



Photograph by Mark Chew Photography



UPDATE FROM THE CEO'S OFFICE

Thank you so much for your interest in ERFA's work this quarter. It has been another very busy period for our team, raising funds and working with our domestic and international programs to deliver the most sustainable and high impact programs possible. We are constantly looking for new ways to improve and we simply couldn't do that without the wonderful support from all of you reading this update... so thank you. I hope you enjoy reading what we've been up to.

Bren Arkinstall

ERFA Philippines Visit



I recently ventured to our Programs in the Philippines with our Strategic Development Manager Emily Faller. The work being done in these programs is making such a huge impact on local communities.

We visited programs and staff in Maasin on the Island of Leyte, and also the team in the South Western city of Kabankalan on Negros Island. We observed many of the Outreach Centres for Edmund Rice Ministries in these areas and met all local staff whose work is focused in the areas of education, health and youth engagement. Having the opportunity to speak with many beneficiaries of these programs of support, it was obvious that without these services, life would be very different.

A standout community development model we witnessed was the sustainable community microfinance programs. These programs identify children lacking nutrition and then place them in a school based feeding and nutrition program. The families of these children must then participate in a microfinance cooperative with other families from geographically linked communities. The communities work together to develop piggeries and rice sales that generate revenue that in turn is used to pay back the loan and be reinvested in more pigs and rice. It is an effective model that creates sustainable change and empowers many women and men to stand independently, and have the resources to make choices for their children's future. It was a real privilege to see this program in action first hand.

Annual ERFA Cocktail Party featuring the Nili Kotoka Exhibition



This year, the major fundraiser for Edmund Rice Foundation (Australia) will be an incredible night of cocktails, fun and amazing artwork in the iconic venue of Brisbane City Hall. We wanted to do something different to just a traditional dinner, something unique and creative that would help us to tell the story of the people we support in developing countries. This is the next best thing to actually being there.

We hope you will join us in Brisbane on Friday 3rd November to view the beautiful images and amazing stories by photographer Mark Chew from his time in Nairobi with ERFA in June this year. The *Nili Kotoka* exhibition will feature his photographic artwork along with a video installation by Archie Chew.

Your ticket purchase includes drinks and canapes with an opportunity to purchase Mark's incredible work on the night. Funds raised, including the proceeds of Mark's work, will go directly to ERFA funded programs.

Tickets are now on sale! We would love to see you there! [More information here](#)

2018 Funding Applications



ERFA's application period for 2018 program funding closed on 31 August. Our Funding Working Group met to undertake initial appraisal of 44 applications that varied in complexity and included detailed budgets and associated documentation. The vast majority of applications were received from existing ERFA funded programs.

The funding applications provide comprehensive information on how programs are designed and how the target communities have been involved in planning to meet their needs. Resources, activities, numbers of people impacted and desired outcomes are detailed in the applications to enable program leaders and ERFA to monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of the programs throughout the year.

Submission requests totalled A\$3.1 million (almost A\$1million more than ERFA approved for funding in 2017) and the ERFA Board will meet in late November to finalise funding allocations.

Gone Fishing Immersions

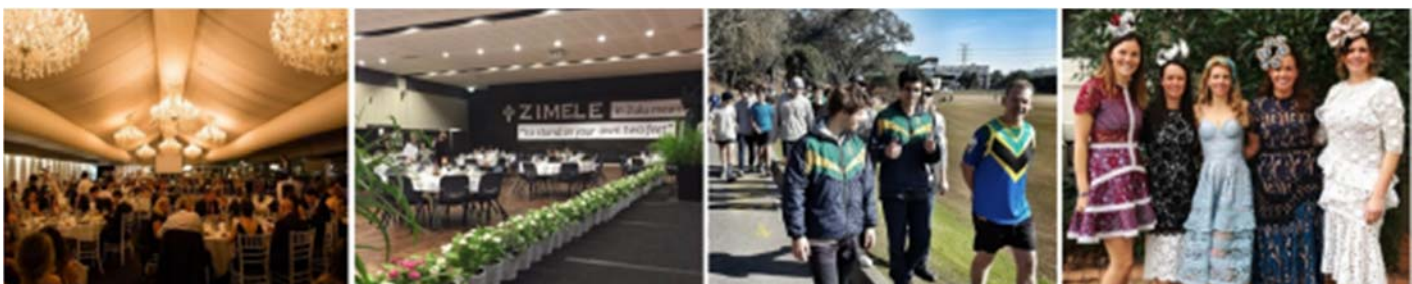


Gone Fishing Immersion dates for 2018 have now been released.

- Sunday 3 to Wednesday 13 June 2018
- Sunday 7 to Wednesday 17 October 2018

If you would like to attend one of these immersions, please download and complete an Expression of Interest form [here](#) and email the completed form to Emily at ejfaller@edmundrice.org

Recent Events



What a fantastic past quarter we have had with so many supporters fundraising and bringing awareness.

The Ubuntu Through Health Dinner in Brisbane on the 11th August which supported the Ruben Centre in Nairobi. The Zimele Group who supported Br Beausang, Education for Life and Star Support Group in Africa with their Dinner on the 26th August and members from the St Kevin's community running laps with their Zimele 24 hour challenge on the 16th September. The annual Mary Rice Ladies Luncheon in Melbourne raising funds for the Mary Rice Centre in Nairobi on the 8th September. To finish the quarter, ERFA held an art show on the 13th September raising funds for Australia and overseas projects with the Nili Kotoka Exhibition in Melbourne. If you missed the Melbourne art show, it will be in Brisbane on the 3rd November including a fabulous cocktail party at the iconic Brisbane City Hall.

Thank you to everyone who put in a lot of hard work to make these events the successes they were. To the amazing volunteers who we could not do these events without and to those who attended - we thank you for your generosity and enthusiasm in supporting ERFA. We hope to see you at another of our events soon.



Upcoming Events 2017

Tuesday October 31st, 500 Supporters Group Spring Racing Luncheon, Melbourne
Friday November 3rd, Annual ERFA Cocktail Party featuring the Nili Kotoka Exhibition
for more upcoming events, please visit <https://erf.org.au/events/>

Thank you to everyone who supports our organisation. Please feel free to reach out if you would like to talk to me about the work that we do.

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