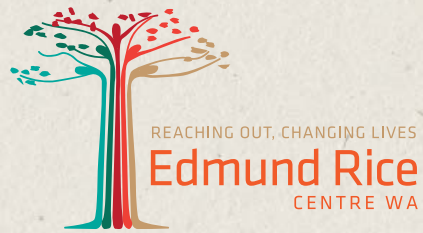




Review

1 January 2016 – 30 June 2017



Our Vision

Inspired by Edmund Rice, our vision is to enable people to feel included, to be active participants and to make a positive contribution to society.

Our Mission

We seek to empower the people whose lives we touch through education and development of community with a special focus on youth leadership.

Our Values

The following values inspire and guide all we do:

Diversity: We welcome, respect and value each person regardless of colour, race, creed or ability and foster harmonious relations between cultural groups.

Personal Dignity: We acknowledge the dignity of each person by acting with compassion, respect and sensitivity, thus fostering a sense of self-worth.

Safety: We create a safe place for all who engage with us.

Empowerment: We enable social change through individual empowerment and community development.

Our Work

The Edmund Rice Centre WA was established in 1998 to provide essential settlement services and community education activities in Perth's northern suburbs. We assist people from refugee and migrant backgrounds, as well as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Our services have expanded throughout the metropolitan area with a particular emphasis on young people and youth leadership as a way of ensuring a positive future for all.

We have an excellent reputation for offering "grass roots" services that help address the unmet needs in the community.

Cover photography by Duncan Wright.

Internal photography by Duncan Wright and many of our staff and volunteers.

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3000

people of all ages and
backgrounds use our
services each year

75

students a day take
part in our Language
for Living in Australia
program

560

young people per
month participate in
our sporting programs

What we do

The Edmund Rice Centre Western Australia (ERCWA) is committed to helping people feel a sense of belonging in the community and enabling them to achieve their full potential.

We offer settlement support and a range of programs including: English, Computer Studies, Driver Education, Lifeskills for Living in Australia, the Women Together group, and dynamic youth, sports and leadership programs, alongside other leisure and cultural activities.

All our programs develop opportunities for adults, children and youth by providing pathways to full participation in our community.

During the reporting period we helped 4270 people from refugee and migrant backgrounds, as well as 172 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

The English language development and sports and recreation programs outlined in this review are the foundations for the existence of ERCWA and demonstrate the positive changes we are continuing to make in people's lives.



English Language Development

Being able to understand and communicate in English is key to being active in the community, building relationships, and accessing employment and services. The program is offered on four days each week with more than 75 students attending each day. Students come from over 30 ethnic groups.

Sport and Recreation

During the reporting period 560 children and youth participated each month in our popular programs that included AFL, basketball, soccer, art and leadership. We also conducted a highly regarded Local Parks program that encourages children to come and “have a go” at different sporting activities to provide pathways to local sporting clubs and other organisations. Our primary focus is to educate, foster inclusion and inspire leadership among children and youth who come to our centre.



Edmund Rice Centre WA - Reaching Out, Changing Lives

In 2016, as part of our three-year strategic planning process, we adopted new branding and a new positioning statement to better reflect our work in the community.

The image of the Boab tree, a symbol of strength, wisdom, health, long life and beauty, was introduced along with our new strapline: *Reaching Out, Changing Lives*.

The Boab tree represents a sacred link to the past and is associated with the beginning of creation and new beginnings. The tree in our logo is made up of five figures joining as one which captures our inclusive approach to all our work.

Our Patron Dr Ken Michael said, “Our programs are some of the best in Australia and our long track record is highly regarded. We work with wonderful clients who trust and rely on us. We are very family focused and welcoming to everyone – no matter what religion or culture. We believe we truly make a difference in people's lives”.

“(The new identity) encapsulates what you do — you all reach out and change people's lives — I love it!”

Edmund Rice donor

Our Highlights



Faces of Refugee Week

Refugee Week is an annual celebration held each June focusing on the positive contributions of refugees to Australian society.

ERCWA is an active participant in activities and events every year.

In 2016 members of the Butler Falcons, our all-women's multicultural AFL team, were the national faces of Refugee Week.



Bus Donated

We were delighted that the Federal Member for Stirling, Hon Michael Keenan, recognised the community work ERCWA does and secured a federal grant for us to purchase a 12-seater bus. The new bus is in constant use transporting our participants around Perth to attend various programs and events.

Darlington Arts Festival

Every year the committee of the Darlington Arts Festival invites us to bring families to the popular festival in the Perth Hills. Guildford Grammar School's assistance with transport is gratefully acknowledged. Over 80 people (more than half of them children) enjoy the outing which includes a BBQ lunch.



Annual Harmony Camp

Each year ERCWA organises a Harmony Camp to promote cross-cultural understanding and build support for newly arrived people from a refugee background. In 2016, 100 participants, 16 volunteers and ERCWA staff enjoyed the camp.

Held at Camp Kelly in Dwellingup, the camps foster an understanding of different cultures and faiths, build a sense of community and give people the opportunity to learn about Australian Aboriginal culture and history.

Harmony Camps are funded by LotteryWest.

"It was a great weekend. I had fun and learnt a lot about different people. It was my first time in the Australian bush."

Chairman's Message

It is pleasing to be able to report that the Edmund Rice Centre WA (ERCWA) has continued its outstanding work in helping thousands of people find a place of welcome in Western Australia, as it has done for 19 years.

Our work with people from migrant and refugee backgrounds as well as Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander people is both needed and appreciated by all those who seek help at the centre in Mirrabooka and around the Perth metropolitan area.

Among the many programs we offer, the Driver Education program is one example where we fulfil a need in an outstanding fashion. Successful candidates can use their new-found mobility to seek employment beyond nearby suburbs. This new mobility also enables families to care for relatives and enjoy recreational activities in the broader community. For people who may have previously spent many days inside the four walls of a house, gaining a driver's licence can be very liberating.

Our Youth Leadership program has also had extraordinary success. Hundreds of young people have joined our different programs and then moved into strong leadership roles during the period. They have a very strong influence for good in their families and their communities.

I would like to thank all our funders, supporters and partners for their on-going support.

We would not be able to continue our vital services without them.

Maintaining funding for all our programs in the current economic climate is an ongoing challenge. With government agencies demanding the same results from reduced funding we are constantly seeking ways of securing funding from other sources.

It is my pleasure to be able to thank the Board for its outstanding work and commitment over the past year. I thank Amy Berson, Kevin Bowman, Katherine Bromfield, Richard Hennessy, Bruce Larson and Rosemary Sayer. I would also like to thank Leith Finnie who was appointed minute secretary early this year.

Congratulations to the Director, Stephen Bowman; Deputy Director, Christina Ward; Finance Officer, Karen Wilson; and all our staff for their dedicated and fruitful work over the past year.

We are also very proud of the work of our many volunteers. Without their generosity, ERCWA would not be able to reach out to so many people in our community and achieve so much.

Jim Elliott
Chairman, Committee of Management
Edmund Rice Centre WA



Some of our dedicated staff and volunteers without whom we could not operate.



Committee of Management: Jim Elliott, Kevin Bowman, Rosemary Sayer, Richard Hennessy, Katherine Bromfield, Bruce Larson, Steve Bowman, inset: Amy Berson

Director's Review 2016-2017

The Vision of the Edmund Rice Centre WA states that we are “inspired by Edmund Rice to enable people to feel included, be active participants and make a positive contribution to society”.

The daily practice of this vision has been challenging over the past 18 months as staff and volunteers have responded to the ever-increasing needs and demands on the centre's services. During this period over 4,500 adults, children and youth accessed one or more of the 19 programs and activities conducted by Edmund Rice Centre WA.

At the centre we place great emphasis on offering participants 'pathways' in order that they can achieve their full potential. Three elements underpin this approach namely: being truly present to people by listening attentively to their needs and aspirations. Secondly, responding with compassion and thirdly offering a collaborative approach that has the potential to transform lives. These characteristics are very much Edmund Rice values.

Consequently, many consider our services as being 'grassroots' as well as being contemporary and authentic expressions of the work of Edmund Rice who devoted his life, energies and resources to working for the disadvantaged in Ireland over 200 years ago.

His efforts realised many positive outcomes despite working in a somewhat hostile environment. Like Edmund Rice, it is very pleasing to note that there have been numerous positive outcomes for those who have accessed our services over the years.

Fortunately, the environment has changed since Edmund Rice worked with disadvantaged youth and now at the centre we enjoy and value the support of many sectors of the Australian community. I would like to extend my appreciation to the Christian Brothers Oceania Province, the Board of Management, various government and philanthropic organisations as well as our individual donors and service partners who make it possible for our work to continue to reach out to others.

Finally, thank you to our dedicated staff, volunteers and youth leaders who throughout the past 18 months have continued to give generously of their time and talents in service of others.

Stephen Bowman
Director
Edmund Rice Centre WA

Community Education

Education is the cornerstone of the Edmund Rice philosophy. Education removes barriers to equity and promotes the benefits of multiculturalism to the wider community. Opportunities open up through the acquisition of new skills and increased awareness of vocational options and pathways. The sense of achievement that comes with education has a positive impact on other areas of life, such as a greater openness and willingness to investigate higher education, employment opportunities, and the confidence to engage in community activities and programs.

Language for Living in Australia

We provide adults from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds with opportunities to develop their English language proficiency. Classes are organised into groups by ability level and lessons include reading, writing, listening and speaking. Lesson themes are taken from day-to-day living to help students with settlement.

During the reporting period we conducted 1,500 classes and every day more than 75 students of all ages participated in our Language for Living in Australia program.

ERCWA has 18 qualified teachers and 20 teacher's assistants who all volunteer their time. This program could not operate without their enthusiasm and dedication. They work four days a week conducting six English classes and one conversation class every day. Each year, on average, they contribute a staggering 2,000 hours in volunteer teaching time.

Our students, who range in age from 25 to over 60, come from many cultural and religious backgrounds and from countries including Afghanistan, Somalia, Rwanda, Burundi, Senegal, Vietnam, Myanmar, Iran, Ethiopia, Sudan, South Sudan, Congo and Iraq.

With our extensive knowledge and experience, we have developed specialist teaching modules which we share free of charge via our website.

The Language for Living in Australia program currently relies on private funding.

75 students a day take part in
Language for Living in Australia

2000
volunteer teaching hours per year



Community Education

Computer Studies

Approximately 640 students participated in 18 courses at our centre and a further six courses were offered at the Wadjak Northside Aboriginal Resource Centre in Balga.

Our computer skills courses for beginner and intermediate levels are suitable for people from diverse backgrounds with little or no knowledge of computers and are designed to give students basic IT skills.

Topics include keyboard and mouse skills, the Microsoft Office suite of programs, Internet searching, email, internet banking and security, shopping and paying bills online as well as digital photography.

During the reporting period the Mirrabooka branch of Australia Post donated printers which were passed on to our students. We also received donations of used computers and laptops from Trinity College Perth and St Mary's College in Karrinyup which were gratefully received by our families. Some of our students took the opportunity to purchase low-cost computers with support from Girrawheen Men's Shed and Stirling Lions Club.

Funded by Edith Cowan University.



"I appreciate the lessons given to me so much because they will help me in my entire life to write a messages, email and communicate with other people around the world."

"I would congratulate you for everything you did to teach me so I can use computer. It was my first time to study a computer course, but now I try to do some work by myself."

Women Together

This program provides a weekly opportunity for women from refugee, migrant and Australian-born backgrounds to meet, socialise and share their cooking and craft skills.

An average of 15 women from Iran, Iraq, Vietnam, Liberia, Italy, Chile, Spain, Columbia, Sudan, Afghanistan and Turkey meet weekly at the centre. The meetings would not run without the core group of women volunteers who co-ordinate the weekly meetings and create a home-like atmosphere through laughter, celebrations, conversation, cooking, craft, games, dancing, meditation and exercise.

Supported by the Aquinas Ladies Auxiliary.



"Without this program I would be looking at four walls in my house, learning very little and being very lonely. Outside my family I knew few people before I joined Women Together."



Settlement Services

The Department of Social Services' Settlement Grants Program funds programs that support humanitarian entrants who have lived in Australia fewer than five years. The programs facilitate access to mainstream services and support successful settlement. ERCWA's activities covered by the program include casework, advocacy and referral, information sessions and active workshops.

Settlement Casework

ERCWA provides generalist casework, referral and advocacy services to clients who live in the north metropolitan area. Our services operate five days per week. We reach out to the most vulnerable clients, especially those with very limited English language skills.

During this reporting period we provided 1,440 one-on-one sessions with clients from Myanmar, Somalia, Ethiopia, Eritrea, Afghanistan, Syria, South Sudan, Iraq, Burundi and Egypt, providing advocacy and referral assistance on issues related to:

- immigration and citizenship
- finance and income support
- employment, education and training
- housing and tenancy
- family issues including youth, aged care and domestic violence
- legal and police matters.

We also conducted 10 general information sessions for 214 clients on topics as diverse as: civics and citizenship, settlement, finance and budgeting, utilities, law and discrimination, hepatitis B, women's health and breast cancer.

Service and government organisations presented regular information sessions on topics such as Centrelink online access, the Census, rental procedures and health matters.

Funded by the Department of Social Services.



1440

one-on-one sessions with clients

214

clients attended general
information sessions

Settlement Services



We delivered 132 Lifeskills for Living in Australia workshops in Mirrabooka and Cannington in the reporting period.

Lifeskills for Living in Australia

This program was originally developed in 2003 by ERCWA staff to educate our clients about the maintenance and upkeep of a home in Australia.

Over the years the scope of the program has broadened, and we now provide practical lessons and interactive workshops on a range of topics including:

- preparing healthy food, health and hygiene
- using health services (hospital, doctors, pharmacy, and medical benefits)
- safety at home and at the beach
- looking after a house, garden and property
- using household appliances
- understanding Australian behaviour, laws and customs.

During the reporting period 132 workshops were delivered at the Edmund Rice Centre in Mirrabooka and at Communicare in Cannington.

As well as imparting practical skills and knowledge, the Lifeskills program also boosts social networks, combats isolation, provides support, and facilitates greater access to a wider range of services.

Social, cultural, historical and recreational activities are also part of the program to help clients understand their new environment. These activities have included a visit to the Sculptures by the Sea exhibition at Cottesloe Beach with talks by artists, and a tour of the State War Memorial in King's Park to learn about the significance of Anzac Day.

Funded by the Department of Social Services.



As part of the cultural activities offered by the Lifeskills program, participants enjoyed a visit to Sculptures by the Sea where they listened to artists talk about their works.



A food safety workshop which includes food safety, understanding food labelling and tips for preparing healthy, economical, nutritious family meals. Participants also practise conversational English.



"Kids in the Kitchen" parents' and children's workshops help children understand about healthy eating. Parents are better equipped to deal with "persuasion" to buy junk food.

Driver Education

Being able to drive develops vital pathways for employment opportunities and social integration.

We aim to provide this service to a minimum of 60 people per year and during the reporting period 112 clients were enrolled in the program. A shortage of funding means we are unable to meet the demand for this highly popular and successful program and there is always a waiting list of applicants.

Most of our clients in this reporting period were from Afghanistan, Iran and Eritrea. The program offers:

- up to 36 driving lessons
- weekly driving safely and language-for-driving classes (Using a variety of resources and activities, these sessions help reinforce the use of English language on the road.)
- support and assistance with accompanied driving and log book completion
- assistance with preparing for the hazard perception test

The program runs with the help of our qualified multi-lingual driving instructors, most of whom were assisted financially by ERCWA to complete a Certificate IV in Transport and Logistics. This has helped them to independently set up and manage their own business.

We currently have ten multi-lingual driving instructors working in our program.

Funded by the Department of Social Services.

Building a Future Together – A Youth Pathways Program

This program caters for youth from a refugee background aged 15-24 years. It provides one-on-one casework, mentoring, tutoring and support to assist young people develop achievable pathways to further education and training, and to become employment ready.

We offer work experience and volunteering opportunities to improve self-esteem and build confidence. We work in partnership with other service providers, schools and tertiary institutions.

During the reporting period weekly sessions were held at Irene McCormack Catholic College, Aranmore Catholic College, Balga Senior High School, Butler Community College and at the Edmund Rice Centre in Mirrabooka.

Funded by the Department of Social Services.



“My life has changed in so many ways since I received assistance from the Edmund Rice Centre’s Driver Education program. I have now completed the driving instructor course and started my own driving school business.”

“I could not have afforded to learn to drive without the Edmund Rice driving program and I was very grateful for this opportunity.”



Program Coordinator, Donella Brown, assisting students from Aranmore Catholic College, Leederville.

“In the Pathways Program we were given the opportunity to improve our communication skills, especially the chance to practice speaking English. We were also challenged to think about jobs, study or training that we could do in the future.”

Aranmore College Student

Integrated Services Centres at Koondoola and Thornlie

Integrated Services Centres provide culturally appropriate and holistic services to assist refugee families with their complex health, settlement and social/emotional health needs.

The services are available for children who attend the Intensive English Centre at Koondoola and Thornlie primary schools, and their families, who have arrived in Australia as permanent residents on a humanitarian visa or approved family stream visa.

The centres use the primary schools as a hub to deliver services. ERCWA works in partnership with the departments of Education and Health to provide best practice outcomes to culturally and linguistically diverse (CaLD) communities. We employ a multicultural community liaison worker (MCLW) and administration assistant at each site.

The MCLW offers practical settlement assistance including: social support, assisted referrals, advocacy, community education and links into community support networks.

During the reporting period the centres provided services to 326 families. Both centres ran well-attended weekly workshops for parents which addressed dental health, parenting, self-confidence and community development activities. We ran after school homework programs and 'STEPS' nutrition and fitness programs, along with at least one fun event every school holidays.

Funded by the Department of Health.

326

families received services at our two Integrated Services Centres



Lunchtime food literacy lesson at the Koondoola ISC.



STEPS children at Thornlie ISC hard at work preparing for a STEAM activity – balloon races.

"The MCLW at TISC provided an excellent service: very professional and understanding. I find the workers to be reliable, proactive and accessible. ISC helped my family in a very difficult situation with my previous accommodation...My family and I had a very stressful time...the MCLW helped us to resolve the issue. It was a big relief for us. We appreciate the service ISC offers and we feel lucky to be able to use it. We can't thank the MCLW enough. It's a very good feeling when you are living away from your country, no language and still find someone very kind, nice, and happy to help."

A Syrian client speaking through an interpreter.



Youth leaders challenged themselves on a voyage on the sail training ship *Leeuwin*.

Youth Services

Our youth services began in 1999 with a Saturday youth leisure program for newly arrived children from a refugee background. This was expanded to include a weekday sports session and in 2006 a youth leadership program was established. Alongside these, the Aboriginal children's program began in 2003.

In 2011 the Local Parks project was launched. This is a collection of five local parks programs offering a variety of sport at grassroots level, coordinated by a sports liaison officer, to help young people from low socio-economic status backgrounds get into mainstream sporting clubs. Opportunities then emerged to launch other programs to improve the transition process into mainstream sport and provide development opportunities that these young people may not otherwise have access to.

Our youth services continue to go from strength-to-strength.

Creative Arts Project

This program gives young people the opportunity to express themselves through various creative activities including art, dance, media and design.

During the reporting period, 83 participants took part in activities such as nature walks, cooking, science activities, farm visits, music and dance competitions, media workshops and video production.

Funded by the Department of Social Services through the Smith Family.



Sibling Music workshop with participants in the Moorditj Koolangka program.

Youth Services

Youth Leadership

The Youth Leadership group was formed ten years ago to challenge the young people already participating in our programs to become more fully involved in the community.

The program is held in Mirrabooka and Butler and during the reporting period 94 participants took part.

ERCWA delivered 120 comprehensive training sessions and six weekend camps which included courses in coaching, umpiring, refereeing, teamwork, media and public speaking. Participants also undertook activities such as a nature academy in partnership with the Bibbulmun Track Foundation and first aid workshops in partnership with Wilson Medic One.

Our youth leaders also volunteered at community events, including those coordinated by the cities of Stirling and Wanneroo.

An internship program with indepth training and skills development has been launched to give our youth leaders the skills to run other community-based programs. This program is a positive alternative to the many negative lifestyle choices confronting young people in our community.

Funded by the Department of Social Services though the Smith Family; Edmund Rice Foundation and Healthway.

Aboriginal Youth Arts Program

In 2017 we welcomed well known Aboriginal artist Peter Farmer and Duncan Wright to lead our Aboriginal Youth Arts Program which operates across three centres - ERCWA, Wadjak Aboriginal Resource Centre and Sudbury House.

The program has been very successful to date with over 121 children and youth participating in activities.

Activities have included: photography workshops with Camera Story, hip hop workshops with Mathas, experimental music and youth radio workshops with Sibling Music/Magnolias Youth Radio, improvisational comedy with Esther Longhurst and the Gelo Company, art with Peter Farmer and Jade Dolman-Penangke, and belonging workshops with Gabby Loo.



Moorditj Koolangka

The Moorditj Koolangka program provides after-school activities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children between the ages of 7 and 11 years. It fosters positive social interaction and strengthens the children's knowledge about their culture through story, dance, music and art, as well as promoting healthy lifestyles and developing sound social skills.

The team responsible for conducting the program is made up of ERCWA staff, Aboriginal mentors and volunteers.

Now in its 14th year, Moorditj Koolangka continues to make a positive difference in the lives of the children and their families and is a rewarding experience for the staff and volunteers who support it.

Funded by the Department of Social Services through the Smith Family; Annie Millicent Foundation; and Edith Cowan University.

We are also working on a large mural project with the City of Stirling - painting a Noongar Six Seasons design onto the change rooms at Fragrant Gardens Reserve. Working with the greater community of Mirrabooka we are conducting workshops to engage with youth and learn about cultural events from their backgrounds, which will then be included in the mural. It is an exciting project.

Funded by the Crown Foundation.

Social Benefits of Sport Programs

Improving the community through sport and recreation.



Enriching families



Improving mental & physical health



Reducing crime



Building cross-cultural awareness



Better education outcomes

Partnerships

14

Clubs

3

Local Governments

5

State Sporting Associations

8

Community Groups

Butler Falcons

The Butler Falcons girls' AFL team gives young women from multicultural backgrounds the chance to improve their health and well-being, to be part of a team, to foster friendships and promote harmony by breaking down negative cultural stereotypes and perceptions. The team motto is: *We came to Australia. We love AFL. Come join us!*

During the reporting period 90 girls participated in the program and 62 training sessions were held. The girls play in a variety of games at a club and invitational level.

Funded by Healthway, Edith Cowan University and the AFL.

Supported by Fremantle Dockers Foundation, West Australian Football Commission, West Perth Football District, City of Wanneroo and Fair Game.

Mayor of the City of Wanneroo Cr Tracey Roberts is the Falcons' number one ticket holder and greatest supporter.

Edmund Rice Lions

The Edmund Rice Lions Australian Rules Football program provides transitional teams for participants from diverse cultural backgrounds. During the reporting period 25 players progressed to junior and senior clubs.

Coached and managed by an ERCWA coordinator, youth workers and the ERCWA Youth Leadership group as well as past Lions players, during the reporting period 110 children and youth participated in 85 training sessions and games.

Funded by the Department of Social Services through the Smith Family; the Australian Football League and Edith Cowan University.

Supported by the City of Stirling, WA Football Commission, Healthway, Fair Game and Hon Janine Freeman MLA, the Lions' number one ticket holder.

"(Youth leadership) helps me at school. I listen attentively to my parents and follow their instructions."

"I want my family to see how much I have improved and what I have done."



The Butler Falcons with Joe Moniodis, ERC Special Projects and Pathways Programs Manager, and Cr Tracey Roberts, Mayor of the City of Wanneroo, the Falcons' number one ticket holder.

Local Parks Program

The aim of this program is to increase participation of young CaLD and Aboriginal people in sport and active recreation. During the reporting period 650 people aged from 5 to 18 years took part in this important grassroots program which was held at 13 local parks and recreational facilities.

We provided opportunities for badminton, soccer, tennis, swimming and netball as well as participation in a multi-sports program. The programs operate in suburbs in the cities of Wanneroo and Stirling including Banksia Grove, Balga, Butler, Girrawheen, Koondoola and Mirrabooka.

We work with local clubs and state sporting associations to increase participation of our young people in mainstream sport.

ERCWA is a financial assessor for the KidSport initiative which pays up to \$200 towards club fees for those young people who would not otherwise be able to join their local sporting club.

Funded by the Department of Sport and Recreation, WA Police and Healthway.

Supported by the City of Stirling, City of Wanneroo and Fair Game.



Listening to the coach's instructions - the ERCWA team playing in a soccer carnival as part of the Local Parks Program at Koondoola.



The Edmund Rice Lions getting ready for a game; last minute instructions from the coach.



A Common Goal team in action against the Bangladeshi community.

Common Goal Soccer Academy

Common Goal is a soccer academy that operates in Mirrabooka and Cannington. Programs run every week in partnership with the communities of local mosques. During the reporting period, 209 juniors and youth took part.

The concept is based on ERCWA's highly successful Local Parks program: a soccer academy, located next door to a mosque, which is open to all young people.

Common Goal is run in partnership with the WA Police and Football West. Local police officers visit regularly to engage with the children and youth. The program offers participants pathways to youth leadership, development, education and employment opportunities.

Common Goal teams regularly play against local clubs, schools and associations. Coaching accreditation is also offered.

Funded by the Department of Sport and Recreation and WA Police.

Supported by the City of Stirling, City of Cannington, Football West and the communities of the Mirrabooka and Cannington mosques.

"As a community with people from different cultures playing together at the park, the program makes it feel safe as we are acting as one family."

"I feel more accepted because the people here make us feel that we can all become friends and act as a community together."



Two players from the Edmund Rice Eagles Basketball team volunteer to help out at a Perth Lynx game.

Edmund Rice Eagles Street Basketball

During the reporting period 62 players took part in 60 training sessions with the Edmund Rice Eagles Street Basketball team.

The team helps players to develop a pathway 'from the street to the elite'. It has strong links to the East Perth Basketball Association and players are encouraged to join that association's development programs.

The players were also offered opportunities to play competitive games at the Banksia Hill Detention Centre and to undertake a three week volunteer program with the Perth Wildcats.

Funded by the Department of Social Services through the Smith Family.

Supported by Basketball WA, Morley Eagles, City of Wanneroo and Fair Game.

"I have people that I know around me and we listen to each other and that makes me feel like a leader."

"I have many friends who help to cheer me up now. Before I was so fearful."

"It helps me go to sleep early and get a good night's sleep."



Banksia United Aboriginal Soccer program.



Banksia United against Hammersley SC.

Banksia United Aboriginal Soccer Program

Our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander soccer team is based in Koondoola. Formed in May 2011, the program provides opportunities for local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children, youth and their families to be part of a team.

During the reporting period we conducted 62 soccer sessions with 50 participants.

To build better understanding between cultures all our coaches are of African backgrounds.

Funded by the Department of Social Services through the Smith Family; and Moorditj Yarning.

Supported by Football West, Fair Game and the City of Wanneroo.

“May Allah give this country and this office (ERC) more and more as they help and welcome people with open arms and provide all the comforts for us to live and enjoy life in their beautiful country.”

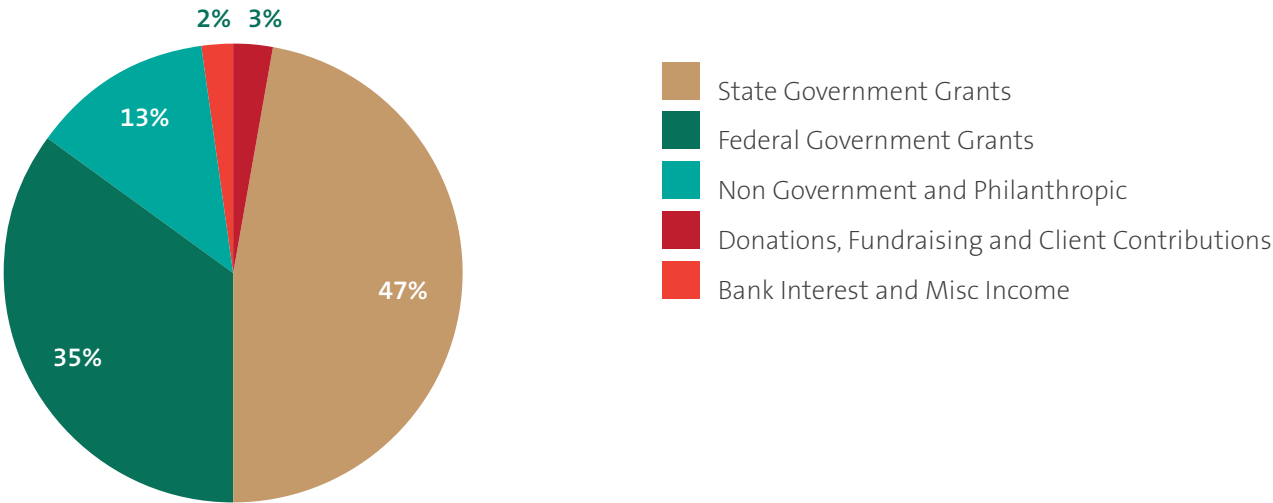


The Edmund Rice AFL team participated in the Natanui Cup.

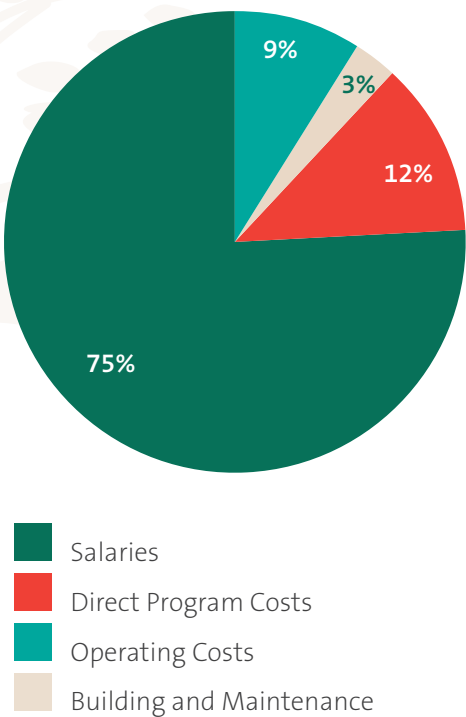
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Audited accounts are available on our website.

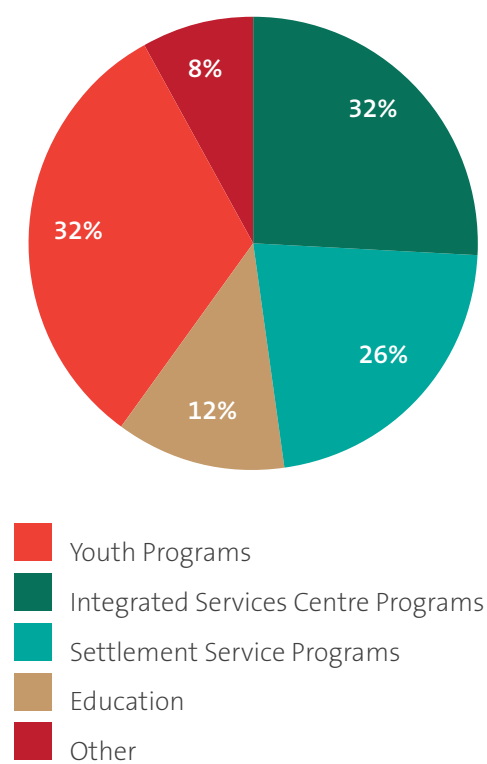
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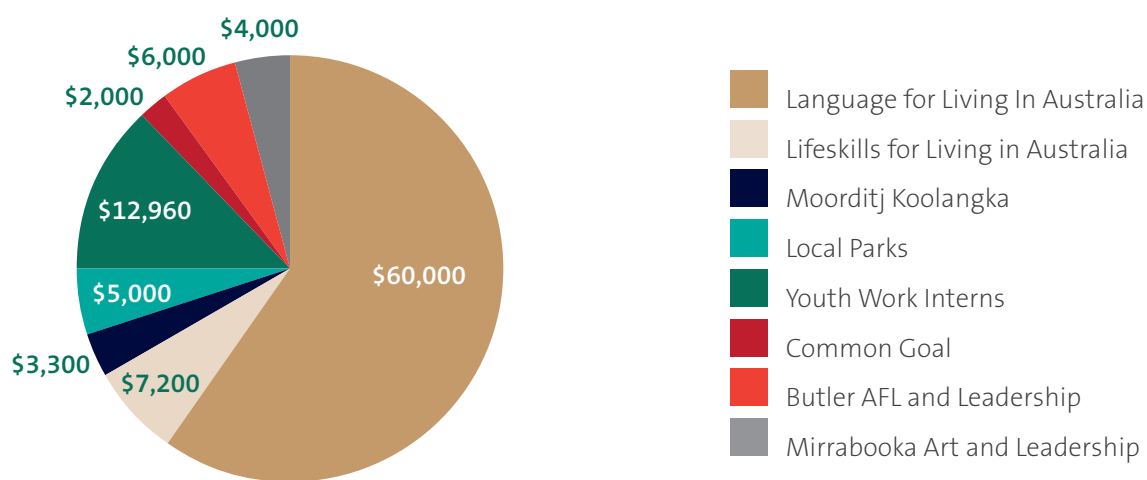
Volunteer hours and in-kind support

Over the reporting period (1 January 2016 to 30 June 2017) there were:

- Total volunteer hours: 7,260
- Total value of volunteer hours: \$295,380

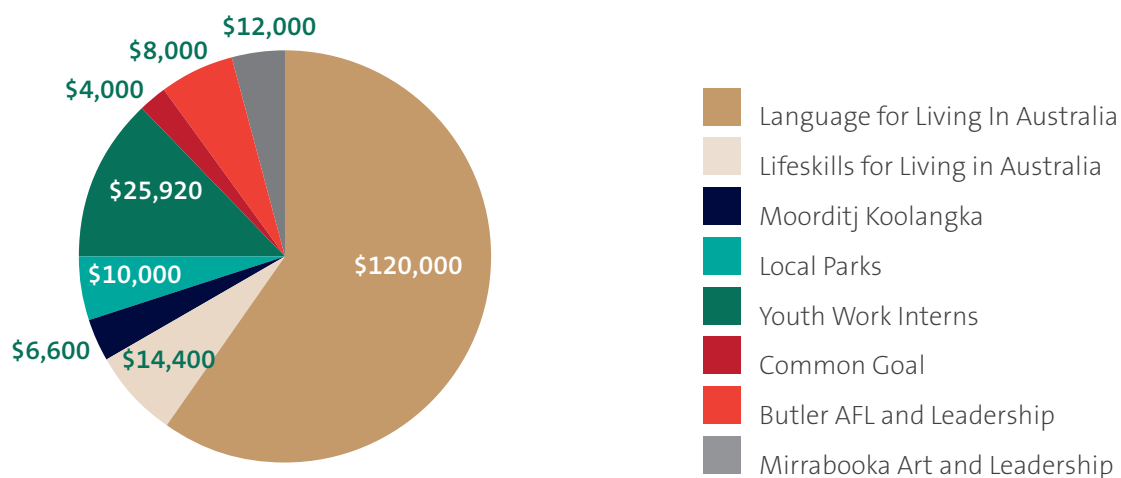
1 January 2016 - 30 June 2016

Total value of volunteer hours: \$106,460



1 July 2016 - 30 June 2017

Total value of volunteer hours: \$188,920



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Profit and Loss Statement: 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017

Income	\$	\$
Donations and client contributions	48,018.71	
Grant Income	1,383,746.26	
Subsidies	107,288.00	
Other Income	35,545.47	
Total Income		1,574,616.44
Total		0
Gross Profit		1,574,616.44
Expenses		
Borrowing Costs	28,249.69	
General and Admin Expenses	73,084.45	
Operating Expenses	75,691.99	
Staff Expenses	1,145,202.21	
Vehicle Expenses	19,556.85	
Grant Expenses	145,288.71	
Other Expenses	20,873.81	
Total Expenses		1,507,947.71
Operating Profit		66,668.73
Other Income		
Paid Parental Leave Income	12,106.80	
Total Other Income		12,106.80
Total Other Expenses		0
Net Profit/Loss		78,775.53

Balance Sheet: As of 30 June 2017

Assets	\$	\$
Cash and Current Assets	6,257.14	
Investments	735,452.63	
Other Assets	5,179.82	
Property and Equipment (Fixed Assets)	700,000.00	
Total Assets		1,446,889.59
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities	576,214.05	
Long-term Liabilities	541,416.69	
Total Liabilities		1,117,630.74
Net Assets		329,258.85
Equity		
Retained Earnings	250,483.32	
Current Year Surplus/Deficit	78,775.53	
Total Equity		329,258.85

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We thank every one of our sponsors and supporters who so willingly gave to ERCWA in financial contributions or in-kind support which allows us to continue our vital community work.

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Throughout the term of this report ERCWA has enjoyed being able to share the advantages that partnering has brought to both ERCWA and the students and teachers from the educational institutions listed below.

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- Greenwood Senior High School
- Churchlands Senior High School
- Servite College
- Mercy College
- Trinity College
- West Coast Institute
- Edith Cowan University
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