

# Newsletter

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## New General Manager

"Hello everyone,

My name is Amy Berson and I am thrilled to have been appointed the new General Manager of the Edmund Rice Centre WA.

I have worked as a program manager in the development sector for 20 years both in Australia and overseas. My experience ranges across different areas including development through sport, child rights, youth leadership, education, disability, health, and gender.

I have also been fortunate to work on programs in Uganda, Bangladesh, Solomon Islands, Vanuatu, and the Caribbean region. All of these opportunities have provided me with broad and valuable experiences in different ways of working and approaches to achieve community development outcomes.

I look forward to building on the success and strengths of the Edmund Rice Centre WA and helping it grow, while at the same time maintaining an absolute focus on our clients and participants to ensure we are providing the best service and meeting community needs.

My university studies were in Human Movement and Exercise Science, and I have a Masters in Human Rights Practice. I understand the rewards playing sport can bring as I achieved success in netball, representing Western Australia and playing at a national level with the Perth Orioles.

I am really looking forward to the challenge of leading the Edmund Rice Centre WA and meeting more donors, funders and partners."

The Board of ERCWA is delighted to have appointed a former employee and board member from an extremely strong field of applicants. Please join with us in welcoming Amy to ERCWA as General Manager.

Picture above: L-R Ta Ma Htoo (Youth worker). Amy Berson (GM), Catherine Aftera (Admin Assistant) and Lisa Ladu (Volunteer).



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## Driver Education Program

Obtaining a driver's license creates a sense of independence, freedom and security.

One aspect is acquiring employment which often relies on having a driver's license rather than being dependent on public transport.

We have been running the Driver Education Program for more than 10 years north of the river. This year we have expanded the program south of the river into Cannington in partnership with Communicare, who contributed to support an additional 18 clients into the program.



After a profile raising campaign extra funding was received and this allowed us to reduce the waiting list in the Northern corridor. We were particularly grateful for the additional funding from the Department of Home Affairs and local donors.

## Moorditj Koolangka

Recently over a four week period, the Moorditj Koolangka have been learning dance from Ash and Alana of Corroboree For Life and Whitelion WA. Despite the short timeframe, the koolangka put on a real show, and impressed us with their deadly moves! Big thanks to Ash and Alana for their time and energy in this project.





## ERCWA AFL Academy

Congratulations to ERCWA AFL Academy participants who play for Bayswater junior football club William Akec & Fatoumata Toure, who have been nominated for Central Conference Best and Fairest. We are grateful for the support from Bayswater Junior Football Club.



## Mirrabooka Arts

Our Mirrabooka Arts Participants went to the Multicultural Drama Dance series on the 7th, 21st August & 4th Sept . The event showcased some drumming and dance activities alongside Kawaka and Zico Afro Dance.



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