; gardening; and school fee support for orphan children.

The awareness workshops help beneficiaries to accept their HIV/AIDS status and live positively with freedom from discrimination, rejection and stigmatization. The project's child protection workshops enable guardians of orphan children to gain knowledge on the best interests of the child.



A total of 1522 people (417 children, 825 women and 280 men) have benefitted from the Group's services. The adults have benefited from free supply of prophylaxis, nutrition support and awareness workshops. The orphan children have so far been well equipped with the knowledge of child rights.

The project belongs to the community and all decision-making is done in consultation with the wider community. The beneficiaries belong to the community and they are all actively involved in the implementation of project activities. The tailoring training project is aimed at reducing the dependency syndrome assisting members to become self-reliant entrepreneurs.

The Group is planning to initiate a micro-finance scheme for the beneficiaries with the aim of assisting them to be job creators not job seekers.



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and all decision-making is done in  
consultation with the wider community.**



## COMBONI SISTERS' HOSPITAL

Nzara, South Sudan

**Project Leader:**  
**Sr Sara Antonini**

**2015 ERFA Funding: \$358,114**

This Comboni Sister's Hospital is the main hospital for the Nzara and Yambio communities consisting of approximately 50,000 people. It promotes the right to good health and accessibility to essential medical care and treatment, giving special attention to the most vulnerable including around 3,000 children under 5 years of age. Services include a TB program, leprosy program and specific services for HIV/AIDS. In 2015, the total number of patients seen was 30,256 (14,022 children; 10,289 women; and 5,945 men).

The hospital operates in a town that has no electricity, sewage or running water. In 2015, after in-depth study and evaluation in consultation with hospital management and Dr Daniel Doyle (an Australian-based cardiologist) a decision was made to fund and commission a new solar power system for the hospital. ERFA is working with the Abruzzo Club Brunswick, Bitu-mill Group of Companies, Mode Electrical and NAB to enable this important project. This system will support basic facilities and planned expansion including x-ray, laboratory testing, blood transfusion and monitoring for over 30,000 outpatients, 2000 HIV/AIDS clients and 3000 in-patients under 5 years of age.



During the year the hospital continued to support seven (7) staff in training as registered nurses/midwives. Two (2) staff are in third year, three (3) in second year and two (2) commenced first year training. This training is ongoing and, in three years, will provide the hospital with an adequate number of diploma nurses who will be able to take responsibility in most of the hospital departments.



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# Project Report Africa

## EDMUND RICE SINON SECONDARY SCHOOL

Arusha, Tanzania

Headmaster:  
Br Simon Kaswahili

2015 ERFA Funding: \$18,150

The Edmund Rice Sinon Secondary School provides education for students who otherwise are unable to access it. The students have varied talents and capabilities. Some living with disability would not be accepted into other schools.

While there is still dependence upon the contributions from external individuals and groups, the long-term aim will see the school develop its recurrent budget in such a way as to provide funding for those needing support.

A number of past students who were supported through the school have now completed their tertiary education



and are able to support their families in accessing secondary education through financial contributions.

The school has been recognised for its proactive approach to sustainability

through various projects such as a biogas digester, gardening and in 2015, the development of a green-house for the production of foods suitable for the marketplace and students' diets.



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## OUR WAY INTO THE FUTURE HUB

First Hub, Zambia

Chair of TST Funding and Finance Committee:  
**Br Declan Power**

2015 ERFA Funding: **\$200,000**

In 2015 ERFA, Edmund Rice Development (in Ireland) and the Transition Support Team (TST) worked together to commence work on establishing twenty new communities in the developing world. These communities will be supported by “hubs” (leadership centres) and will be primarily based on the Community Engagement Approach that involves people living in poverty in a way that is respectful and empowering. Development of communities will involve the people concerned in every step of the process ensuring their input and approval. This approach to development builds the capacity of a local community to provide the solutions for its problems and circumstances, both social and environmental.

In 2015, extensive consultation and establishment of partnerships in Africa has been undertaken to identify areas of greatest need. Western Province in Zambia has been chosen as the location for the first “hub” and three (3) frontline communities in Limulunga, Luampa and Senanga.

Other activities throughout the year included orientation and workshops; appointment of members for the first communities; establishment of governance structures, financial systems and accounts; and engagement of providers of professional services.



**Building the capacity  
of local communities to  
provide environmental  
and social solutions.**





# Partnership Reports and Initiatives



## GONE FISHING IMMERSION PROGRAM & ALUMNI

Reflection from: **Ms Stephanie Atkinson**



In 2015 the Edmund Rice Foundation led another two 'Gone Fishing' immersions in March and October, which introduced fifteen people to the tremendous work of the foundation and to join a growing Gone Fishing alumni of more than fifty people since its inception in 2013.

In a culture so different from our world in Australia the Gone Fishing program exposes individuals to the most incredible highs and lows of life.

I was given the opportunity to lead the October immersion with an inspiring group of people from across Australia. The program aims to introduce individuals from varied backgrounds and leadership qualities to better understand ERFA projects in Nairobi, Kenya and connect with the African people.

I challenged our group to walk off the plane from Australia directly into the slums of Kibera. The team walked off the plane knowing they were soon to experience a world away from their own. There were mixed feelings of excitement, anticipation, exhilaration blended with anxiety, self-doubt and hesitancy.

On this first encounter with extreme poverty, the overwhelming response to the surroundings in the Kibera slum was compassion and joy. Small children came out from around corners to greet us with their bright smiles and their favourite phrase 'How are you?'. And there were adults going about their day, curious to know who we were and more hesitant with their welcome. Meanwhile the group carefully and respectfully found their footing whilst navigating around the piles of sewerage, taking in the peculiar smells and climbing uneven steep hills whilst trying to make sense of it all.

The program unfolded and we immersed ourselves into the extraordinary work of the ERF projects including The Ruben Centre, Mary Rice and the Brother Beausang schools. We spent time with the staff as they lovingly worked with the children to feed, inspire and educate them. We visited homes in Kibera, Mukuru, Embulbul slums and listened to families tell their stories, all of us heartbroken at the hardship these families are faced with yet overwhelmed with the amount of goodwill of community that surrounded.

The sense of community is what shines brightly above these slums giving hope and inspiring individuals to continue on.

In the October 2015 we arranged for the student leadership team from Brother Beausang School to present to The Australian High Commission on the Social Issues Facing the Youth of Kenya. Their presentation addressed such issues as poverty, unemployment, corruption in Government, health and welfare and issues around tribalism in their culture. It was a highly thought-provoking presentation in the hope that the Australia High Commission can advocate for the issues raised and work with the Brother Beausang community which has a strong standing in the Embulbul region.

In 2015 the Gone Fishing Alumni was launched. The purpose of the Alumni is to harness the vast depth of skills and energies from those who have attended 'Gone Fishing' and to galvanise support for a new project in Nairobi.





## 500 SUPPORTERS GROUP

Report from: **Mr Patrick O'Brien, Chair**

On Tuesday 5 May more than 480 members and other guests of The 500 Supporters' Group convened in the MCC Members' Dining Room to set the scene for our best attended and most 'productive' lunch ever, raising in excess of \$170 000.

Whether it was legendary former Brisbane Lions captain Jonathan Brown, three time Paralympic gold medalist Kurt Fearnley, or Director of the Ruben Centre, Frank O'Shea who was responsible for the sell-out crowd, one thing was clear: it was an occasion to remember. Our master MC, Leon Wiegard was in his element interviewing one of the Lions' favourite sons alongside his father, Brian.

Kurt spoke of the impact on him when he visited Ruben in 2013 and his passion for the Centre and the work being done there was no doubt a large driver of the record donations on the day. It was particularly appropriate that after Kurt spoke Frank took the stage to announce the development of The Kurt Fearnley Special Needs Room in which Ruben's new Special Needs Education Program will be housed (see photo).

Friday 16 October saw long time Supporters Frank Artufel, Matthew Graham and the Bitu-mill team host their 9th annual charity golf day event. Another marvellous day generated another fantastic outcome with \$50,288 raised to help the Edmund Rice Foundation fund the construction of a solar power station in Nzara Hospital South Sudan (see page 21). Bitu-mill, which has already raised in excess of \$596,000 for the Foundation, has committed to help raise \$150,000 for this project over coming years.

In September, the Spring Racing Lunch at the MCG was again supported magnificently by the Victorian Racing Club and its Chairman, Michael Burn, as well as Melbourne Racing Club and its Chairman, Mike Symons. Both Mikes were on hand to provide insights into both the spring carnival and the legendary Bart Cummings whose life and contribution we celebrated on the day. We were fortunate to be joined by Joe Agresta, for many years Bart's foreman in Melbourne, as well as Steven King, 1991 Melbourne Cup winning jockey who rode for Bart many times.

Another highlight of the lunch was the evocative and moving presentation by Kylie Lang who visited Ruben as part of the Gone Fishing Immersion Program in 2014. Her presentation on her visit to the Mukuru Slums and the Ruben Centre moved attendees greatly; so much so that the amount raised was a record for the Spring Racing Lunch and our Membership base following it is at an all-time high, in excess of 200. This growth in Membership is so important as it's our Members who really underwrite the educational, health and other social programs provided by Ruben.

Our Members and other supporters can be very proud of our collective efforts in 2015, the two lunch events having generated approximately \$340,000 (taking the Group's total contribution close to \$4m since 1999). However, there remains so much to be done. If you would like to get involved and help us continue to support the outstanding work of the Ruben Centre, please visit our website [www.the500supportersgroup.org](http://www.the500supportersgroup.org) for details.





## EREA & PARTNER SCHOOLS

Education Beyond Borders

Report from: [Mr Brian Garrone](#)

Edmund Rice Foundation has partnered with Edmund Rice Education Beyond Borders (EREBB) to promote the development of quality and transformational education across the world. EREBB is an International network of Catholic schools educating young people from many different faiths and cultures. It endeavors to promote global solidarity and offer a transformational education for justice and liberation.

A recent collaboration between ERF and EREBB has been an Educational Leadership Conference held in Johannesburg, South Africa. Over 80 school leaders from 20 different countries attended the gathering.

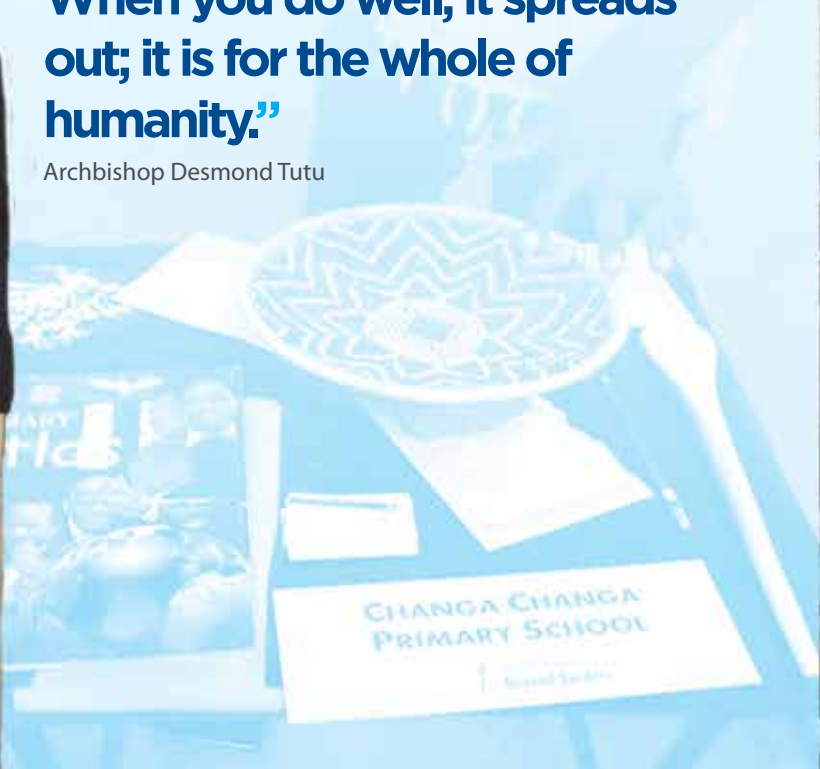
The support of the Edmund Rice Foundation enabled 13 school leaders from Kenya, Tanzania, Sierre Leone, Zambia and Liberia to participate.

The theme of the Conference was Educating with Ubuntu, an ideal that ERF and its supporters attempts to nurture through our work.



**“Bringing people together is what I call ‘Ubuntu,’ which means ‘I am because we are.’ Far too often people think of themselves as just individuals, separated from one another, whereas you are connected and what you do affects the whole world. When you do well, it spreads out; it is for the whole of humanity.”**

Archbishop Desmond Tutu





## PROJECT KENYA

Report from: **Mr John McKenna**

2015 marked the tenth year that 'Project Kenya' has been raising awareness of, funds for and general support for Br. Beausang Catholic Centre, Embulbul. This project began in 2006 with the appointment of Br. Laurie Collins to the school, establishing a connection between this small parish school in Nairobi, Kenya and the Edmund Rice Network. In this tenth year Project Kenya, which supports the education of the poor of Embulbul, raised for this purpose \$111,358 and with the monies raised from the previous years



since 2006, took the total raised under the 'Project Kenya' banner to \$1,575,297. Once again, the St. Bernard's College Essendon community, the Catholic Ladies College Eltham community and the Catholic Regional College

Melton community contributed very generously in 2015. As well, over 300 sponsors contributed to the \$111,358 raised for the educational needs of the Embulbul community.

**To those loyal and generous supporters, many, many thanks to you all. This great work at Embulbul only continues because of your wonderful support.**





## RAINBOW OF HOPE • Queensland

Report from: Committee Members Ms Sam Baker and Ms Pep Hampson



Bondias! Originating in 2013, the Rainbow Committee is in its third year and is bringing hope and education to the lives of children in Timor-Leste by raising money to build new schools, improve existing schools and provide resources, teachers and education programs particularly in rural villages. The Rainbow Committee, working closely with the Edmund Rice Foundation's education and health projects in Timor-Leste, has inspired hundreds of women to connect, support and give hope to the women and children of Timor-Leste through friendship, funds raised and the belief that all children are entitled to an education and good health care.

In 2014 the Rainbow Committee held its first signature luncheon and raised \$40,000 with all funds raised going directly to providing desperately needed resources, facilities and teachers for schools in the Railaco and Samalete regions. New and improved facilities included toilets, desks, chairs, stationery, classroom facilities, ongoing teacher support and a daily meal for the children.

In January 2015, two members of the Rainbow Committee, Pep Hampson and Sam Baker travelled to Timor-Leste, together with Anthony Ryan, CEO of the Edmund Rice Foundation and Br Frank Hennessey (based in Timor) and spent a week visiting the schools and tekkas (kindergartens) in the mountain villages behind Dili and saw first-hand the challenges the Timorese people face. The Rainbow Committee returned to Brisbane with a new project, to raise funds to build a Tekka (kindergarten) in the rural village of Poerema.

The new Tekka will initially support 40 families and educate their children, but in reality it affects and supports the whole community. Education liberates the lives of communities. An educated child can liberate a family and a liberated family can liberate the lives of a whole community.

**The new Tekka  
will affect and  
support the  
whole community**

By working in partnership with the people of Poerema, Railaco and Samalete it gives them confidence that they are not walking this journey alone.

In September 2015 the second Rainbow of Hope luncheon was held and raised an additional \$40,000 for the building of a new Tekka in Poerema. The funds raised have enabled the construction of a new Tekka as well as new desks, chairs, stationery, books and classroom resources, toilets, teachers and a meal each day for each child. Almost the entire village of Poerema was involved in the construction of the Tekka making it a significant community project. The Tekka is due to open by April 2016.

In addition to funds raised over 150 children's backpacks filled with pencils, stationery, story books and notebooks were donated and have been sent to Timor. A Rainbow of Hope website and Instagram page was also launched in 2015 providing regular two way communication between the committee and its many friends, supporters and sponsors.





## RAINBOW OF HOPE

Victoria

**Report from: Committee  
Members Ms Louise Allison  
and Ms Sally Burgoyne**

With the passionate support of 150 Melbourne women the Rainbow Lunch in Victoria has raised over \$60,000 since the inauguration in 2014 in support of the Mary Rice Centre.

Held in the picturesque Treacy Centre Parkville, the lunch brings a rainbow of happiness to the children of the Mary Rice Centre. The aim is raise much needed funds and awareness for the unimaginably difficult lives of the people who live in the Kibera slums. The Group's focus is on children with special needs and disabilities who become even further marginalised



whilst trying to survive in one of the most impoverished places in the world.

The Rainbow Ladies' Group is grateful to the generous supporters and sponsors who make the lunch a "must attend" annual event. Entertainment in 2015 was provided by incredibly talented students from St Kevin's - Xavier, Emily McFarlane from St Columba's and the father/daughter team of Lucy and Tony Floyd who provided an outstanding tribute to the Beatles.

Holding it all together and injecting her great sense of humour was outstanding Mater of Ceremonies, Janet Campbell.

The challenge in 2016 year becomes even greater as the Mary Rice Centre is being evicted from its current location and a new 'home' needs to be found.

**Focus is on children with special needs and disabilities who become marginalised whilst trying to survive in one of the most impoverished places in the world.**





# Partnership Reports and Initiatives

## TERRACE TIMOR NETWORK

Report from: Mr Paul Higgins

The Terrace Timor Network (TTN), facilitates a partnership between Comunidade Edmund Rice (CER), the community of St Joseph's College, Gregory Terrace in Brisbane, and a network of Edmund Rice communities across Australia. In 2015, TTN celebrated its tenth year of walking in solidarity with the people of Timor as they journey along the evolving path of rebuilding their nation, after a quarter century of military occupation.

The focus of the team in 2015 was "sustainability"; ensuring that the programs that have been developed in the first decade (coffee, handmade cards, scholarships), as well as TTN itself, remain strong and continue to form a reliable source of income for the villages supported.

After oil and gas, coffee is the major export of Timor. Working with partner Blue Sky Coffee, TTN is very proud of the Kolega (meaning friend in the Tetum language) range of roasted and packaged organic coffee products. Kolega Coffee is sold through TTN's Justice Products website ([www.justiceproducts.org](http://www.justiceproducts.org)) as well as at events through the year. Half of the gross sale price is returned direct to the growers of the coffee, making a significant and direct impact on the lives of these families in breaking the cycle of poverty.

This year saw the Kolega quality gift and Christmas cards program also gather sustainable momentum.



This program employs 65 women producing around 100 cards per day in four (4) teams of 15 women. Each team works 1 day per week and the program provides income and important social engagement in the community.

This year's Terrace year 10 immersion group, erected a large sign on the "card ladies" building, and in a proud moment for the village, the "Sentru Ba Kolega" (Kolega Centre) was made official. TTN has partnered with local group Alola to develop training for the card ladies to enable them to take more responsibility for managing the program moving forward. TTN also partnered with the UQ business school which produced two comprehensive studies to support the card program business planning into the future.

A main thrust of market expansion in 2015 was to extend the reach of TTN's products to other schools and organizations with a social justice interest. This year saw Lourdes Hill, St John Fisher College, All Hallows' and Padua College participate in promoting Justice Products within their communities supported by a team who helped them "learn the story, become part of the story and change the story".



An exciting new initiative for 2015 was the "Vanilla Seeds of Hope" project. Vanilla bean is a high potential cash crop, ideally suited to growing in Timor. A TTN team is working in conjunction with several other NGO's as well as the Edmund Rice Foundation and Comunidade Edmund Rice to help farmers to establish vines, compost and care for them, and improve vanilla yield through education and training. Fifteen educational sessions saw 65 farmers engage with TTN's local team of four - a strong start to an important new initiative, with sustainability designed in.

TTN thanks all those involved in the first pioneering 10 years and looks forward to welcoming people who would like to carry the torch forward in the second decade of the Terrace Timor Network.





## Partnership Reports and Initiatives

### ZIMELE

Report from: **Mr Tom Purcell, Founder**

Zimele was founded in 2008 by Tom Purcell who had just attended a two week conference in South Africa, the theme of which was reconciliation and forgiveness with a specific focus on the struggle for freedom and the end of apartheid. He was inspired by the heroic work of Steve Biko, a young student activist who had set up an organisation named Zimele, which is Zulu for 'stand on your own feet'. Zimele works in partnership with the St Kevin's College community and the Edmund Rice Foundation to enhance the dignity of individuals and communities through the empowerment of education and to assist in the provision of basic health needs to its project communities.

In 2015, Zimele continued to support its three main projects, the Education for Life Centre in Eldoret, north west Kenya, the Star Support Project in Yambio, South Sudan, and the Br Beausang school in Embul-Bul, Nairobi, Kenya. It conducted two fund raising functions, the Annual Zimele Dinner at St Kevin's College, Toorak, and the Annual Walkathon at Yarra Bend Park in October. It also secured education sponsorships for Br Beausang students as well as children of women suffering from HIV at the Education for Life Centre in Eldoret, Kenya.

The East African Immersion took place from Thursday June 25 to Tuesday July 14, led by Tom Purcell and John Mount, and involved thirteen participants including, among others, a group of year thirteen St Kevin's old boys. The immersion was very successful and continues to be a powerful experience for all concerned, with highlights including helping Brothers Mgalula and Cole run an Edmund Rice camp at the Mary Rice centre in the huge Kibera slum in Nairobi, home visits at Br Beausang in Embul-Bul and the Education for Life Centre in Eldoret, the highly successful sporting exchange at Edmund Rice Sinon College in Arusha Tanzania, and finally a powerful engagement with the history of the apartheid struggle during their three day visit to Johannesburg, South Africa. The sporting exchange in 2015 involved fifty Br Beausang students travelling south over the Kenyan border into Tanzania, and highly competitive games of volleyball, basketball, netball and, the dreamchild of Tommy Purcell, an Australian Rules game between the Kenyan Buffaloes and the Tanzanian Simbas! As Br Clem Barrett, Registrar at Sinon would affirm, the exchange continues to be an exciting opportunity to forge invaluable 'international' relationships between Beausang and Sinon.

Zimele depends largely on the support of the St Kevin's College community and is grateful for the support it receives from the Headmaster Stephen Russell and the entire St Kevin's community. The Zimele Board is working hard to ensure the continued success of its outreach ministries in 2016.

## Zimele, is Zulu for 'stand on your own feet'





# Finance Report

## Concise Consolidated Annual Financial Report For the year ended 31 December 2015

### Where the money came from and where it went

It was another very good year for the Foundation with total revenue of \$3,615,888. This was a marginal decrease of \$46,081 or 1.3% as compared to 2014. Key indicators are:

- An increase of \$318,791 (12.7%) in donations income largely due to collaborative fundraising efforts between Edmund Rice Education Australia and the Edmund Rice Foundation (Australia)
- Increase in investment income of \$32,294 (54.0%)
- Fundraising income, reduced by \$178,003 (23.7%) largely due to the reduction in the number of functions and the number of participants at the Brisbane dinner
- Decrease in funds through bequests \$145,985 (95.1%)
- Decrease in funds through grants \$47,000 (47.0%)
- Decrease in funds through donations in kind \$16,530 (100.0%)

### Funding to programs increased by \$880,456 (46.0%) during the year primarily due to:

• Nzara Hospital, South Sudan	\$279,032	352.80%
• Research and establishment of Our Way Into the Future in Africa	\$200,000	100.00%
• Brother Beausang High School, Embulbul Kenya	\$114,273	41.40%
• Callan Services, Papua New Guinea	\$95,437	95.90%
• St Joseph's Flexible Learning Centre North Melbourne	\$70,000	100.00%

**\$758,742**

- Fundraising costs decreased by \$91,670 (22.9%) as a result of the reduction in the number of functions and the number of participants at functions.

### Financial Results

The deficit for the year was \$35,609 compared to a surplus in the prior year of \$967,657.

### Performance Measures

#### Administration Ratio

A useful measure of the Consolidated Entity's administrative efficiency is its administration cost ratio. The ratio expresses administration costs (including depreciation) as a percentage of total expenditure. For 2015 the ratio was 6.2% (2014: 6.7%)

#### Fundraising cost ratio

Another ratio often given attention is the fundraising cost ratio. There are different definitions of this ratio used throughout the not-for-profit sector. In order to assess the organisation's performance accurately and to provide a comparison with other non-government organisations, the following two fundraising cost ratios have been used:

- Fundraising costs as a percentage of total revenue  
The ratio in relation to total revenue for 2015 was 15.0% (2014: 16.1%).

- Fundraising costs as a percentage of fundraising income (excluding grants)

The ratio in relation to all funds raised for 2015 was 94.6% (2014: 78.6%). The meaningfulness of this ratio however, is affected by the range of fundraising activities undertaken in the respective financial periods. In Edmund Rice Foundation (Australia)'s case this range, and the associated cost rates, varies markedly between recruitment of donors to particular programs and special events. Fundraising activities are worth pursuing provided they generate a worthwhile surplus over time that can be devoted to achieving Edmund Rice Foundation (Australia)'s goal of improving the lives of disadvantaged peoples.

It is therefore necessary to be cautious when comparing the fundraising cost ratio over time and with the corresponding ratio of other charities that may have quite different ways of funding their activities and reporting their results.

### Events subsequent to reporting date

No matters or circumstances have arisen since the end of the financial year, which have or may significantly affect:-

- (a) the operations of the consolidated entity;
- (b) the results of those operations; or
- (c) the state of affairs of the consolidated entity, in subsequent financial years.



## Consolidated Statement of Income and Expenditure for the year ended 31 December 2015

	CONSOLIDATED	
	2015	2014
	\$	\$
<b>REVENUE</b>		
Donations and gifts		
Monetary	2,837,782	2,518,991
Non-monetary	-	16,530
Bequests and Legacies	7,484	153,469
Fundraising Income	574,218	752,221
Grants		
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	-	-
Other Australian	50,000	100,000
Other overseas	3,000	-
Investment income	143,404	119,958
Other income	-	800
Revenue for International Political or Religious Adherence Promotion Programs	-	-
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>3,615,888</b>	<b>3,661,969</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
International Aid and Development Programs Expenditure		
Funds to international programs	2,376,175	1,596,323
Non-Monetary Expenditure	-	16,530
Program support costs	10,683	20,390
Domestic Aid and Development Programs Expenditure		
Funds to domestic programs	417,000	302,865
Program support costs	-	-
Community education	19,358	7,164
Fundraising costs (International and Domestic)	-	-
Public	543,364	591,193
Government, multilateral and private	-	-
Accountability and Administration	222,751	183,041
Total International Aid and Development Programs Expenditure	3,589,331	2,717,506
International Political or Religious Adherence Promotion Programs Expenditure	-	-
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>3,589,331</b>	<b>2,717,506</b>
<b>EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>26,557</b>	<b>944,463</b>

## Statement of Comprehensive Income for the year ended 31 December 2015

EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURE	26,557	944,463
<b>Other Comprehensive Income</b>		
(Loss)/Gain on revaluation of financial assets	(62,166)	23,194
<b>TOTAL OTHER COMPREHENSIVE (LOSS)/INCOME FOR THE YEAR</b>	<b>(62,166)</b>	<b>23,194</b>
<b>TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE (LOSS)/INCOME FOR THE YEAR</b>	<b>(35,609)</b>	<b>967,657</b>

During the financial year, Edmund Rice Foundation (Australia) received no income for international political or religious proselytisation programs.

## Consolidated Statement of Financial Position as at 31 December 2015

	CONSOLIDATED	
	2015	2014
	\$	\$
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>Current assets</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	3,087,276	2,884,113
Trade and other receivables	173,060	65,126
Other	22,124	3,568
<b>Total current assets</b>	<b>3,282,460</b>	<b>2,952,807</b>
<b>Non-current assets</b>		
Financial assets	1,286,728	1,333,161
Plant & equipment	21,520	19,286
<b>Total non-current assets</b>	<b>1,308,248</b>	<b>1,352,447</b>
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>4,590,708</b>	<b>4,305,254</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
<b>Current liabilities</b>		
Trade and other payables	218,134	83,552
Provisions	11,634	1,804
Interest bearing liabilities	123,084	-
<b>Total current liabilities</b>	<b>352,852</b>	<b>85,356</b>
<b>Non Current Liabilities</b>		
Non interest bearing liabilities	50,000	-
	50,000	-
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>402,852</b>	<b>85,356</b>
<b>Net assets</b>	<b>4,187,856</b>	<b>4,219,898</b>
<b>Equity</b>		
Settlement	100	100
Retained surplus	597,171	662,408
Reserves	3,590,585	3,557,390
<b>Total equity</b>	<b>4,187,856</b>	<b>4,219,898</b>



## Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity for the Year Ended 31 December 2015

Consolidated	Settlement Funds	Accumulated Funds Available for Future Use	Bequest Reserve	Financial Assets Reserve	Specified Purpose Reserves	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>Balance 1 January 2014</b>	100	731,050	1,052,119	99,590	1,369,382	3,252,241
Surplus attributable to Edmund Rice Foundation (Australia)	-	943,624	-	-	-	943,624
Other Comprehensive Income for the year	-	23,194	-	-	-	23,194
Transfers to Reserves						
Bequest Reserve	-	(153,469)	153,469	-	-	-
Financial Assets Reserve	-	(23,194)	-	23,194	-	-
Specified Purpose Reserves	-	(858,797)	-	-	859,636	839
<b>Balance 31 December 2014</b>	100	662,408	1,205,588	122,784	2,229,018	4,219,898
Adjustment to Opening Balance of Bequest and Financial Asset Reserves	-	46,141	(32,284)	(12,136)	1,846	3,567
Surplus attributable to Edmund Rice Foundation (Australia)	-	26,557	-	-	-	26,557
Other Comprehensive Loss for the year	-	(62,166)	-	-	-	(62,166)
Transfers to Reserves						
Bequest Reserve	-	(7,484)	7,484	-	-	-
Financial Assets Reserve	-	4,744	-	(4,744)	-	-
Specified Purpose Reserves	-	17,103	-	-	(17,103)	-
Distributions from Reserves	-	(147,554)	-	-	147,554	-
<b>Balance 31 December 2015</b>	100	539,749	1,180,788	105,904	2,361,315	4,187,856

## Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows for the year ended 31 December 2015

	2015 \$	2014 \$
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>		
Cash receipts in the course of operations	3,482,732	3,429,972
Cash payments in the course of operations	(3,584,357)	(2,561,792)
Interest received	51,288	60,140
Investment Income	92,116	59,823
<b>Net cash provided by operating activities</b>	41,779	988,143
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>		
Investment of Bequest Income	(5,000)	(153,469)
Sale of Motor Vehicle	17,877	-
Purchase of Motor Vehicle	(24,577)	(21,858)
<b>Net cash used in investing activities</b>	(11,700)	(175,327)
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>		
Proceeds from borrowings	360,000	-
Repayment of borrowings	(186,916)	-
<b>Net cash provided by financing activities</b>	173,084	-
<b>Net increase in cash held</b>	203,163	812,816
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year</b>	2,884,113	2,071,297
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of the year</b>	3,087,276	2,884,113



## Consolidated table of cash movements for designated purposes for the year ended 31 December 2015

	Cash available at the beginning of the financial year	Cash Received (net of administration)	Cash Disbursed during year	Transfers between Funds	Cash available at the end of the financial year
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Funds Raised for					
Edmund Rice Oceania General	292,930	134,644	-	(343,955)	83,619
Edmund Rice Oceania Domestic Projects	1,634	47,512	(347,000)	299,355	1,501
Edmund Rice Oceania Developing Nations Projects	131,030	283,244	(674,525)	288,685	28,434
Edmund Rice African Developing Nations Projects					
Ruben Centre (Kenya)	342,518	424,479	(380,997)	-	386,000
Other African Projects	1,140,952	1,056,982	(931,189)	194,130	1,460,875
Total for other purposes	975,049	1,935,809	(1,345,779)	(438,215)	1,126,847
	2,884,113	3,882,670	(3,679,490)	-	3,087,276

The consolidated entity is a signatory to the Australian Council for International Development (ACFID) Code of Conduct, and as such has an obligation to provide the following information which demonstrates adherence to the Code's financial standards. For further information on the Code please refer to the ACFID Code of Conduct Guidance Document available at [www.acfid.asn.au](http://www.acfid.asn.au).

The only appeal which represented more than 10 percent of the total cash raised in 2015 was for the Ruben Centre.

The purpose of the table of cash movements is to ensure the accountability of cash raised for designated purposes. The table of cash movements is used to disclose the amount of cash that has been raised for a designated purpose, disbursed and remains unspent at the end of the year.

Cash raised refers to cash donations and other income actually received during the year. Cash disbursed refers to expenditure actually paid out during the year.

### Notes to the consolidated summary financial report for the year ended 31 December 2015

The concise financial report is an extract from Edmund Rice Foundation (Australia)'s consolidated full financial report for the year ended 31 December 2015.

The financial statements and specific disclosures included in the concise financial report have been derived from the full financial report.

The concise financial report does not and cannot be expected to provide as full an understanding of the financial performance, financial position and financing and investing activities of Edmund Rice Foundation (Australia) and its trusts as the full financial report.

A full description of the accounting policies adopted by Edmund Rice Foundation (Australia) may be found in the full financial report available at [www.erf.org.au](http://www.erf.org.au).

The concise financial report is presented in Australian dollars.

## Edmund Rice Foundation (Australia) ABN 28 153 110 055 Responsible Entities' Declaration

The responsible entities declare that in the responsible entities' opinion:


- there are reasonable grounds to believe that the registered entity is able to pay all of its debts, as and when they become due and payable; and
- the concise financial statements and notes for the year ended 31 December 2015
  - comply with Australian Accounting Standard AASB 1039 Concise Financial Reports; and
  - have been derived from and are consistent with the full consolidated financial report of Edmund Rice Foundation (Australia) and its trusts
- comply with the requirements set out in the ACFID Code of Conduct

This declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors and signed for and on behalf of the Directors by:

Director



Director



Dated this 5<sup>th</sup> day of April 2016





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## **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF EDMUND RICE FOUNDATION (AUSTRALIA)**

### *Report on the Concise Financial Report*

We have audited the accompanying summary financial report of Edmund Rice Foundation (Australia) ('the company'), which comprises the consolidated statement of financial position as at 31 December 2015, the consolidated statement of income and expenditure, consolidated statement of other comprehensive income, consolidated statement of changes in equity and consolidated statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and consolidated table of cash movements and related notes which are derived from the audited financial report of Edmund Rice Foundation (Australia) for the year ended 31 December 2015.

The concise financial report does not contain all the disclosures required by Australian Accounting Standards and accordingly, reading the concise financial report is not a substitute for reading the audited financial report of Edmund Rice Foundation (Australia).

### *Responsible Entities' Responsibility for the Concise Financial Report*

The responsible entities are responsible for the preparation of the concise financial report in accordance with Accounting Standard AASB 1039 *Concise Financial Reports* and for such internal control as the responsible entities determine are necessary to enable the preparation of the concise financial report.

### *Auditor's Responsibility*

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the concise financial report based on our procedures which were conducted in accordance with Auditing Standard ASA 810 *Engagements to Report on Concise Financial Statements*. We have conducted an independent audit, in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards, of the financial report of Edmund Rice Foundation (Australia) for the year ended 31 December 2015. We expressed a modified audit opinion on that financial report in our report dated 5 April 2016. The modification affects our report on the concise financial report. The Australian Auditing Standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial report for the year is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the concise financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the concise financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation of the concise financial report in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Our procedures included testing that the information in the concise financial report is derived from, and is consistent with, the financial report for the year, and examination on a test basis, of audit evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures which were not directly derived from the financial report for the year. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion whether, in all material respects, the concise financial report complies





with Accounting Standard AASB 1039 *Concise Financial Reports*. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the summary financial statements based on our procedures, which were conducted in accordance with Auditing Standard ASA 810 *Engagements to Report on Concise Financial Statements*.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

#### *Independence*

In conducting our audit, we have complied with the independence requirements of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*.

#### *Basis for Qualified Opinion*

As is common with organisations of this type, it is not practical for the Edmund Rice Foundation (Australia) to maintain effective internal controls over donations until their initial entry in the accounting records. Accordingly our audit in relation to such receipts was limited to amounts recorded.

#### *Qualified Opinion*

In our opinion, except for the effects if any, of the matter described in the Basis for Qualified Opinion paragraph, the concise financial report of Edmund Rice Foundation (Australia) and its controlled entities for the year ended 31 December 2015 complies with Accounting Standard AASB 1039 *Concise Financial Reports*.

#### *Matters Relating to the Electronic Publication of the Concise Financial Report*

This auditor's report relates to the financial report of Edmund Rice Foundation (Australia) and its controlled entities for the year ended 31 December 2015 included on Edmund Rice Foundation's website. The responsible entities are responsible for the integrity of Edmund Rice Foundation's website. We have not been engaged to report on the integrity of the Edmund Rice Foundation's website. The auditor's report refers only to the subject matter described above. It does not provide an opinion on any other information which may have been hyperlinked to/from these statements. If users of the financial report are concerned with the inherent risks arising from publication on a website, they are advised to refer to the hard copy of the audited financial report to confirm the information contained in this website version of the financial report.

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*John Gavljak*

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Partner

Dated in Sydney, this 5<sup>th</sup> day of April 2016



# Board of Directors

ERFA was established in December 2012 having come from the Christian Brothers' Foundation for Charitable Works and several other trusts that were operating under the auspices of the Christian Brothers. Consequently, the Membership and Board composition is traditionally male dominated owing to the historical background leading up to the establishment of the trust. The ERFA Board recognises the importance of gender equality to good governance, economic viability and productivity and has commenced strategic discussions that will result in the establishment of targets for representation by women in its membership and Board positions.



## CHAIRMAN

### Mr Peter Murphy

Peter is a Chartered Accountant who for the past 20 years has worked in the recruitment industry. He is widely recognised as one of Australia's leading senior executive recruiters and was recently named Australia's Best Recruiter. He has served on numerous committees for the Queensland branch of the Institute of Chartered Accountants culminating in him being the Queensland State Chairman in 2005. Peter is Co-Chairman of the St Joseph's College, Gregory Terrace Cardinals committee. He has served on several charitable organisations' committees over the years and he joined the National Board for ERFA in 2012.

## DEPUTY CHAIRMAN

### Mr Michael Fernon

Michael has extensive experience in most areas of commercial practice, particularly in relation to superannuation and funds management, corporate finance and fundraising and mergers and acquisitions. Admitted to practice in 1974, Michael has been a principal in law firms since 1977. He has also been a director of several public companies and provided extensive pro bono support. Michael has a long sporting history with St Kevin's Old Collegians. Michael was a Trustee of the former Christian Brothers' Foundation for Charitable Works.

## TREASURER

### Mr Peter Hogan

Peter is a chartered accountant, company director and Strategy & Development Consultant with Incitec Pivot Ltd. His career has been with the ATO, Coopers & Lybrand and PricewaterhouseCoopers as a Tax Manager. He became a Corporate Tax Partner in 1991 advising public and private companies and Australian subsidiary companies of multi-national groups before retiring in 2008. He serves on boards of several public and private companies. Peter's honorary services are on the boards of St Bernard's College, Essendon, and Villa Maria Society. He joined the Board of the former Christian Brothers' Foundation for Charitable Works in 2009. Peter holds a B. Business (Accounting) and is a Member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia.

### Mr Anthony Coates

Tony is a company director and consultant providing management and strategic advice to private and public sector clients. He has been involved in managing voluntary organisations for over 25 years. Tony joined the Board in 2012. He holds a Bachelor of Building from UNSW (majoring in Quantity Surveying) and is a past member of Australian Institute of Quantity Surveyors. Tony has extensive experience in Australian banking and property industries.





### Mr Simon Lockyer

Simon is a past student of St Joseph's College, Gregory Terrace. He has an exceptional reputation in the not-for-profit sector throughout Australia. Simon was a Founding Director of a very prominent Queensland Charity called Youngcare. He is also co-founder and Marketing Director of Everyday Hero, an Australian pioneer of Software as a Service fundraising technologies. Simon has an extensive background in assisting foundations and charities to build a strong strategic and visioning platform.

### Br Chris Meehl

Chris is currently Deputy Province Leader of the Oceania Province Leadership Team (OLT) of the Christian Brothers and the wider Edmund Rice Network. He has enjoyed and worked in a number of educational settings throughout Victoria and Tasmania. He has been Principal of Therry College, Broadmeadows and Chanel College, Lovely Banks, Geelong.

### Mr Mark Sawle

Mark is Headmaster of Aquinas College in Perth, Western Australia. He has close to 30 years' experience in school education in teaching and educational leadership and holds a Master's Degree in Educational Management. Mark is a member of the Australian Council for Educational Leaders and in Western Australia the Catholic Secondary Principals Association and the Private Schools Association. Within Aquinas Mark chairs the College Leadership Team and Board Education Policy Committee.

### Mr Alan Zammit AM

Alan has over 45 years experience in urban, regional and community development and offers corporate and property advisory services as managing director of UPDM. His extensive experience covers multiple sectors including property development, education, health, government and not-for-profit. Alan chairs the Board of Mulpha Norwest and Norwest Association limited and is a director of Affordable Community Housing Limited, Affordable Community Housing Alliance Tasmania and Wentwest Limited. He also serves as an independent member of the Audit and Risk Committees for a number of NSW government agencies and as a member of the Western Sydney Parkland Trust Board. Alan acts as chair of the Catholic Diocese of Parramatta Property Council and member of the Catholic Diocese of Parramatta Finance Council. He joined the ERFA board in April 2014 as the EREA Australia delegate.



## 2015 Partner Schools

Aquinas College	Perth
Ambrose Treacy College	Indooroopilly
Catholic Agricultural College	Bindoon
Christian Brothers' College	Adelaide
Christian Brothers' College	St Kilda
Christian Brothers' College	Fremantle
Christian Brothers' High School	Lewisham
Edmund Rice College	Wollongong
Ignatius Park College	Townsville
Parade College	Bundoor
Rostrevor College	Woodforde
St Bernard's College	Essendon
St Brendan's College	Yeppoon
St Dominic's College	Penrith
St Edmund's College	Canberra
St Edmund's College	Ipswich
St Edmund's School	Wahroonga
St Edward's College	Gosford
St Gabriel's School	Castle Hill
St James' College	Brisbane
St Joseph's College, Gregory Terrace	Brisbane
St Joseph's College	Geelong
St Joseph's Nudgee College	Boondall
St Kevin's College	Toorak
St Laurence's College	South Brisbane
St Patrick's College	Strathfield
St Patrick's College	Shorncliffe
St Patrick's College	Ballarat
St Paul's College	Gilles Plains
St Pius X College	Chatswood
St Virgil's College	Hobart
Trinity College	East Perth
Waverley College	Waverley

## 2015 Associate Schools

Aquinas College	Ringwood
St Brendan-Shaw College	Devonport
St Patrick's College	Launceston

## 2015 Foundation Chapters

### Queensland Chapter

Chair: Mr Edward Phelan

### Victorian Chapter –

Chair: Mr Neil Hay

### South Australian Chapter

Chair: Mr Simon Dash

## 2015 Supporter Organisations

### 500 Supporters' Group

Chair: Mr Patrick O'Brien

### Project Kenya

Director: Mr John McKenna

### Brisbane Rainbow Committee

Co-Founders: Ms Pepita Hampson and Ms Sam Baker

### Melbourne Rainbow Committee

Co-Founders: Ms Louise Allison and Ms Sally Burgoyne

### Terrace Timor Network

President: Mr Paul Higgins

### Zimele

Chair: Mr Tom Purcell

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