

The Eureka Stockade Diggers' March

Saturday 1st December 2007
Draft Program

Registration Point and Assembly: 1.45 pm -2.00 pm

@ Entrance Lane in Victoria Street to St. Paul's

Participants collect Eureka kit and register Eureka connection

Distribute-Diggers March Certificates incorporating copies of Diggers Oath & a Miner's License

- Copies of Eureka Information Sheet
- Eureka (Competition) Question Sheet
- Eureka hand waver flags

Start Point : Bakery Hill (Car park.behind St.Paul's Church)

2.00pm-2.10pm Eureka's Children President, Eric Howard

- welcomes participants
- introduces guests Mairtin O'Fainin, Irish Ambassador, John Ireland and Val D'Angri

2.10pm-2.25pm Eric Howard gives brief background to

- events of 29 & 30 November 1854.
- Monster Rally of Wed. 29 Nov '54 at Bakery Hill
- two Diggers Meetings at Bakery Hill on Thurs 30 Nov'54
- for purposes of this event brings these 3 meetings together.

As part of the March commentary there will be a re-enactment of the 'swearing of the Diggers Oath' by a teenage descendant and then the Diggers March commences - led by Presidents of Eureka's Children and Eureka Stockade Memorial Association and students from St Alipius school dressed to represent each country or in colonial attire carrying the flags of the 22 participant nations represented at Eureka. They will be followed by general participants.

Points of Interest and Stopping Points (Refer Site map)

1. Bakery Hill -**Start Point**

2. Catholic Chapel - St.Alipius Church

3. Hayes' tent site behind St.Alipius - **Stop Point 1** (Vacant block Cnr. Hopetoun & King Sts.)

4. Carboni's vantage point

5. Bentley's Eureka Hotel plaques - **Stop Point 2** (Cnr. Otway & Eureka Sts.)

6. Site of Bentley's Eureka Hotel

7. Attack on government reinforcements

7a Crossing the Eureka Lead – **Stop Point 2a**

8. Eureka Stockade - **Stop Point 3** (Adjacent to 150th Anniversary sculpture-Contemplative Space - Cnr. Eureka & Rodier Sts.)

9. Eureka Stockade Monument - **Stop Point 4**

Commentary & Presentations

Start Point and Stops 1 – 3 Commentary by Eric Howard with re-enactment/ presentations on:

- Diggers’Oath’ on Bakery Hill (Start Point)
- Women of Eureka (Val D’Angri at Stop 1) and
- Students 2-3 minute. Tableau re-enactments at Stop Points 1-4.

Stop Point 2a Eureka Lead - Major site for Irish diggers

- Irish Ambassador will comment on the Irish involvement at Eureka

Stop Point 4: Conclusion at the Eureka Stockade Monument

3.45pm-4.00pm John Ireland concludes with commentary about Monster meetings in Melbourne, The Trials and the political consequences of Eureka

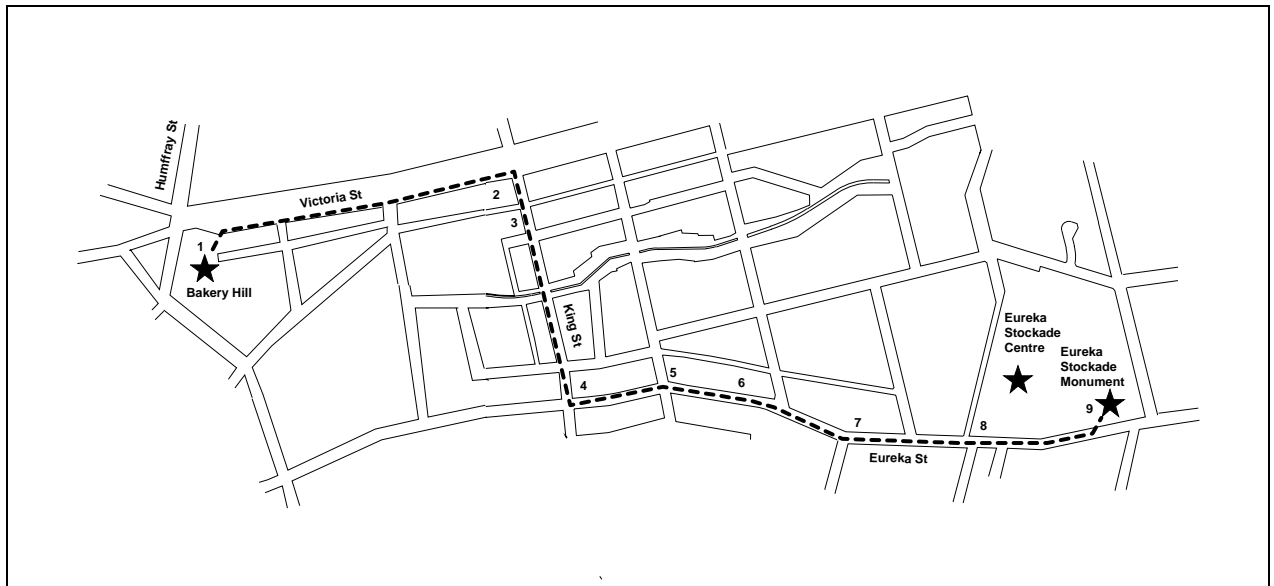
4.00pm-4.05pm Frank Williams (as president E.S.M.A.) moves Vote of Thanks to Irish Ambassador & John Ireland. He thanks people for their involvement in the March & the sponsors’ of the Diggers’ March i.e. City of Ballarat & others, as appropriate.

OTHER

Eureka Hall for student Eureka Display, and ‘Register your Eureka Connection’ etc,

Bar-B-Cue and Drinks after March at Eureka Reserve provided by ESMA. Gold coin

Route of the Diggers’ March



Points of Interest

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| 1 Bakery Hill | 4 Carboni’s vantage point | 7 Site of attack on troops |
| 2 Site of Catholic chapel | 5 Bentley’s Eureka Hotel plaques | 8 Site of London Hotel |
| 3 Site of Hayes’ tent | 6 Site of Bentley’s Eureka Hotel | 9 Site of Eureka Stockade |

Note: Eureka Lead runs along part of Eureka Street