

Edmund Rice
Community Services



Information Pack

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www.edmundricecommunityservices.org

About ERCS

Edmund Rice Community Services (ERCS) is a national not-for-profit organisation that responds to the needs of people experiencing significant and complex disadvantage, marginalisation, and social isolation in the community. We create communities that build purpose and hope, bettering lives across Australia and Papua New Guinea. Annually, we engage over 2,500 people, directly impacting their everyday experience of their community and the world. Our initiatives are diverse and include:

- Edmund Rice Camps in NSW, QLD, SA, TAS, and VIC
- Edmund Rice Centre for Justice and Community Education
- Edmund Rice Community and Refugee Services
- Edmund Rice Services Mt. Atkinson
- Callan Services National Unit

Each initiative operates as it's own community, responding directly to the need they see. These communities have operated for up to 40 years, with Edmund Rice Community Services emerging as the governing and collective body in 2021. ERCS is driven by our Vision, Values, and Mission. They are:

Vision

Together, building communities where people thrive and belong.

Mission

In the spirit of Edmund Rice, our community seeks to build authentic relationships, learning together about people's everyday experience of the world. We are ordinary people understanding that our interactions and support for each other can create extraordinary moments of change for the common good.

Values

Integrity

We hold true to the authentic call of our hearts in openness and transparency. We do what we say we will do.

Dignity

Through our presence with each other we cherish, respect and honour each story and the desire to experience the fullness of life.

Liberation

We understand that all of life has the right to contribute in peace and with hope.

Justice

Cultivating a deep awareness of the agenda of the world we desire and work for both social and ecological justice. We have a passion to disrupt unjust structures and join in the world's mobilisation for equality and restoration of rights.

Edmund Rice Community Services is governed by a Board of Directors who set the organisation's strategic directions, and policy frameworks as per legislative requirements and best practise standards of governance and community expectations.

For more information visit: www.edmundricecommunityservices.org/governance

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Edmund Rice Camps (QLD, NSW, SA, TAS, VIC)

Across Australia

Edmund Rice Camps (ERC) believe that every child deserves a happy and safe upbringing. For 40 years ERC has strived to create safe spaces where children, young people, and families can thrive and belong, equipping them with the strength to overcome childhood adversity and trauma.

Edmund Rice Camps have a vision for a world where all young people and families can thrive and belong. The fun recreational opportunities on camp provide young people and families with the relationships, support and personal development they need to build purpose and hope for the future. Edmund Rice Camps are also committed to the personal growth and development of all young adult volunteers, who serve as friends and mentors to those in their care.

Key programs include:

- Weeklong Residential Camps
- Family Camps
- Activity Days
- School Programs
- Leadership Development Programs

For more information please visit: www.edmundricecamps.org





Edmund Rice Services Mt Atkinson

Melbourne, Victoria



Edmund Rice Services Mt Atkinson (ERSMA) aims to develop partnerships with local community organisations and neighbourhoods to deliver community services. ERSMA believes in the value of connecting people, strengthening the capacities of community members and having an early intervention response to social concerns.

ERSMA strives for communities to be healthy, integrated, supportive and participatory and which are also intercultural, engaged in lifelong learning and are resilient in response to modern day challenges.

ERSMA is based at and manages Mt Atkinson Community Centre (MACC), a community-based space that currently includes a beautiful farmhouse with access to 500 hectares of land to deliver a variety of activities including mountain bike riding, high and low ropes challenge courses, archery, art, bush cooking, food growing and more.

For more information please visit: www.mtatkinsoncommunitycentre.org



Edmund Rice Centre for Justice and Community Education

Sydney, New South Wales

The Edmund Rice Centre for Justice and Community Education exists to challenge popular beliefs and dominant cultural values, to ask the difficult questions, to look at life from the standpoint of the minority, the victim, the outcast and the stranger.

The Centre was established in 1996 - the International Year for the Eradication of Poverty. The Centre's work focuses on Indigenous people in Australia and overseas; Refugees and asylum seekers in Australia and internationally; Pacific peoples affected by climate change.

We want to help enable people to change the world through education that begins with awareness raising and ultimately inspires advocacy and social action.

Right Relationships are the key to our work. Our advocacy is done with those we seek to support, not just for them. The First Nations adage “Nothing about us without us” underpins this commitment to help those excluded in our global society to find their voice, be heard, and be responded to.

For more information please visit: www.erc.org.au





Callan Services

National Unit

Wewak, Papua New Guinea



The Network of Callan Services is the largest provider of services to children and adults with disabilities in Papua New Guinea. It is a leading disability rights, advocacy and representative Network of and for all people with disability in Papua New Guinea, with a particular focus on inclusive education and training.

Key Programs include:

- Inclusive Education
- Optical Services
- Ear and Hearing Clinical Services
- Community Development Projects

For more information please visit: www.callanservices.org



Edmund Rice Community and Refugee Services

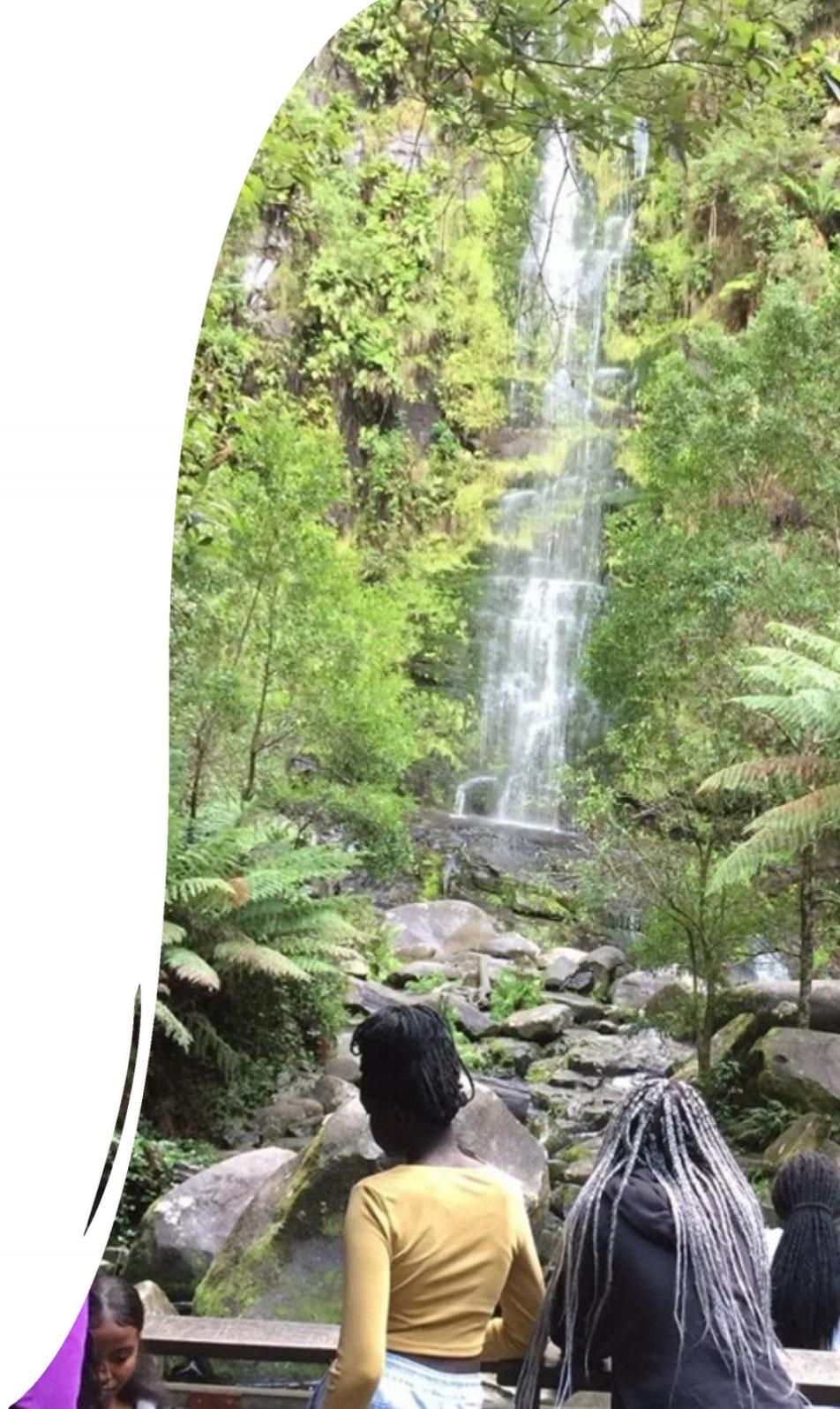
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Edmund Rice Community and Refugee Services (ERCRS) seeks to improve the lives of, and opportunities for, children and young people of a disadvantaged background by supporting them in their education and providing them with access to free learning support along with a range of social activities throughout the year. ERCRS believes that in supporting the education of youth, they will not only have the encouragement to develop their own potential, but will in their own turn, nurture the learning opportunity of others.

Key programs include:

- Homework Clubs
- Learning Support Programs
- Secondary Tutoring Programs
- Mentoring Programs
- Parents Wellbeing Programs

For more information please visit: www.ercrs.org



Network Members

Across Oceania, Edmund Rice Community Services also works in partnership with a number of Network Members. They include:

In Australia:

- Edmund Rice Camps for Kids WA: www.edmundricecamps.com.au
- Edmund Rice Centre WA: www.ercwa.org.au

In Aotearoa/New Zealand:

- Edmund Rice Camps Auckland: www.ercamps.auckland.org.nz
- Edmund Rice Camps Dunedin: www.ercdunedin.com
- Te Rōpū Kaitiaki o Erama Raihi – Edmund Rice Justice Trust Aotearoa-New Zealand: www.erjustice.org.nz

In the Philippines:

- Edmund Rice Ministries Philippines: www.ermph.org





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