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OUTGOING CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

I had two conversations during the last year, both with very committed men who I would regard highly because of their integrity and dedication. Unfortunately the conversations occurred at different times and in different countries; unfortunate because when I came to reflect on how well I had contributed to each of the conversations, I realised that the best outcome would have been achieved if instead of speaking with me they had spoken to each other.

One was with a man who has spent decades of his life living and working alongside the poorest of the poor, the most fragile and disenfranchised of humanity, and his contribution has been to be with them in their lives with dignity and respect and to help to liberate them through his presence and the education he gives in farming for self sustainability.

The second was a successful man of the developed world, whose heart had been changed forever by his face to face experience of life in Kibera; a man whose life priorities had shifted so that he wanted personally to make a difference to the lives of those people. This second was a man of resource, of influence and stature, such that his commitment to doing something would have impact.

The conversations were not surprising. The first gently bemoaned the ever increasing paperwork and accountability, the requirements of organisations like ERFA, which now consumed his time and thus diminished his presence with the people. He wasn't complaining, just hankering for earlier times when so much was taken on trust and still great strides were made.

The second, being the consummate and prudent business man, was looking for information about the systems, evidence and accountabilities that would assure him that the contribution, he and his colleagues could make, would be appropriately used and get to the people and their needs.

Of course I had 'wise' words for each of them about the balance between freedom and compliance, between trust and accountability and between justice and charity and they both listened politely and agreed. How much more effective if they'd had the same respectful conversation with each other.

There are many things that ERFA sets out to do and most of them are told in the pages of this annual report, chronicling the impact on groups and projects that we support and walk with in the developing world. However, I think that the most important thing ERFA does, and does very well, is connect people – people like my two interlocutors. ERFA recognises that it is only when we know each other's story, each other's perspective, each other's passions and questions that we can build a bridge that allows real development to happen.

So the ERFA focus is always on development, engaging with the needs that communities and individuals identify and then assisting to transform these circumstances so that lives are freed. And this is a focus for all people with whom ERFA engages – those on both sides of the 'giving' equation.

Throughout 2014 ERFA has made significant advances. Its systems and protocols are world standard, its Board of Directors are prudent and exact in steering the work of the Trusts, its CEO continues to inspire and motivate, as well as ensuring that the proper work of the dedicated staff gets done effectively and efficiently. And these things deserve acknowledgement.

Most significantly though has been the advance of the "Metanoia Matters" campaign that invites all into the 'change of heart' life experience that is as transforming of us in the developed world as the response it engenders for our fellow humans in the developing world. ERFA has made a difference to many lives in 2014, I hope yours was one of them.

Finally as I conclude my time as Chairman of ERFA, I acknowledge the great experience of collaboration and partnership that has supported me in this role. I have every confidence that the new ERFA Chairman, Peter Murphy, will value the same fellowship and encouragement during his leadership. The work of ERFA will remain close to my heart and prayer into the future.

P Dean McGlaughlin cfc OAM
Chairman 2014

INCOMING CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

I wish to acknowledge the extraordinary role Brother Dean McGlaughlin played in his time as Chairman of ERFA. The success and current standing of the Foundation is due in no small way to the leadership and guidance, as well as time and effort Dean contributed during the crucial formative years of the Foundation. I feel very fortunate and privileged to be the incoming Chair, although daunted about stepping into Dean's shoes.

The challenge for us as a Foundation, as it is with all similar organisations, is continued relevance and delivery of tangible outcomes that resonate with our supporters. I am certain our recent strategic planning exercise and the focus it has created for the Board and Executive, will set ERFA on a path to continue to grow in stature. The work of Anthony Ryan as CEO is amazing. He delivers, with the support of others, incredible impactful outcomes to the project leaders and beneficiaries of ERFA projects throughout the globe. The benefit derived from gaining ACFID accreditation cannot be overstated and should offer comfort to our supporters that ERFA is growing in acceptance and recognition.

The end of 2014 saw the early stage implementation of key internal projects such as the Metanoia Matters website and a streamlined funding application process that will further enhance the reputation of ERFA. The maturing of each of the state chapters, a critical avenue for engagement with supporters locally, was great to see. We have only taken our first steps on our path to **Liberate the Lives** of those less fortunate in the world. Our challenge is to remain a worthy conduit for participation in projects by those willing and able to assist us, whether through pro bono provision of their expertise or through financial support (all of which is extremely valuable and gratefully received). We as a Board are cognisant of the challenges ahead and remain absolutely committed to ensuring that we deliver an impact to those who ask us for assistance.

Peter Murphy
Incoming Chairman





CEO'S REPORT

At the heart of the Edmund Rice Foundation is the desire to provide Development and support to the most impoverished people in Australia, Oceania and Africa.

Over the past five years the Foundation has grown dramatically. We are a Foundation that has ambitious goals and we aim to grow our influence throughout Australia and the world. In 2014 we became members of the Australian Council for International Development (ACFID). Becoming a member of ACFID is a significant factor in our continued growth as a true Development agency and we are proud that our Foundation is now viewed by the Australian Government as a leader in the Not For Profit Sector.

In 2014, the Foundation in partnership with our Project Leaders and supporter groups, was able to continue improving the support provided to the education, health and advocacy programs of communities throughout Australia, Timor Leste, Papua New Guinea, The Philippines, Kenya, South Sudan, Tanzania and West Africa. Of equal importance is the role that the Foundation takes in building global partnerships of solidarity that allow us to 'walk with' the communities we support and in doing so we provide an opportunity for all to be liberated.

The Edmund Rice Foundation believes this is when true transformation via Development takes place. But choosing the Development response is a two edged sword. Development raises the living standards of people and their communities. Is that what we strive for as a Foundation? For the other reality is that our lifestyle, if it were the right of every person on earth, is unsustainable.

Resource assessments clearly prove that if all the peoples of the world were to live as we Australian's live then we would require the resources of five Earths. And we only have our one World! Hence the Development response is based on the principle that 'we change'; not just the lives of the people in developing countries but all of us. Development then requires a new mode of operating for all; we here in Australia need to change as much as we need to facilitate Development opportunities with our partners in Australia and overseas.

In essence, that is what Edmund Rice Foundation Australia espouses – our work is about the transformation and liberation of minds and hearts of all, so that through economic development we can make the only change that is realistic, that we empower, dignify and help to self-actualize everyone within the global community.

Anthony Ryan
CEO Edmund Rice Foundation
(Australia)



EDMUND RICE SERVICES

Maasin City, Philippines

ACTING PROJECT LEADER: Roland Mendoza

Early in 2014, following the disaster of Typhoon Yolanda, Edmund Rice Services staff volunteered with relief efforts where possible. Edmund Rice Services also participated in two major follow up assessment visits in the areas affected to enable a determination of the services required for survivors, including community mental health and trauma relief.

Community Based Rehabilitation is central to the work at Maasin. Eye and Ear screening of children and adults was a major activity in 2014. Refracted errors were identified, and reading spectacles were provided where appropriate whilst others were referred to optometrist. Many children had ear conditions and medicines were provided. Sessions on primary care of eyes and ears were delivered to parents and teachers across the schools of Maasin. A mobile ear clinic continued to conduct screening in the Tacloban area in response to Typhoon Yolanda.

The Child Assistance & Livelihood Promotion program targeted children at risk of missing out on education through poverty and hunger. This service also enabled adult members of the poorest families to better access livelihood support through specific skills-training.

A youth development service worked with a range of staff and students in high schools to strengthen the psychological, moral and social growth of students and their interconnection and identification with their communities.

Other community development activity during the year included Human Rights Awareness sessions for Year 6 pupils and sessions for parents on activities including skills/livelihood training, school and backyard gardening, savings schemes, sourcing of start-up funding for planned small business, assisting each other, and food processing training. Delivery of these meetings required collaboration and networking with the Department of Agriculture, the Department of Education and Local Government Units.



EDMUND RICE SERVICES

Kabankalan City, Philippines

PROJECT LEADER: Br Rod Ellyard

In 2014 construction of an administration centre and classroom provided the necessary space for the growth of alternative learning programs for Edmund Rice Ministries (ERM). In addition, the Back to School Program run by the project was accessed by 450 children and youth.

The regular monitoring and evaluation of classes enhanced the educational outcomes for students and families and as a result the program was able to maintain steady enrolments until graduation. The associated Nutrition Program continued throughout 2014 with an average of 350 children being provided nutritious lunches in nineteen schools.

The ERM Kabankalan approach to Community Engagement involves a form of micro-finance through interest-free loans and 2014 was the first full year of this program. From a development perspective it was very successful, addressing the needs of very poor communities as identified and articulated by themselves.

Initial targets set by the communities were all met. By the end of 2014 there were eight communities taking part in the program. A strategic planning session was held to set objectives and targets for 2015 with a projection for 16 communities to be involved by November 2015.

New projects are being explored and community leaders are gaining confidence and management skills. To date, the provision of rice is the main livelihood project. Other options are being explored including growing corn, breeding goats, and establishment of small businesses that can be conducted from local shelters. In a recent gathering of Community leaders following the review of their projects, new proposals were developed such as rug making, selling of cooked food to labourers, selling of dried fish, and the selling of scrap metal.





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CALLAN SERVICES NATIONAL UNIT

Papua New Guinea **DIRECTOR: Br Kevin Ryan**

The Callan Services network is regarded as one of the most important disability service providers in the country and it has developed an exceptional reputation with both Governments in Papua New Guinea and Australia.

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

In 2014 the following aspects of CRPD have been addressed by the support given from the Edmund Rice Foundation:

1. The education of the general population of Papua New Guinea about the rights of people with a disability
2. The provision of appropriate education, health services and assistive services for people with a disability
3. Ensuring the right of children with disabilities to access appropriate assistive devices and aids suitable for their ongoing support and rehabilitation.

In 2014 the Foundation contributed \$120,000 to the ongoing support of Callan Services in Papua New Guinea. The majority of our funding centred upon the provision of education and training for disability services throughout the country. In particular the Foundation provided the funding for the Annual Conference of the Network of Callan Services; the training of all staff to advocate for the rights of people with disability throughout Papua New Guinea and the purchase of low vision and Braille equipment for the disability programs in Rabaul and Gerehu.

In 2015, the Edmund Rice Foundation will continue to commit to the ongoing support of Callan Services and we hope to be able to attract funding from the Australian Government over the next three years to assist Callan Services in enhancing the vital role they play with the people of Papua New Guinea.





COMUNIDADE EDMUND RICE

East Timor **PROJECT LEADER: Br Frank Hennessy**

The CER Health Team, in partnership with the Timorese Government Health Department, offers constant support of health care across 5 villages in the mountains of Railaco.

The team consists of a nurse, a mid-wife and an ambulance driver. They work in cooperation with the government doctor, nurse and administrator and use the recently renovated clinic (by American Naval Engineers) based in the village of Railaco Leten as their treatment centre. Patients mostly make the long walk from their village to the clinic for consultations.

The Health Department provides regular immunization and corn powder supplies for young babies. Among the illnesses treated are TB, chest infections and infected sores on legs and arms. Regular blood tests are administered and pregnancy checks made. The life expectancy of the Timorese people is in the mid 50's, but is increasing.

CER operates a mobile clinic in a converted Land Cruiser, visiting the villages across the rough terrain, and a donated ambulance for emergency cases going to Dili. In 2014 the team saw 4,667 patients, the mid-wife assisted 59 mothers giving birth and the ambulance made 225 trips to hospital for ill patients and women wishing to have their babies in a hospital. The CER team makes itself available 7 days a week.

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In 2014 the Edmund Rice Foundation maintained its support of Australian programs and directed \$278,000 toward indigenous, youth and advocacy programs.

The Foundation believes that our support of Australian programs is an important reminder to our supporters that we will provide funding for projects on their needs and merits. In the past the Foundation has been viewed primarily as an International Development agency but in our recent five year strategic plan we have committed to seeking opportunities to support Australian programs aligned with the objects of our Constitution. In 2014 we provided financial support to Edmund Rice Camps, Edmund Rice Community and Refugee Centre and the Indigenous programs at the Edmund Rice Justice Centre.

EDMUND RICE CAMPS

In 2014 the Edmund Rice Foundation directed \$190,000 to the recurrent operational costs of Edmund Rice Camps throughout Australia. This support was directed to all State based programs throughout Australia. Edmund Rice Camps provide camps for children and families who are disadvantaged, supported with a 1:1 ratio by primarily young volunteers in an atmosphere of acceptance, care and fun.

EDMUND RICE COMMUNITY AND REFUGEE CENTRE

In 2014 the Edmund Rice Foundation provided \$28,000 to support the operational costs of the Edmund Rice Community Centre. This support was directed toward improving the lives of, and opportunities for, children and young people of a disadvantaged background by supporting them in their education and providing them with access to free learning support along with a range of social activities throughout the year.

EDMUND RICE JUSTICE CENTRE

In 2014 the Edmund Rice Foundation directed \$60,000 toward the support of the Indigenous Programs at the Edmund Rice centre in Sydney. These programs have a strong commitment to educating and advocating for the rights of Aboriginal Australians, and the development of Reconciliation. The Centre's work is based on dialogue with Aboriginal people, in particular through "Let's Talk" immersion programmes. Groups are taken on week long immersions in Aboriginal communities, where they develop awareness of issues of settlement, conflict, identity, culture, human rights, economic and social issues as they impact the local Aboriginal people. Participants have opportunities to form relationships that provide a platform for open dialogue between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people.



MARY RICE DAY CARE CENTRE

Kibera, Nairobi, Kenya **PROJECT LEADER: Br Gerald Mgalula**

The Mary Rice Centre (MRC) supports children with physical and intellectual disabilities from the Kibera slum, which 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 1 million. Life in Kibera is characterised by extreme poverty, few or no basic services and high rates of crime and unemployment.

In 2013, with the support of the Edmund Rice Foundation, a micro-finance scheme was established for the parents and guardians of the children registered and participating in MRC's programs.

As part of the micro-finance scheme, three Mary Rice Centre parents have been training in dressmaking and fashion and design and, after one year of training, they qualified to sit their first Kenya National Exam Council dressmaking exam in December 2014.

These parents, Pamela, Phanice and Mary are continuing training together with seven more parents in the project who are yet to sit their first exams.

During the year, training was also arranged for parents who were interested in beadwork and art. The 3-day training course was attended by twelve parents and two volunteer helpers from the Mary Rice Centre. The parents were trained in making beaded bags, earrings, necklaces, bracelets, table placemats and tag names using different types of beads. They also trained in making door mats and knitting scarfs and shawls.

This training has helped a number of parents to earn extra income particularly as these activities are flexible in where they can be undertaken. The program has also helped parents to achieve personal growth and create more positive attitudes toward profit orientation for the project.

The micro-finance project was very grateful to receive a cash donation from the Middleton Public School in Australia that was utilised to buy 9 sewing machines for the parents' project.





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RUBEN CENTRE *Nairobi, Kenya*

PROJECT LEADER: Frank O'Shea

In 2014, the Ruben Centre group of projects continued to offer extraordinary educational, health, advocacy and social development services for the people of the Mukuru slum which has a population of over 600,000 and is considered as one of the poorest urban areas in all of Africa. The Ruben Centre has successfully implemented a model that engages with the local community in order to provide real solutions to the many challenges that arise for those living in the Mukuru slum.

The Centre continued to develop in all areas during the year including in human resources, capital developments, capacity building within administration and program developments. Some of the highlights include:

- 1 The completion of a block of twenty-four primary school classrooms which was opened by the Nairobi Governor. This enabled old classrooms to be converted to a centre kitchen, a clinic (Lea Toto) and art/craft and science rooms.
- 2 The new education initiative called Ruben Improved Scheme of Education (RISE) which continues to produce remarkable results at lower levels of primary school.
- 3 The establishment of the centre kitchen and training of staff which has enabled vocation training and the provision of catering facilities for groups within and outside the centre.
- 4 A new clinic program - the Baby Care Centre - where a daily average of around 45 babies are cared for while

their mothers seek employment. The clinic continued to add more services has begun an ambitious attempt to go paperless. An IT program for patient care and record reporting is being developed.

The Centre continues to be transformed in so many ways and 2015 will see this trend continue. Three (3) new donors from The Netherlands, Ireland and Kenya have become significant partners in sustaining the recurrent operations of the Centre. New policies have been developed in the areas of professional standards for staff and child protection and the existing five year Strategic Plan (2011-2015) was reviewed paving the way for a new Plan to be developed in 2015.

The Edmund Rice Foundation is proud to be associated with the best practice principles of development on offer at Ruben.



STAR SUPPORT GROUP

Yambio, South Sudan

PROJECT LEADER: Br Fredrick Otieno

With assistance from the Edmund Rice Foundation, the STAR support group provides psychosocial care and support to people living with HIV/AIDS.

Over the past twelve months, the project has supported 1,236 people enrolled in STAR of whom 61% are female. There are 110 bed-ridden patients and 165 orphans. STAR Support Group has been actively involved in organising sensitisation workshops to the wider community so that they become aware of preventive measures as well as living positively with the HIV virus. The level of discrimination, stigmatisation and rejection in the community has greatly reduced due to the awareness workshops for the infected and affected people.

Over the past twelve months project successes include supply of antiretroviral drugs, home-based care for bed-ridden patients and monthly awareness workshops. The ongoing sustainability strategy of the project in terms of self-help programs in farming/market gardening is underway and a textile/tailoring training program has commenced with the first 30 participants. Staff capacity building is also continuing and child-protection workshops for orphaned children have been successful.

Another significant achievement this year have been the identification of an auditor to undertake the project's first audit.



COMBONI SISTERS' HOSPITAL

Nzara, South Sudan **PROJECT LEADER: Sr Sara Antonini**

The Nzara Hospital project provides health care for the communities living with HIV/AIDS in Nzara and Yambio, and in particular for children under five years of age. This includes maintaining medical support for the STAR group in Yambio.

The Edmund Rice Foundation supports the clinic's operations in three main areas: treatment of patients with HIV/AIDS; tuberculous treatment and maternal/child health.

In 2014, the enrolment of 489 patients on HIV treatment was possible due to a new CD4 machine and supply of drugs. At the end of 2014 the number of clients attending the clinic was 1,793 including 92 children. Around 1,490 were treated with drugs, 450 were admitted to hospital and 49 died. The laboratory was able to perform 1,516 CD4 tests.

A total number of 194 TB cases were diagnosed and treatment commenced. There were continuous TB/HIV AIDS linkage activities and 177 patients were tested for HIV with 90 of them found positive and referred to the treatment clinic for further management. All TB patients benefited from supplementary feeding.

In child healthcare during 2014 a total number of 33,190 patients benefited from outpatient services. More than half of these children were below 5 years of age. The new ultrasound machine was utilised for better diagnosis and 422 women were treated for gynaecological/obstetric conditions.

Around 3,800 children below 5 years were admitted to the paediatric ward that has a capacity of 60 beds and there were a total of 5,247 inpatients during the year. The major causes of admission for children under 5 were malaria, especially complicated by severe anaemia, pneumonia and dehydration due to severe diarrhoea. A total of 212 patients received blood transfusions (147 children) and among adults the main cause of anaemia was AIDS-related.

In addition to new equipment, the laboratory power system was upgraded and minor maintenance renovation was undertaken in the clinic and paediatric ward.





BR BEAUSANG CATHOLIC EDUCATION CENTRE *Embulbul, Kenya*

PRINCIPAL: Mr Peter Shanahan

2014 will be remembered by many in the Brother Beausang community for the public recognition the school received through the Transform Kenya Awards and the unprecedented success experienced in the co-curricular area. Academically the school did well in the secondary national exams with the best ever individual result achieved by the 2014 Head Boy.

The Transform Kenya Awards placed Brother Beausang as runner up in the Education category from over 6,000 nominations. The Awards have a broad focus in terms of school programs, pastoral care, community and family engagement as well as the school's mission and philosophy.

The school's co-curricular achievements were very impressive and the boys' football team competed in the national championships after being crowned the Nairobi region champions. The girls' netball team won the county championship followed by similar success in athletics, scouts and science competitions.

The school is at capacity with 804 students in total (400 primary and 404 secondary) from all tribes, cultures and religions.

Financial sustainability remains a major focus, particularly in decreasing the level of dependence on the Edmund Rice Foundation. The operational budget for 2014 was approximately A\$560,000. Income Sources were: School fees 25%, Edmund Rice Foundation Australia 47%, Other Donors 28%. The major capital projects for 2014 were the drilling of the borehole and the laying of a hard surface basketball/netball court.

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EDMUND RICE SINON SECONDARY SCHOOL

Arusha, Tanzania **HEADMASTER: Br Simon Kaswahili**

Since its establishment in 1998, the Edmund Rice Sinon Secondary School offers affordable, quality co-education for 1,409 local students in the Maasai community of Arusha based on its mission of “Hope through Education”. The school employs 120 teaching and non-teaching staff.

Future requirements for funding for the school are the replacement of 750 student desks and chairs as the 1990s furniture is now worn out. It is planned that materials will be purchased and furniture will be made in the school by students and staff during wood and metal work lessons. The project aims to provide learning opportunities, minimise costs and equip students with knowledge and skills for future employment opportunities.



PROJECT REPORTS **AFRICA**



EDUCATION FOR LIFE

Eldoret, Kenya **PROJECT LEADER:** Angeline Obutu

The Education For Life (EFL) Program has the all-over objective of reducing the stigma attached to HIV and AIDS so the infected and affected can live positively, joining together to stop the spread of the disease which affects so many lives.

The Edmund Rice Foundation's support for the EFL project is mainly centred upon education on the prevention of HIV. In 2014, the Education For Life workshops in Eldoret reached hundreds of young people in 10 schools within 5 districts and 3 tertiary training colleges as well as 60 caregivers, 120 prisoners and 25 gatekeepers.

The EFL program offers psychosocial support for close to 350 poor families living in the slum areas within Eldoret town. It also provides nutritional support, in the form of beans and porridge flour, to the affected families. For almost 80 children who were born with the virus there is a milk program as well as a group support program for older children. To empower families economically, tailoring and bead-making projects have been initiated.

A group savings and lending model called SILC (Savings and Internal Lending Communities) trains and assists 13 groups of 25 members to meet basic family needs and contribute to the education of their children.

During 2014 the EFL Program's biggest success was in providing school fees for 400 orphans and vulnerable children together with uniforms for 150. The Program gives these children equal opportunity to receive a holistic education which benefits them, their vulnerable families and which contributes to the development of the whole society. Two of the children received an A Grade in their secondary school final exams in 2014.



EDMUND RICE KARIBU GROUP

Nairobi, Kenya **PROJECT LEADER: Br Peter Cole**

The Edmund Rice Karibu Group 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.

The camps aim 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 2014, the Group held one day camps each month. In January, there were two 2-day camps, one with the participation of Edmund Rice Amberley and one with Edmund Rice Perth. In addition, there was a joint camp held with the Gone Fishing immersion group from Australia in October. Each camp had at least 560 children and averaged 30-35 leaders.

In terms of engagement, parents in the community have continued to be involved through provision of permission forms and through expressing their appreciation following the camps. Local teachers participated in an organised workshop and evaluated the camps and their outreach reporting that, especially where children had participated in three camps, their ability to connect with new friends, their self-confidence in relating to teachers and presenting themselves before others and their readiness to relate with peers of the opposite gender had noticeably improved.

Leaders of the camps have benefited through the hands on leadership skills required. They have learnt to relate better to children, to develop communication skills, to be aware of protecting children from abuse and to put children's needs before their own.

PROJECT KENYA

PROJECT LEADER: John McKenna

This year, 2015, marks the 10th year that 'Project Kenya' has been in existence to support the Embulbul community of Nairobi, Kenya to give a quality education to the poor.

It is worthwhile to look back at the contributions of the supporters of 'Project Kenya' since 2006 to understand the commitment made by so many, a large number of whom are still supporting the poor 10 years later in the same way.

Since 2006, between \$93,000 and \$184,691 has been raised each year with a total of \$1,134,175 collected over the nine years to directly pay the fees and meals for the poor of Embulbul. This does not include the fund raising efforts of St. Bernards College, Essendon, Catholic Ladies College, Eltham, Catholic Regional College, Melton, and other Catholic Primary schools who together have collected hundreds of thousands of dollars via Walkathons and other fundraising activities for the ongoing running costs of the school and its various projects for improvements.

The supporters of 'Project Kenya' are a varied lot, some from the Essendon community, from the Research and Eltham areas, from Sunbury, Cheltenham, Montmorency, Mernda, Rosanna, Tullamarine, Diamond Creek, Doreen, Greensborough, Beaumaris, Macleod, Parkdale, Mentone, East Keilor, Heidelberg, Epping and other Melbourne suburbs; also as far afield as Perth, Darwin and New Zealand. The one common thread is a willingness to give so that the very poor of a little school on the outskirts of a slum in Nairobi, Kenya can continue to receive a good education.

In 2014, 'Project Kenya' had 227 people or groups who sponsored a child's education in the Secondary school and 90 people or groups who sponsored a child's education in the Primary school at Embulbul Catholic Centre. Ten years is a wonderful milestone to achieve in helping such a poor part of the world and lets all hope that 'Project Kenya' continues to attract even more supporters for another 10 years or more. To all such generous donors, ASANTE SANA from all in Nairobi.





TERRACE TIMOR NETWORK

CHAIR: Paul Higgins

The Terrace Timor Network continued its important work throughout 2014, and in many ways strengthened ties with the Foundation. During the year, a University of Queensland SEEP program study group developed a 5 year roadmap to develop a vanilla industry in the Ermera district.

ERFA and TTN agreed to jointly fund and manage this project to provide additional income for the farmers in the villages we jointly support. The program has been enthusiastically received following community engagement meetings with Railaco Craik, Railaco Leten, Deleco, Teraco and Samalete. 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.

Easter saw a TTN led building group construct “Eddies Place” – a new and much needed three bedroom accommodation facility for the brothers of CER. This building was constructed using local labour and all locally sourced materials, bringing additional benefits to the communities, along with important skills transfer, as Timor rebuilds its infrastructure. This additional space has enabled visitors, including medical staff, to extend their services to the remote mountain villages.

St Joseph’s College warmly embraced the twelfth anniversary of Timorese Independence on May 20, with a schedule of activities including iced coffee sales, flying the Timorese flag and a celebration mass and party in college hall with the Brisbane Timorese community. A highlight was a speech at full school assembly by Norberto from Railaco Craic, a young man who embodies the courage of the new generation of Timorese leaders. His speech inspired 1,200 young men at Terrace, humbled by his message of gratitude for his country’s freedom.

TTN’s successful coffee program has been rebranded as “Kolega Coffee” – Kolega is the Tetun word for “friend”. Nespresso compatible capsules were also added to the product range, and have proved a very popular new item from the www.justiceproducts.org webstore. Card sales also expanded through a new school-based social justice curriculum initiative focused on the tangible difference that card sales in Australia make to economic development in rural Timor. Export income provides employment which helps feed families, gives dignity and brings hope. It is hoped to expand this opportunity for schools nationally in 2015 and beyond.

TTN’s annual fundraiser event was held in October at the Campbell centre at Gregory Terrace. This event was a huge success with hundreds in attendance, including 40 Timorese singers and dancers, and raised over \$40,000. Combined with corporate sponsors, fundraising totaled \$127,000 towards four major initiatives: Establishing a Vanilla Growing industry, Building a Trades Training Workshop, Construction of a series of Eco Tourism Huts, and funding 20 educational scholarships.

Looking forward, TTN plans to focus on implementation of these major new initiatives, as well as sustainability of programs and the organisation itself. In 2014 we said farewell to Mr Peter Chapman, Terrace’s outgoing Principal and a strong TTN supporter. We also welcomed Dr Michael Carrol as incoming Principal, and have already enjoyed his enthusiastic support for the work of TTN.

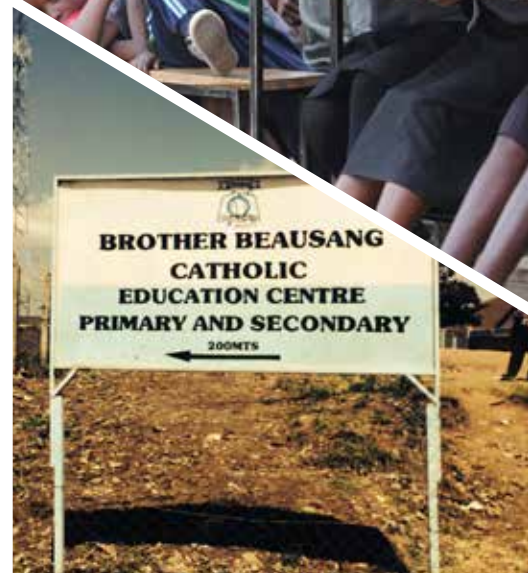


ZIMELE CHAIR: Tom Purcell

Zimele works in partnership with the Edmund Rice Foundation to build relationships and lives in Africa. Zimele raises funds to assist projects in East Africa. These include the Brother Beausang school and the Education for Life project in Kenya; the Star Support Project in South Sudan; and the Edmund Rice Sinon College in Tanzania. Zimele also supports a number of micro-projects in both Nairobi and Tanzania.

At the heart of Zimele is an East Africa immersion program in which a number of year 13 old boys of St Kevin's College and others travel to Kenya and Tanzania to visit the ministries Zimele is supporting. In 2014 a total of 15 people participated in the immersion program. The group visited schools, medical centres and made home visits in slum areas in Nairobi and Eldoret.

A special feature of the immersion was the realisation of Zimele founder Tom Purcell's dream of a sporting exchange between the Br Beausang school and Edmund Rice Sinon college in Arusha. Twenty eight boys and twenty eight girls from Sinon travelled to Nairobi for the exchange which was a resounding success featuring, with volleyball and netball, the first Australian rules game on Kenyan soil between the Beausang 'Buffaloes' and the Sinon 'Simbas'





500 SUPPORTERS GROUP **CHAIR: Patrick O'Brien**

2014 proved to be a landmark year for The 500 Supporters' Group on a number of fronts.

The year started on a high as photos and footage from Frank O'Shea and his marvellous team at the Ruben Centre demonstrated the wonderful progress they were making in expanding the facilities through which they serve the people of Nairobi's Mukuru slum. Then the realisation hit us: just as Frank and the team had raised the bar for themselves, so they had raised it for us if we were to meet our aspiration of financing Ruben's operating costs so that all other fundraising could be directed towards development works.

Happily, we had garnered strong support from the Richmond Football Club for our AFL Lunch on 29 April. The Lunch took on a 'Yellow & Black' theme highlighted by interviews with past and present Tigers champions and leaders and a video clip of a rousing rendition of the club's theme song by some of Ruben's finest student vocalists.

The Ruben clip so impressed the Tigers dignitaries that they asked for a copy to put on the Richmond website. The clip proved so popular that it ended up being aired on popular Channel 7 football talk show 'Before the Game' and at Richmond's President's Luncheon before their next home game.

The success of the AFL lunch was followed by another marvellous corporate golf fundraiser organised by the indefatigable Frank Artufel and his fellow Supporters at Bitu-mill and an extraordinary Spring Racing Lunch.

The Spring Racing lunch highlights included:

- the ongoing patronage of the Victorian Racing Club which continues to incorporate our lunch into the Melbourne Cup Carnival and to be represented by its Chairman who brings the Cup itself (along with a serious security detail!)
- the support of both the Melbourne Racing Club and the Moonee Valley Racing Club, each represented by its Chairman

- memorable interviews with Cup-winning jockey, Greg Hall and Mick Robins, trainer of 2 time Cup-winner Light Fingers and
- an outstanding speech by Tim Galbally who engaged the room magnificently as he shared his insights and reflections from a recent 'Gone Fishing' trip
- the extraordinary generosity of one of our longstanding Supporters who anonymously offered to match all funds raised at the Lunch, the total of which ended up exceeding \$150,000

The Group ended up raising in excess of \$400,000 in 2014 taking the total raised since 1999 well past \$3 million.

For details regarding how you can get involved and help us continue to support the outstanding work of the Ruben Centre, please visit our website www.the500supportersgroup.org



GONE FISHING IMMERSION PROGRAM

REFLECTION FROM: Tim Galbally

In October 2014, I was one of seven people to accompany Anthony Ryan and Neil Hay to Nairobi for the Gone Fishing Immersion Program. Our group was five women and two guys from the Eastern States. Louise, Sally, Gen, Lizzie, Steph, Ed and myself all have varied backgrounds and skills and I'd say we are a reasonably empathetic bunch. So as a psychologist I was particularly interested in how we would be affected by witnessing extreme poverty... and how we might be influenced by the Gone Fishing program.

We were told "Nothing will prepare you for your first walk into the slums". I had seen the videos on You Tube, we knew the statistics and we'd all heard the stories about the slums. Nothing however increases empathy more than actual contact. Barefoot toddlers in the mud and sewerage, the stench, the rubbish and the rusting corrugated tin. These sights seared indelible images into the memory while the mind was stuck like a broken record repeating just one thought "How can it be this way?"

Even more disturbing was the gradual realization of the complex web of issues which imprison the inhabitants of the Kibera and Mukuru slums. The lack of security, structure, welfare and advocacy. No power.

The Gone Fishing program introduced us to the ERF projects, the Mary Rice Centre, the Reben and Br Beausang schools. We spent time with the kids and later visited their families in the slums. We were utterly inspired by the work and the workers in those places. These projects are beacons of hope. They are monuments to the courage and persistence of those who build and manage them.

Communication collapses stereotypes. The Gone Fishing Immersion allowed us to connect with real people in and out of the slums. Nowhere was this more evident than in our relationship with three local African leaders (volunteers with ERF) who assisted on the program. Karanja, Rufina and Sammy welcomed us into their lives with such a generosity of spirit. Their role in bridging the cultural divide was quite complex and they achieved it with intelligence, sensitivity and much humour.

Gone Fishing is a well-designed program that will continue to bear a lot of fruit. It had a profound and lasting influence on us all. (Thanks for that, Anthony and Neil). My fellow participants are an inspiring bunch who will always feel connected for the experience they had together. More importantly, I know that every member of our group is already translating their Gone Fishing experience into action for Africa.

PARTNERSHIPS REPORTS AND INITIATIVES



EDMUND RICE ADVOCACY NETWORK

PROJECT LEADER: Joash Diemu Sigu

Edmund Rice Advocacy Network (ERAN) programs are pro-active interventions to address long-term systemic and unjust structures that exist at different levels of society in East Africa. Areas of focus include child protection, justice and human rights, HIV and AIDS, gender issues and the environment.

The specific steps undertaken by ERAN in 2014 include creating awareness and empowering citizens through workshops and training to build the capacity of local communities in understanding human rights issues, peace building, democracy and citizen participation. At least 152 youth (68 female and 84 male) were trained in different aspects of human rights and social justice.

In combating child abuse in 2014, ERAN promoted children's rights with local communities and schools through workshops targeting parents, teachers and local administrators in order to sensitise and build local capacity in responding to alleged cases of abuse.

ERAN, in collaboration with another 21 civil society and faith based groups in Kenya submitted a joint stakeholders report to the United Nations Office of the Human Rights Commission in June 2014 and facilitated a Webcast of the review process on 22 January 2015 in which at least 380 participants from civil society organisations attended.

Other work in 2014 included a workshop for caregivers of people living with HIV/ AIDS in Eldoret. At least 41 caregivers were trained, among them 4 male and 37 female.

ERAN strives to mainstream gender in all aspects of its programs and continues to build the capacity of women and girls in society to take active roles in leadership and most especially to promote human rights. At least 266 females and 293 males participated in ERAN programmes in 2014.

On earth rights in 2014, ERAN facilitated the planting of around 400 trees and at least five schools in Kibra engaged in environmental lessons.

FINANCE REPORT

Statement of Comprehensive Income				
For the year ended 31 December	2014		2013	
Revenue	\$	\$	\$	\$
Fundraising	752,221		748,077	
Fundraising Costs	400,417		415,175	
Net Fundraising Revenue	351,804		332,902	
Grants received	100,000		150,000	
Donations & Gifts	2,535,521		2,390,661	
Bequest Income	153,469		100,722	
Other income	120,758		6,740	
Total Revenue	3,261,552		2,981,025	
Expenditure				
Administration	404,370	(404,370)	363,233	(363,233)
Net Income from Operations	2,857,182		2,617,792	
Programmes Expenditure				
Funds to international programmes	(1,609,854)		(1,470,869)	
Funds to domestic programmes	(302,865)	(1,912,719)	(349,000)	(1,819,869)
Excess/(Shortfall) of Revenue and Expenditure	944,463		797,923	
Unrealised Gains/(Losses) on Investments		23,194		88,559
Net Surplus/(Deficit) for the period	967,657		886,482	

Statement of Changes in Equity							
For year ended 31 December 2014	Accumulated Funds	Specific Purpose Reserves	Bequest Reserves	Financial Assets Reserve	Settlement	Total	
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$		
Balance at 1 January 2014	731,049	1,369,383	1,052,119	99,590	100	3,252,241	
Surplus for the year ended 31 Dec 2014	967,657	0	0	0	0	967,657	
Transfers to/from Reserves	(1,036,299)	859,636	153,469	23,194	0	0	
Balance at 31 December 2014	662,407	2,229,019	1,205,588	122,784	100	4,219,898	

Statement of Financial Position				
As at 31 December	2014		2013	
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Assets				
Current Assets		2,952,807		2,202,624
Cash and cash equivalents	2,884,113		2,071,297	
Trade and other receivables	65,126		65,305	
Other Financial Assets	3,568		66,022	
Non-Current Assets		1,352,447		1,156,502
Investments	1,333,161		1,156,502	
Fixed Assets	19,286		0	
Total Assets		4,305,254		3,359,126
Liabilities				
Current Liabilities		85,356		106,885
Trade and other payables	83,552		69,695	
Employee entitlements	1,804		37,190	
Total Liabilities		85,356		106,885
Net Assets		4,219,898		3,252,241
Equity				
Settlement		100		100
Accumulated funds		662,407		731,049
Reserves		3,557,391		2,521,092
- Bequest		1,205,588		1,369,383
- Specified Purposes		2,229,019		1,052,119
- Financial Assets		122,784		99,590
Total Equity		4,219,898		3,252,241

Notes to the Financial Statements

This report represents a consolidation of the 2014 results and financial positions of Edmund Rice Foundation (Australia) Edmund Rice Foundation Trust (a public ancillary fund) Edmund Rice Overseas Aid Fund. Copies of the full audited financial reports are available on the Edmund Rice Foundation (Australia) website: www.erf.org.au.

Table of Cash Movements								
	Funds at beginning of year	Net Funds Received during year	Funds Disbursed during year	Transfers between Funds	Share of Fund Raising Profits	Specific Bequest Income Received	Transfer from Retained Earnings	Funds at end of year
2013 Donations & Fund-Raising								
Unspecified	0	220,678	0	(220,678)	0	0	0	0
Domestic Ministries								
Domestic Ministries General	705	8,713	0	(7,874)	0	0	0	1,544
Edmund Rice Camps	0	0	0	(13,459)	0	13,459	0	0
- Brisbane	0	0	(45,000)	45,000	0	0	0	0
- New South Wales	0	0	(35,000)	10,346	0	0	24,654	0
- Tasmania	0	0	(35,000)	35,000	0	0	0	0
- Victoria	0	1,206	(35,000)	6,985	0	0	26,809	0
- South Australia	0	0	(15,000)	15,000	0	0	0	0
- Western Australia	0	13	(35,000)	34,987	0	0	0	0
Edmund Rice Centre for Justice & Community Ed	0	0	(60,000)	60,000	0	0	0	0
Edmund Rice Centre Mirrabooka	0	0	(14,865)	4,497	0	0	10,368	0
Edmund Rice Cty & Refugee Services	90	0	(28,000)	0	0	0	28,000	90
Overseas Ministries								
Overseas General	154,387	111,485	0	(9,804)	0	0	0	256,068
Oceania Ministries								
Oceania General	207,985	231,290	0	(215,194)	78,708	0	0	302,789
East Timor	10,071	154,360	(140,361)	0	9,397	0	0	33,467
Papua New Guinea	9,644	43,156	(99,563)	46,763	0	0	0	0
Philippines General	88,317	64,466	0	(85,117)	0	0	0	67,666
Philippines Kabankalan	0	49,123	(216,322)	185,937	0	0	0	18,738
Philippines - Maasin	0	13,713	(80,024)	67,611	0	0	0	1,300
Africa Ministries								
Africa General	53,742	258,944	0	(40,682)	0	0	0	272,004
East Africa	170,124	151,107	0	(58,002)	41,911	0	0	305,140
Eldoret	0	90	(10,284)	10,194	0	0	0	0
Edmund Rice Camps Nairobi	0	4,080	(15,573)	11,493	0	0	0	0
Edmund Rice Secondary School Sinon	103,237	142,516	(71,457)	0	12,403	0	0	186,699
Embulbul	170,483	377,784	(275,727)	0	0	0	0	272,540
ERAN Kenya	0	0	(16,656)	16,656	0	0	0	0
Mary Rice Centre Kenya	33,465	36,538	(71,926)	19,659	50,448	0	0	68,184
Njala University	0	0	(13,512)	9,800	0	0	3,712	0
Nzara	30,650	85,995	(79,082)	0	0	0	0	37,563
Ruben Centre, Kenya	327,117	324,752	(385,552)	0	76,201	0	0	342,518
South Africa	90	0	0	0	0	0	0	90
West Africa	1,350	0	0	(1,350)	0	0	0	0
Yambio	7,925	47,156	(93,818)	32,232	12,403	0	0	5,898
Special Projects								
Congregational TST	0	0	(40,000)	40,000	0	0	0	0
Terrace Timor Network	0	30,397	0	0	0	0	0	30,397
Ebola Virus	0	26,323	0	0	0	0	0	26,323
Totals	1,369,382	2,383,885	(1,912,722)	0	281,471	13,459	93,543	2,229,018

ACFID CODE COMPLIANT INCOME STATEMENTS

ACFID CODE COMPLIANT INCOME STATEMENT FOR EDMUND RICE FOUNDATION (AUSTRALIA) AS TRUSTEE FOR EDMUND RICE OVERSEAS AID FUND

ABN 85 413 988 107

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2014

	2014	2013
REVENUE		
Donations and gifts		
Monetary	1,668,728	2,042,218
Non-monetary	13,530	0
Bequests and Legacies	0	0
Grants		
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	0	0
Other Australian	0	0
Other overseas	0	0
Investment income	37,520	36,255
Other income	0	0
Revenue for International Political or Religious Adherence Promotion Programs	0	0
TOTAL REVENUE	1,719,778	2,078,473
EXPENDITURE		
International Aid and Development Programs Expenditure		
International programs		
Funds to international programs	1,223,987	1,328,201
Program support costs	16,630	15,693
Community education	5,928	12,122
Fundraising costs		
Public	75,381	81,270
Government, multilateral and private	0	0
Accountability and Administration	22,827	31,893
Non-Monetary Expenditure	13,530	0
Total International Aid and Development Programs Expenditure	1,358,283	1,469,179
International Political or Religious Adherence Promotion Programs Expenditure	0	0
Domestic Programs Expenditure	0	0
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	1,358,283	1,469,179
EXCESS / (SHORTFALL) OF REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURE	361,495	609,294

**ACFID CODE COMPLIANT INCOME STATEMENT FOR
EDMUND RICE FOUNDATION (AUSTRALIA)**

ABN 28 153 110 055

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2014

	2014	2013
REVENUE		
Donations and gifts		
Monetary	839,228	177,710
Non-monetary	3,000	29,082
Bequests and Legacies	153,469	100,722
Grants		
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	0	0
Other Australian	100,000	150,000
Other overseas	0	0
Investment income	105,632	159,674
Other income	753,021	748,078
Revenue for International Political or Religious Adherence Promotion Programs	0	0
TOTAL REVENUE	1,954,350	1,365,266
EXPENDITURE		
International Aid and Development Programs Expenditure		
International programs		
Funds to international programs	372,337	113,586
Program support costs	3,760	873
Community education	1,236	10,654
Fundraising costs		
Public	515,812	494,168
Government, multilateral and private	0	0
Accountability and Administration	159,111	129,743
Non-Monetary Expenditure	3,000	29,082
Total International Aid and Development Programs Expenditure	1,055,255	778,106
International Political or Religious Adherence Promotion Programs Expenditure	0	0
Domestic Programs Expenditure	293,772	292,300
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	1,349,027	1,070,406
EXCESS / (SHORTFALL) OF REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURE	605,323	294,860

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EDMUND RICE OVERSEAS AID FUND

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO EDMUND RICE FOUNDATION (AUSTRALIA)

Report on the Financial Report

We have audited the accompanying financial report of Edmund Rice Overseas Aid Fund ('the Fund'), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2014, the statement of profit or loss, statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, a summary of significant accounting policies, other explanatory information and the responsible entities' declaration.

Trustee's Responsibility for the Financial Report

The trustee of the Trust is responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards – Reduced Disclosure Requirements (including Australian Accounting Interpretations) and the financial reporting requirements of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*. The trustee's responsibility also includes establishing and maintaining internal controls relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. These 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 is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the 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 entities internal controls. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

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*.

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Basis for Qualified Opinion

As is common with organisations of this type, it is not practical for the Edmund Rice Overseas Aid Fund 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.

Opinion

In our opinion, except for the effects if any, of the matter described in the Basis for Qualified Opinion paragraph, the financial report of Edmund Rice Overseas Aid Fund is in accordance with the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*, including:

- a) giving a true and fair view of the company's financial position as at 31 December 2014 and of its performance for the year ended on that date; and
- b) complying with Australian Accounting Standards - Reduced Disclosure Requirement (including Australian Accounting Interpretations) and the financial reporting requirements of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Regulation 2013*.

Matters Relating to the Electronic Publication of the Audited Financial Report

This auditor's report relates to the financial report of Edmund Rice Overseas Aid Fund for the year ended 31 December 2014 included on Edmund Rice Foundation's website. The trustee of the Trust is 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.

Moore Stephens Sydney
MOORE STEPHENS SYDNEY
Chartered Accountants

John Gavljak
John Gavljak
Partner

Dated in Sydney this 31st day of March, 2015

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EDMUND RICE FOUNDATION (AUSTRALIA)

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

Report on the Financial Report

We have audited the accompanying financial report of Edmund Rice Foundation (Australia) ('the company'), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2014, the statement of profit or loss, statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, a summary of significant accounting policies, other explanatory information and the responsible entities' declaration.

Responsible Entities' Responsibility for the Financial Report

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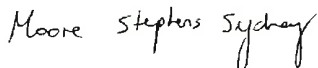
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MOORE STEPHENS SYDNEY
Chartered Accountants



John Gavljak
Partner

Dated in Sydney this 31st day of March 2015

BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Mr Peter Murphy

Chairperson

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. Peter 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. He is the Chairman of the ERFA QLD Chapter and also Co-Chairman of the St Joseph's College, Gregory Terrace Cardinals committee. Peter has served on several charitable organisations' committees over the years and he joined the National Board for ERFA in 2012 before being appointed Chairman in November 2014.



Mr Michael Fernon

Deputy Chairperson

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 and joined the Board of the Foundation in September 2011.



Mr Peter Hogan

Treasurer

Peter's career encompasses roles at the Australian Taxation Office, 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. His honorary services are on the boards of St Bernard's College, Essendon and Villa Maria Society. Peter holds a Bachelor of Business (Accounting) and is a Member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia. Peter joined the Board of the former Christian Brothers' Foundation for Charitable Works in 2009.



Mr Anthony Coates

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





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 and during this time helped create the very popular fundraising and networking website Everyday Hero. He has an extensive background in assisting Foundations and charities to build a strong strategic and visioning platform. Simon joined the Board in April 2014.



Br Chris Meehl

Chris is currently a member of the Oceania Province Leadership Team 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. Chris has been Principal of Therry College, Broadmeadows and Chanel College, Lovely Banks, Geelong. He was reappointed as the Oceania Province delegate in July 2014.



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 leadership and holds a Master's Degree in Educational Management. Mark is a member of the Australian Council for Educational Leaders as well as the Catholic Secondary Principals Association and the Private Schools Association in Western Australia. He has participated in the Trasna immersion program based in Ireland, involving experiential learning and reflection focused on contemporary understandings of the life and vision of Edmund Rice. Mark joined the Board in April 2013.



Mr Alan Zammit

Alan is Managing Director of UPDM working in urban, regional and community development. Alan has extensive experience in corporate and property advisory services with an emphasis on strategic planning and corporate governance. He has been a member of the EREA Board, a director of Rouse Hill Infrastructure and an independent member of the Audit and Risk Committee of the NSW Land and Housing Corporation. Alan is Chair of the Salvation Army Western Sydney Advisory Board and the Parramatta Diocese Property Council. He has had previous terms as Chair of St Gabriel's School for the Hearing Impaired and as director and treasurer of the Westmead Medical Research Foundation. Alan joined the Board as the Edmund Rice Education Australia delegate in April 2014.





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The Edmund Rice Foundation (Australia) recognises and thanks the following individuals who resigned from the Board in 2014:

Br Dean McGlaughlin OAM

Outgoing Chairperson
(appointed 8 September 2011,
resigned 26 November 2014)

Ms Fleur Hannen

(appointed 23 November 2011,
resigned 23 January 2014)

Mr Ron Ure

(appointed 8 September 2011,
resigned 26 November 2014)

2014 Foundation Chapters

Brisbane Chapter

Mr Peter Murphy

New South Wales Chapter

Chair: Mr Matthew Fehon

Victorian Chapter

Chair: Mr Steve Graham

South Australia Chapter

Chair: Mr Simon Dash

West Australia Chapter

Chair: Mr Mark Sawle

2014 Partner Organisations

The 500 Supporters' Group

Chair: Mr Patrick O'Brien

Project Kenya

Director: Mr John McKenna

Terrace Timor Network

President: Mr Paul Higgins

Zimele

Chair: Mr Tom Purcell

2014 Partner Schools

Ambrose Treacy College, Indooroopilly
Aquinas College, Perth
Aquinas College, Ringwood
Catholic Agricultural College, Bindoon
CBC, Fremantle
CBC, St Kilda
CBHS, Lewisham
Emmanuel College, Warrnambool
Edmund Rice College, Wollongong
Guilford Young College, Hobart
Ignatius Park College, Townsville
Parade College, Bundoora
Rostrevor College, Adelaide
St Bernard's College, Essendon
St Brendan's College, Yeppoon
St Brendan-Shaw College, Devonport
St Dominic's College, Penrith
St Edmund's College, Canberra
St Edmund's College, Ipswich
St Edmund's College, Wahroonga
St Edward's College, Gosford
St Joseph's College, Geelong
St Joseph's College, Nudgee
St Joseph's College Gregory Terrace, Brisbane
St Joseph's Flexible Learning Centre, North Melbourne
St Kevin's College, Toorak
St Laurence's College, Brisbane
St Mary's Cathedral College, Sydney
St Patrick's College, Ballarat
St Patrick's College, Launceston
St Patrick's College, Shorncliffe
St Patrick's College, Strathfield
St Paul's College, Gilles Plains
St Pius X College, Chatswood
St Virgil's College, Hobart
Trinity College, Colac
Trinity College, East Perth
Waverley College, Waverley, NSW
Xavier Flexi Schools Network, Brisbane

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