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## Eureka's Children



*St. Kilian Primary School students at the Bendigo Red Ribbon Rebellion Re-enactment -2013*

## *2013- 159<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE EUREKA STOCKADE*

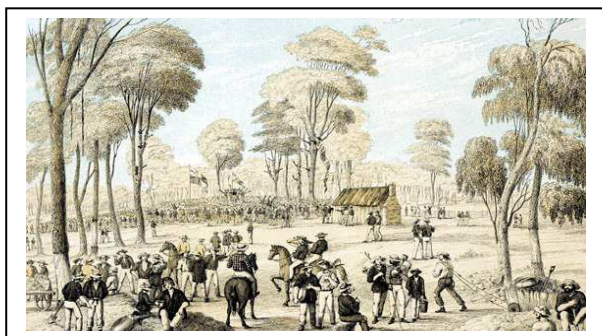
Whilst the Museum of Australian Democracy at Eureka have planned just a few celebratory events this year in Ballarat they do intend to present a major commemorative program in 2014 – the 160<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Eureka.

Nevertheless Eureka's Children will be holding their annual Eureka Commemorative dinner at the Celtic Club in Melbourne at which Dr. Clare Wright will be speaker. And in Canberra they will launch their Association's Eureka Chapter at a dinner at the Southern Cross Club in Woden; Peter Fitzsimons will be the guest speaker. The annual Eureka Democracy Award will be presented at this function.

This special occasion in Canberra will give us the opportunity to take our story of Eureka and its ideals of democracy to the nation.

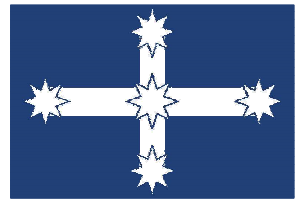
A Eureka Dinner will also be held in Sydney; organized by the Sydney Eureka Stockade Commemorative Committee.

Recently the communities of Chewton, Castlemaine and Bendigo, in the central goldfields region of Victoria, have presented Commemorative Re-enactments of the Digger's Monster Meeting Protests of 1851 and 1853. As the angst continued to grow across the central goldfields at these historical events, the digger's protests in those years finally led to the Eureka Stockade in 1854. Eureka's Children also participate in these re-enactments.



**Monster Meeting at Forest Creek**

[Details of these events follows](#)



## A NEWSLETTER FOR EUREKA'S CHILDREN

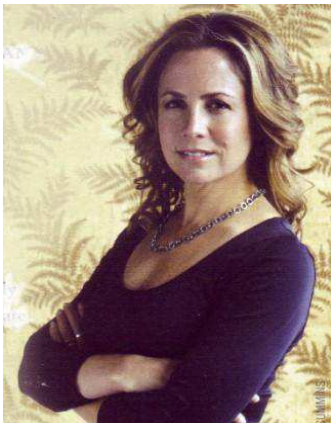
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### EUREKA COMMEMORATIONS - CELEBRATING THE 159<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF EUREKA

#### EUREKA'S CHILDREN EVENTS

##### MELBOURNE

Annual Eureka Dinner at the Celtic Club Saturday November 23<sup>rd</sup> 7.00 pm. Speaker: Clare Wright. Address: *The Forgotten Rebels of Eureka.*



Dr Clare Wright is an historian who has worked as a political speechwriter, university lecturer, historical consultant and radio and television broadcaster. Her first book, *Beyond the Ladies Lounge: Australia's Female Publicans*, garnered both critical and popular acclaim. She researched, wrote and presented the ABC television documentary *Utopia Girls*.

As Clare reveals in her book *The Forgotten Rebels of Eureka*, there were thousands of women on the goldfields and many of them were active in pivotal roles. But it is in the rebellion itself that the unbiddable women of Ballarat come into their own.

Bookings Contact: Helen Ph. 9670 6472 Celtic Club: 316-320 Queen Street Melbourne.

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#### CANBERRA CHAPTER OF EUREKA'S CHILDREN INC.

Eureka's Children Chapter in Canberra will hold a special dinner event to publicly launch their Chapter. The annual Eureka Democracy Award will also be presented during the evening.

**Guest Speaker Peter FitzSimons** (Writer, Journalist and International Rugby Player) will discuss Eureka's links to Australian Democracy and Republican aspirations. Peter's most recent book is "Eureka Stockade – the Unfinished Revolution" William Heinemann, 2012



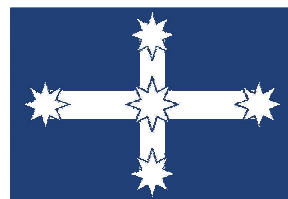
The dinner will be hosted by Emeritus Professor John Molony, Chairperson of the Canberra Chapter, a Eureka descendant and author of "Eureka" MUP 2001

#### **Event Details:**

**Venue:** Canberra Southern Cross Club Corinna Street, Phillip, ACT 7.00 pm Tuesday, 3 December 2013

2 Course Dinner \$70 per person \$55 for Pension Card Holders/Full-time Students

**Bookings:** Contact Terry: 0411861237 or E: [terry@quinane.id.au](mailto:terry@quinane.id.au)



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### BALLARAT – AT MUSEUM OF AUSTRALIAN DEMOCRACY

#### **Eureka Family Day at M.A.D.E – Sunday 1 December**

11am & 2pm: guided walk to historic sites  
located near M.A.D.E (approx. 1.5 hours)

12- 2 pm: Sausage sizzle  
11am-3pm: Face painting

#### **Eureka Anniversary Day – Tuesday 3 December**

9 am: guided walk to historic sites  
10am-5pm: Free entry into M.A.D.E for the public



Directions to the Museum can be found on the M.A.D.E website [www.made.org](http://www.made.org)

### SYDNEY EUREKA STOCKADE COMMEMORATION COMMITTEE

On Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November 6.00 pm the Eureka Annual Dinner and Celebration at the Bowlers Club in York Street Sydney – a short walk from the Town Hall Station.

- **Guest Speaker Humphrey McQueen: *Eureka Warns Against Today's Attacks on Democracy***

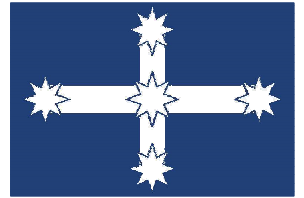
Humphrey McQueen is a freelance historian and cultural commentator. Widely known in Australia through his books, radio commentaries, articles and public speeches he is in demand as a guest lecturer, critic and consultant.

- **Historian Rowan Cahill will remember journalist –historian Rupert Lockwood**
- **A Tribute and Musical celebration to the prominent balladeer John Dengate**

John Dengate was the closest heir to the legacy of Henry Lawson that this country has known. He was a free thinker, poet, artist, teacher, songwriter, singer and street busker, ever ready to recite or sing, and always ready to take the mickey out of politicians, misguided business leaders and any visiting sports teams

- **New Theatre Company will present Julia Gillard's tribute to Eureka**
- **A modern Victorian digger will thank Sydney for its Eureka Commemoration**





## CENTRAL VICTORIAN GOLDFIELDS RE-ENACTMENTS COMMEMORATING DIGGER'S MONSTER MEETING PROTESTS

AT BENDIGO - RED RIBBON REBELLION RE-ENACTMENT – Tuesday 27<sup>TH</sup> August 2013

Representatives of Eureka's Children joined in the 160<sup>th</sup> Anniversary re-enactment of the Red Ribbon Rebellion at Rosalind Park, Bendigo. Over 550 people participated; mostly students from Bendigo's primary and secondary schools who dressed as diggers and soldiers.

In 1853 the diggers were agitating against the mining licence fee and were requesting that it be reduced to ten shillings a month and for land to be sold and be made accessible. The Commissioners eventually agreed to a one-month concession only with no fees but to the diggers this was not enough. The angst continued to grow and spilled over to the 1854 Eureka Stockade



Historical Society President Jim Evans who facilitated the re-enactment said it was a major chapter in Bendigo's history that led to democratic change in Victoria, It's great that so many students and adults are still interested in that history

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AT CHEWTON – A DIGGER'S MARCH & MONSTER MEETING - Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December

Dressed in period costume and with banners raised attendees will march to the Meeting site at Forest Creek – Chewton, to re-enact the protest of the 15,000 gold diggers and supporters against Governor Latrobe's excessive gold licence, proclaiming themselves as free men and not slaves, demanding their rights and some even threatening 'Independence' from Britain

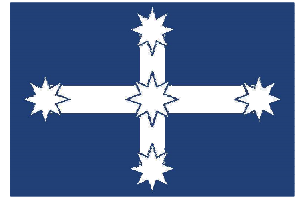


People will gather at the Chewton Soldiers Memorial Park early afternoon to start the event with light entertainment and by about 3pm will march to the Monster meeting site at Forest Creek. Re-enactments will take place with readings, songs and presentations on a big screen. A picnic atmosphere (bring your hamper) with a BBQ finale. **For further information:** Contact Event Manager Pat Healy E: [pathealy1908@gmail.com](mailto:pathealy1908@gmail.com)

The Monster meeting of diggers at Forest Creek on the 15<sup>th</sup> December 1851 was the first mass protest across the Victorian goldfields. The diggers set out to defy the attempt by Governor Latrobe to double the gold licence fee from thirty shillings to three pounds. The diggers won, Latrobe had backed down, however government impositions subsequently became harsher on the goldfields and what eventually followed was the Bendigo Red Ribbon Agitation/Monster meeting in 1853 and in 1854 at Ballarat the Eureka Stockade.

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## A NEWSLETTER FOR EUREKA'S CHILDREN

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### EUREKA DEMOCRACY AWARD

Australian Democracy is one of the oldest and most stable democracies in the world. And it was at Eureka where the people, as distinct from the Government and the bureaucracy, sought to obtain their democratic rights by laying down and demonstrating their principles of democracy. They held Monster Meetings and sought deputations. They produced a Charter and flew their Flag of the Southern Cross and finally stood to defend their Rights and Liberties at the Eureka Stockade. This was the first, brave and eventually successful attempt at developing democracy in this country.

The question is – Do we, today, value our democracy or do we take it for granted? Do we understand and appreciate what democracy really is? Are we aware of the various challenges that exist today that can and do diminish our democracy. Challenges such as:

- the extraordinary influence of large global entities
- the influence of wealthy operators and land developers,
- the excessive influence of political factions and the cabinet as distinct from Parliament and the people
- powerful media moguls
- lack of accurate reporting and the dumbing down of politics and democracy especially by the media
- the over privatization of public utilities leading for instance to lack of transparency of issues important to communities

We need to value our democracy and we need to protect and enhance it. Consequently in 2008 Eureka's Children established the Eureka Democracy Award. This Award seeks to ensure that the vision of democracy that was fought for at Eureka is kept alive in contemporary Australian culture; a cause which is now strongly supported with the establishment in 2013 of the new Museum of Australian Democracy at Eureka.

The Award is intended to recognize an individual or organisation that have, through their endeavours, contributed to strengthening democratic traditions in Australia.

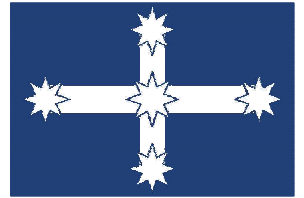
### **AT OUR NATIONAL CAPITAL IN CANBERRA - 2013**

On the Anniversary of the Eureka Stockade on December 3<sup>rd</sup>, Eureka's Children will launch at a special dinner at the Southern Cross Club in Canberra, its new Canberra Chapter and at which they will present their Eureka Democracy Award. This occasion gives us the opportunity to take our story of Eureka and its ideals of democracy to the nation.



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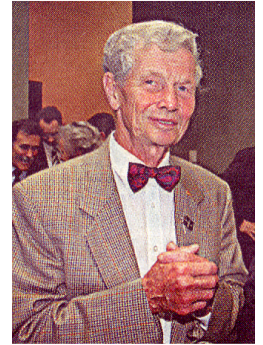


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## Previous Winners of the Eureka Democracy Award

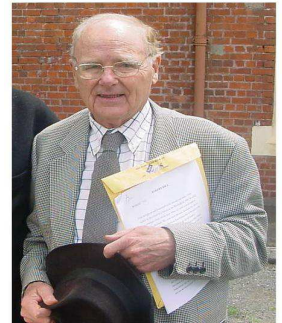
### 2008 - Weston Bate - Academic and historian

1953-1976 – Lecturer in history – University of Melbourne  
1978-1989 – Foundation Professor of Australian Studies/Deakin University  
Was: President - Royal Historical Society of Victoria and  
Chair- Museum Advisory Board of Victoria of Ballarat  
Historical consultant to Ballarat's Gold Museum and Sovereign Hill Museum  
An active, generous and passionate speaker about Eureka, his publications  
*Lucky City* and *Life After Gold* present wonderful insights into the story of Eureka.



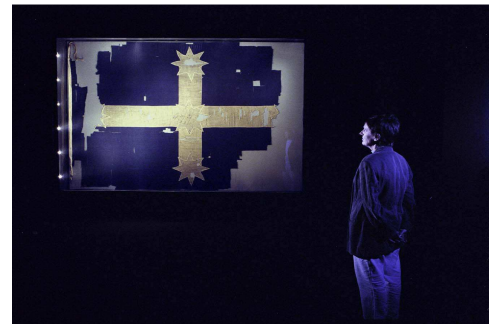
### 2009 - John Molony – Distinguished career as an academic and historian

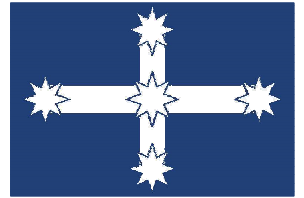
1964-1990 - Became Head of the Department of History and Manning Clark  
Chair of Australian History at ANU  
1990-1993 – Keith Cameron Professorship of Australian History at University  
College Dublin  
1993-1996 - Australian Catholic University - Foundation Research Professorship  
in History  
An active participant in various movements and causes.  
A founding member of Eureka's Children Inc and now chairman of its Canberra Chapter  
Among his many books is his highly acclaimed *Eureka* (3 editions)  
Published and presented numerous reviews and articles on Eureka in academic journals and  
major metropolitan newspapers as well as at seminars.



### 2010 - Margaret Rich, Director Ballarat Fine Art Gallery, 1980-2003.

For her contribution of conserving the Eureka Flag, developing a  
Eureka collection and presenting and exhibiting the story of Eureka  
1994 – Presented with the Public Records Office of Victoria (PROV)  
*Eureka 140* Exhibition – opened by Gough Whitlam  
1996 – Involved in the video production: *Flying the Flag*  
1996 – Acquired the Doudiet Eureka Sketchbook – Raising \$245,000  
1997 – Presented with PROV travelling exhibition  
*Eureka: The First Republic*  
2001 – Acquired State Government funding to give the Eureka Flag its  
own special room and shrine in the gallery  
2003 – Acquired Sydney Nolan's Eureka inspired drawings  
1998-2002 - Initiated and organized the Eureka Commemoration Dawn Lantern Walks  
1999 - Founding member of the Ballarat Reform League Inc. dedicated to marking,  
with memorials, key sites of democratic activism across Victoria's goldfields





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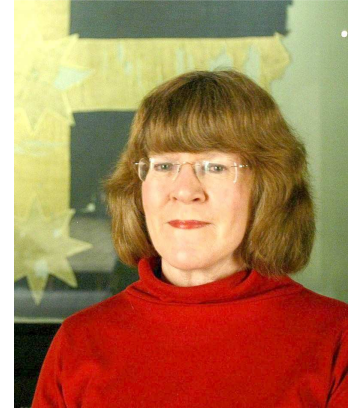
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### Previous Winners of the Eureka Democracy Award (Continued)

#### 2011 – Dr. Anne Beggs Sunter - Author, Activist and Historian

Made significant contributions over the past 35 years to preserving and furthering the story of Eureka in her writings, educational programs and campaigns

- Lecturer in history at University of Ballarat since 1974
- Anne's doctoral thesis: "Birth of a Nation: Constructing and De-constructing the Eureka Legend"
- Published and presented numerous reviews and articles about Eureka in academic journals and major newspapers as well as at seminars
- Involved in the preservation and restoration of the Eureka Flag as a Committee member of the Ballarat Fine Art Gallery
- Wrote "Eureka Revisited: the Contest of Memories" and curated its complementary Exhibition which was presented at Old Parliament House in Canberra and the State Library in Victoria
- Member of the Save Bakery Hill Action Group that successfully saved this historical Eureka site from a "McDonalds" development project



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### IS THE FUTURE OF DEMOCRACY SAFE IN THE HANDS OF THE UNDER-30S?

#### **Jane Smith, Director, Museum of Australian Democracy at Eureka**

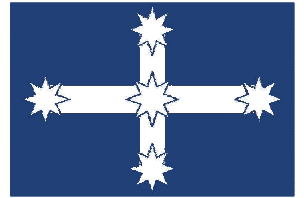
In a stable, prosperous country such as Australia, it can be easy to take democracy for granted. Democracy has become a somewhat dirty word, especially with the "millennial generation" (born 1982-2003).

In 1999, the Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) disbanded its door-knocking function to check voters were correctly entered on the electoral roll. By 2010, about 1.5 million adults were not registered to vote, 70 per cent per cent of them under 25. Changes to the Commonwealth Electoral Act 2012 slowed this trend, particularly as online enrolment is now allowed. However, of the 1.2 million people currently not registered to vote, the AEC estimates 46 per cent per cent are aged between 18 and 29.

Lowy Institute 2013 research shows that less than half (48 per cent per cent) of Australia's 18 to 29-year-olds think democracy is the best form of government yet most care deeply about democratic ideals such as equality and human rights.

Millennials make up a third of the earth's population yet feel ignored by those making decisions that will impact their future. According to the Australian Bureau of Statistics, they are the largest generation in Australia, representing 30 per cent of the population. Baby boomers represent only 20 per cent.

The millennial generation eschew political parties but support issues and causes. According to MTV's research, Australian Millennials are typically tolerant, open-minded and happy, but only 3 per cent trust, and 6 per cent are inspired by, their government. The main influences on the under-30s are family, friends, themselves, celebrities and sports stars.



Why are we failing young people in making a connection to the fundamentals of our society? How do we re-frame democracy outside of voting and bring the focus back to equality, human rights, access and inclusion? There is clearly a communication, branding and participation gap between how Australia's youth see the world and their perception of democracy.

The Museum of Australian Democracy at Eureka (M.A.D.E) was conceived to encourage national conversations about what democracy means in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, inspired by the events at the 1854 Eureka Stockade. Young people - aged 16 to 27 - fought injustice about the conditions on the goldfields and won some of the first democratic rights in the world.

We decided to go where the Millennials already are: pop culture, online and social media.

MTV recently conducted a 24-country research project on the millennial generation. They are seen as easily distracted, bored and wanting instant gratification. They see themselves as curious, tolerant, sharing, flexible and optimistic. Being authentic and real is a priority for the Millennials. 84 per cent see that they have the potential to make the world a better place and 73 per cent think that the way they connect to the internet changes the way they see the world. Happiness for this generation is being part of a loving family and doing a job you enjoy. Key issues for them are dealing with the economy after the global financial crisis, world hunger and finding a cure for cancer.

**Movement: Search for the Millennial Leader** – was launched by MADE on September 15 - the United Nations International Day of Democracy. Movement is M.A.D.E's first major foray into the national conversation – it's an innovative way to give a platform to youth and promote wider, deeper and different discussions about what democracy we want. We formed an extraordinary alliance with two corporate partners - MTV Australia and Deloitte Digital - with support from some of the nation's largest youth and social action groups.

**Australians aged 15-30 can nominate themselves as a millennial leader candidate by uploading a video of up to 60 seconds in length and answering four questions at [mtvmovement.com](http://mtvmovement.com) by October 10. The questions are based on their view of leadership; the issues they care about; what they have done; and what they would want to address as leader.**

Data analysis will give us the most popular 30. A ten-person panel of their millennial peers will determine a shortlist of the top five candidates, who will then campaign during a three-week public voting period to elect the millennial leader. People will have to register to vote. OurSay will hone the questions to be answered in the election campaign.

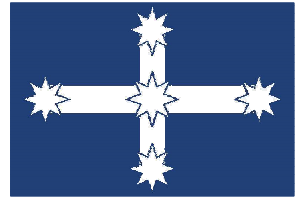
The elections will finish on November 13 and the inaugural millennial leader will be announced on November 14. The leader will be "in office" until September 15, 2014, next year's UN International Day of Democracy.

There is an anonymous questionnaire on the site that will ask a series of questions of Millennials to identify what they most value. Their views will help to inform a future youth progress index being developed by ANDI.

The millennial leader will have experiences that money can't buy. Movement at the House – up to two weeks being hosted by of House of Representatives in Canberra for the millennial leader to meet politicians, media and lobbyists and report on the parliamentary session (with support from an MTV producer).

MTV is offering to mentor the leader, who will produce a blog, monthly TV news items, three video diaries and manage the movement social media account. The leader will also have access to a brains trust comprising 29 of Australia's creative thinkers. They are available to discuss contemporary leadership and effective social action with the new leader.





There are promising signs, with entries coming into movement in the first two weeks and more than 3800 likes on Facebook. We are expecting a rush of entries at the end of the period!

Key themes so far from the entrants are the importance of happiness, family, friends, helping others and giving a voice to those who are not heard. Mental illness and health is another important theme. Interestingly, 56 per cent of the entries so far are from women and 44 per cent from men.

Material from the millennial leader campaign will be used for wider public education use, including for teachers of the new Australian civics and citizenship curriculum, due to be introduced in 2014.

The millennial generation is the first completely connected generation. They see the world as their canvas and want to use the technology to make the world a better place. There are lessons for older generations to learn how the Millennials' savvy and energy can be used to campaign for important social issues and create a different kind of democracy.

The Final Five vying for the role of the inaugural Millennial Leader were announced on October 28. From Melbourne, Sydney and Brisbane, they are:

**Natasha Akib** who is passionate about empowering people and communities to use media and turn ideas into positive action. She's worked with socially conscious change organisations including *StartSomeGood.com* and at the *Social Change Film Festival* in New Orleans.

**Jamie Green** who works for a social enterprise that tackles the issue of youth homelessness through training programs in cafés. Jamie is focused on encouraging investment in youth entrepreneurial activity; believing that if young entrepreneurs were given more support and infrastructure, we would see a much brighter future for Australia.

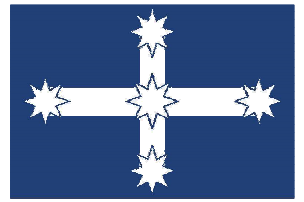
**Sam Lara**, an avid filmmaker who knows how to make powerful ideas connect with an audience. She cares about the environment, youth empowerment and political justice. Sam attended both the Bali and Copenhagen Climate Change Conferences, took part in Australian Youth Climate Coalition events and has campaigned in her own community for forest protection and climate action

**Jess Miller**, a Fellow of the Centre for Sustainability Leadership who, in 2012, co-founded *Grow It Local* to encourage backyard, balcony and windowsill farming. Jess believes that healthy, organic and Fair Trade food should be accessible to all, not just the wealthy, and that focusing on sustainable living is the key for a better future.

**Olly Tripodi**, Head of the *2013 Youth Parliament* of Victoria for 16 to 25 year olds, who uses the punchy motto "Stand Up - Talk Hard - Be Heard." Olly extensively advocates for the beliefs of younger Australians and says young people are interested in politics and policies but not necessarily politicians. Olly also volunteers at the YMCA.

MOVEMENT has joined Our Say to find out what questions Millennials (born 1983-2003) most want candidates to be asked when the candidates are in a Google Hangout at 6pm (AEST) on November 6. Go to <http://oursay.org/movement>. "Giving a voice to those who can't be heard has been a constant theme and, with more than 40000 views of the nominations, we know we are reaching an audience," she says.

The MOVEMENT Panelists are: Singer-songwriter Missy Higgins; Claire Harman of Oaktree Foundation; MTV Presenters, Kate Peck and Keiynan Lonsdale; Nick Allardice from Change.org Australia; Yassmin Abdel – Magied from Youth Without Borders; Alannah Dugdale of Reach Foundation, April Long from the National Centre for Indigenous Excellence; Dean Delia from High Resolves and Nic Mackay, M.A.D.E representative and founder of Key Change Music.



## A Letter to Liberty

### **No Democracy in the Dandenong Ranges leads to a peaceful community uprising.**

Tecoma is a peaceful village in the Dandenong Ranges, 40 kilometres east of Melbourne, with a population of 2085 residents. In 2011, McDonald's lodged a planning application for a 24 hour outlet with drive thru in Tecoma. This application was met with a record number of 1,170 written objections directed at local Council by Hills residents. The numerous objections raised concerns relating to traffic, litter, noise, crime, impact on existing local businesses, locality opposite a Primary and Pre School, proximity within 1 kilometre of a National Park.

On October 11th 2011, local Councillors met and voted on the proposed development. The Shire of Yarra Ranges Council UNANIMOUSLY rejected the proposal. The McDonald's Corporation then escalated the application to VCAT (Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal) for review. On October 10th 2012, VCAT overruled Yarra Ranges Council's decision, deeming the overwhelming objections of the local community as "irrelevant", and granted McDonald's planning permission for this highly inappropriate and unwelcome development. McDonalds then went on to sue 8 community protesters for costs and damages by taking them to the Supreme Court.

This David and Goliath fight is still happening. As local residents we said no, a survey of all the households in Tecoma revealed that 9 out of 10 residents over the age of 18 said no. Over 100,000 people have signed our petition saying NO. Despite this we have little if any government support.

This battle is about democracy and the right of the people to say what they do and do not want and to have the freedom to protest.

There is so much more I want to tell you, it shares many parallels to the Eureka uprising and we have proudly flown the Eureka flag on many occasions.

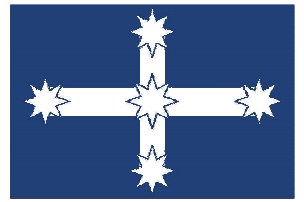
So keep an eye on this space for my personal story about this amazing history making campaign.

In the meantime why not go to [www.burgeroff.org](http://www.burgeroff.org) or visit our Facebook page **No McDonalds in the Dandenong Ranges** and please sign our petition on <http://www.change.org/burgeroff> currently Australia's second largest petition ever! Watch YouTube clips of my community building our garden, flash mobbing and visiting McDonalds HQ in Chicago. Be inspired.

I am **Shakti McLaren**, Community Health Nurse, Grandmother and activist. Belgrave, Victoria.

With thanks to the Burger Off website for some of this information. [Shakti.mclaren@bigpond.com](mailto:Shakti.mclaren@bigpond.com)





## Obituary – (Elisabeth) Anne Hall (nee Smith) 27.1.1935 - 23.8.2013

It is with regret that we advise members of the recent death of Anne Hall who was one of the founding members of Eureka's Children. Anne was involved as a member of the Executive from the time of the formation of the Association in 1987 and at the time of its Incorporation in 1997 was Deputy Chair and also one of the Editors of the Liberty newsletter. Her interest and passion for Eureka's Children, and the legacy of the Eureka Stockade rebellion, resulted from her great interest in family history, being the great, great, grand daughter of Anastasia and Timothy Hayes.

In the first issue of Liberty in March 1997 Anne wrote an article '*The Search for Anastasia*'. In this article she made reference to Raffaello Carboni's comment on Anastasia in his famous book 'The Eureka Stockade': '*She must have made many an Irish heart ache. There she was holding her suckling baby at her breast, her eyes full on her husband which spoke she passionately loved him*'. This comment relates to Anastasia's attendance, day after day, in the Melbourne Court at her husband's trial on the charge of treason



Photo by Simon A Schluter – Faifax Syndication

Anne had always known that she was a descendant of Anastasia's and that this was a heritage of which she should be proud – unlike that of being descended from Anastasia's husband Timothy, a man who had deserted his family after Eureka.

Anne's grandmother, Ida Desmond, was the daughter of Helena Desmond nee Hayes, who was born in a tent on the goldfields at Ballarat just before the Eureka massacre of 3 December 1854 and was the babe in arms referred to by Carboni. Ida grew up and married Robert Gardiner; due to the early death of Helena, Ida was brought up by Anastasia and her bachelor son Edmond, who worked at the 'Ballarat Courier'. Ida did not tell Anne Hall a great deal about Anastasia but she did pass on some stories about her----- about how she and her son gave Ida a good liberal-classical education; she could read Greek and Latin, play the piano, and she also drew and painted beautifully. Anastasia herself was well educated and was a teacher at the StAlepius church school while Timothy was mining for gold.

Timothy shared his diggings with Peter Lalor, was Chairman of some of the monster meetings on Bakery Hill and Chairman of the Ballarat Reform League - and was one of the 13 members of the diggings community tried for treason and subsequently acquitted. However, Timothy was never mentioned to Anne by her grandmother. Anne wondered why Timothy never became part of the family mythology. He may have been a fighter for liberty and democracy, but he was a deserting husband and Anastasia never forgave him for abandoning her to raise her 6 children alone. She paid him back by removing him from her stories about the Stockade and the events that led up to the rebellion. Little is known about Timothy after the treason trials. Having left the family he went to California, but later returned to Ballarat and worked for the railways, then became a special constable and later still went to South America and then back to Melbourne where he was reported to have been seen in 1866.

Anastasia was one of the three women involved in the sewing of the Eureka Flag. Anne was also told that Anastasia was a beautiful, feisty and rebellious woman, one who complained openly about the treatment of the miners - and in view of her refined background Anne wondered how it was possible for Anastasia to have gained this image.

But what really intrigued and challenged Anne was why Anastasia and Timothy came to Ballarat in the first place, having arrived in Australia from Kilkenny in Ireland in October 1852 – what was their background in Ireland – and did Anastasia influence the Eureka rebellion?

Anne Hall completed a Commerce Degree at Melbourne University and then had a career, first working with the Shell oil company and then, from 1970 – 1986, as a teacher with the Council of Adult Education. She was a keen player of tennis, hockey and golf in her youth. Some saw Anne as a radical – she was involved in the Women’s Electoral Lobby from 1975 and was the convenor of the organisation in the late 1990’s. A person who knew her at University recalls her energetic attitude and spirited personality, her courage to speak her mind and her strength of character.

With regard to Eureka she was a strong supporter of Paul Murphy in his drive and enthusiasm to establish and promote Eureka’s Children and the legacy of the Eureka Stockade rebellion, as a matter of national significance in the history of Australia; she took part in various Eureka and Eureka’s Children promotions in Melbourne and Ballarat. In 2003 Anne erected a headstone with the words ‘*Woman of Eureka*’ on Anastasia’s grave in the old Ballarat cemetery.

The Executive of Eureka’s Children, on behalf of all members of the Association, extends its deepest sympathy and condolences to Anne’s husband John and all other members of the Hall and Smith families.

*Obituary prepared by Robert Sublet a Past President and Past Treasurer of Eureka’s Children.*

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The University of Melbourne’s *Festival of Ideas* program of events during the week October 1-6 included:

Day 1 – Environments,	Day 2 – Food and Nutrition,	Day 3 - Families
Day 4 – Brains and Minds,	Day 5 – Democracy	

Of special interest and worth looking up are the presentations on Democracy. Day 5 topics were:

#### Is Democracy Working:

What’s wrong with our democracy? What can be done to make the system better? Are all voices equal in our pluralistic society?

#### Democracy the Solutions

Can we revive our democratic institutions? Would a technocracy or meritocracy deliver a better outcome for Australia? What is a free market’s relationship to democracy?

#### Some things are too important for Democracy and Ideas for Action

Is our democracy failing us on the big issues? Is people power really going to deliver a healthier, happier world for all? Does the electoral cycle frustrate and discourage the important long term planning required for a sustainable society. Or as Churchill is so often paraphrased, is it simply the least worst form of government?

**NOTE:** You can view/hear these presentations on [www.ideas.unimelb.edu.au](http://www.ideas.unimelb.edu.au), or else go straight to the Channel at [http://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLhOOBpoQndRmz8a4wxq--\\_FQtdCeaWYDZ](http://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLhOOBpoQndRmz8a4wxq--_FQtdCeaWYDZ)

