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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN BY ERIC HOWARD

There is quite a deal happening with Eureka's Children and impacting on Eureka as we prepare for the 2018 Democracy Award Dinner which will be held on Friday November 23rd this year at the same venue as last year, the Amora Hotel, Richmond. We plan to announce our guest speaker in the near future and our Democracy Award recipient later in the year. The 2017 Democracy Award Dinner was widely acclaimed as a wonderful evening with a stimulating guest speaker and a popular Democracy Award recipient. Bookings are now available through Peter Gavin on 0417 135 373 at \$70 per head including a three course meal and tea/coffee for what promises to be a memorable evening. Organise a table of 10 and come along for an enjoyable and meaningful evening.

The Ballarat City Council have ceased the operations of the MADE entity and company and are operating the Eureka Centre on a more limited basis. A new Advisory Committee is to be established by the City and the public call for nominations commenced last week with a closing date by July 16. Eureka's Children will have a nominated candidate but other members are free to apply as well. This will be an important Advisory group for the (to be) revitalized centre and for us as we work to support the Council in repositioning the Centre to tell the Eureka Story, its background, its early impacts on Ballarat, Victorian and Australian society and its legacy today.

In May we participated for the weekend of the 26th and 27th in Ballarat Heritage week for the first time. We showcased our organization with a manned display area in the upper floor of the Ballarat Town Hall and sought to provide information about our activities, our Democracy Award and

promoted membership. Maurice Hanrahan provides an article on our involvement in the weekend in this newsletter.

The appeal to the AAT by Melbourne Academic Louise Watson against the use of the Eureka Flag by Australia First has been further delayed and will be heard later this year.

There are a number of memberships up for renewal and still outstanding and we urge all members to renew their subscription. We also seek further members and ask all members to think of family members or interested friends who should hold a membership of Eureka's Children. A membership form is included with this edition.

Our thanks to Phillip Moore for arranging with the Irish Ambassador and Embassy for the actual presentation of the 2017 Democracy Award to Senator Pat Dodson in late March. Phillip reports on this in this newsletter and he is working on the status of the Walk of Honour to commemorate those who fell at the Stockade in 1854. The Irish Government have contributed some \$3,000 towards the cost of commemorative plaques to be installed along the Walk near the Eureka Centre and with the support of the Ballarat City Council we have written to other relevant embassies seeking their support. We gratefully acknowledge the support of the Irish Embassy and Irish Government for this important project.

Eureka was a multicultural event and this character should be part of the commemoration and celebration of the Stockade and related stories.

Peter Gavin has also prepared an article on the state of democracy internationally. It is under great pressure as the article indicates. It is regularly eroded in small chunks in many countries. History reminds us that often it is only when it has been replaced by dictatorship that many populations realise their freedoms are gone. Authoritarianism is all around us and the understandable wish by many for certainty and strong leadership sits awkwardly with a society which wishes to be based on the rule of law with traditions and customs that respect diversity, freedom of expression of a varied range of views and freedom of association and movement.

TV DRAMA SERIES ABOUT THE EUREKA STOCKADE

Historian Clare Wright has struck gold by persuading La Trobe University, where she works, to invest \$200,000 in her proposed TV drama series about the Eureka Stockade. The funds, which Dr Wright extracted from La Trobe's Strategic Innovation Fund, will mean a "treatment" (series outline) and pilot script can be made.

The eight part US-Australian production will be based on Dr Wright's Stella prize winning book *The Forgotten Rebels of Eureka*, which told true stories of women during the 1854 goldfields rebellion in Ballarat.

Hollywood screenwriter Anne Kenney (*Outlander, ER and LA Law*) has been announced as the writer and executive producer, and will fly to Melbourne later this year.

Ms. Kenney said in a statement the *Rebels* story was a "historic piece filled with adventure, ambition, intrigue and grit, with a group of amazing, previously unheralded woman at the forefront. What could be better than that?"

Dr Wright said characters would include newspaper editor Clara Duval Seekamp, who wrote inflammatory opinion pieces, theatre impresario and political activist Sarah Hanmer, and teacher Anastasia Hayes who helped sew the Eureka flag.

Eureka's Children congratulates Clare Wright for her initiative.

EUREKA'S CHILDREN INFORMATION DESK AT BALLARAT 2018 HERITAGE WEEKEND BY MAURICE HANRAHAN

Eureka's Children conducted a display and information desk at the Ballarat Heritage Weekend in May. The display contained the link between the Ballarat Reform League list of demands and objectives, the Eureka battle on Sunday morning 3 December 1854 and the outcomes of the battle including the birth of Democracy in Australia. The link between the birth of Democracy in Australia in 1854 and Eureka's Children Democracy Award introduced during the 21st Century was also explained to the many interested visitors.

The Democracy Award is presented to worthy individuals or organisations to recognise outstanding endeavours that have contributed to strengthening the democratic traditions in Australia. Senator Patrick Dodson was the recipient of the 2017 Democracy Award. A number of visitors to the display expressed interest in becoming members of Eureka's Children.

The public were able to purchase merchandise commemorating the Eureka Stockade including Eureka coffee mugs, Eureka Flag Pins and fridge magnets.

During the weekend many of Ballarat's historic buildings were open to the public and several events showcased Ballarat's rich heritage.



EUREKA FLAG PROTECTION

Members will be pleased to know that an academic, Louise Watson, has taken the Australia First party and the Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) to the Administrative Appeals Tribunal (AAT) opposing the decision by the AEC to allow Australia First to use the Eureka Flag as its logo on ballot papers.

Louise met with Eureka's Children Committee for advice late last year. She says the AEC had to respond to her case by 30 April, but because of the five federal by-elections the AEC have sought an adjournment of the case until the writs are returned.

An additional difficulty is that these cases have to be heard by a panel of three, two of whom have to be judges, so this also delays scheduling, as judge's diaries tend to be harder to coordinate than Tribunal members' schedules.

She is appealing the use of the Eureka logo by Australia First and it means they cannot use it until the appeal is heard.

Eureka's Children presented a case to the AEC that the Eureka flag should not be used by any side in politics because it demonstrates a lack of respect for the solemn nature of the Eureka events of 1854, and that it should be protected from such use.

Unfortunately, we were unsuccessful last year, so this appeal is our last chance until the federal parliament, if it ever does, passes legislation that protects the flag from misuse.

EUREKA CHILDREN PRESENT THE EUREKA DEMOCRACY AWARD TO PADDY DODSON IN CANBERRA

Together with Eureka's Children, the Irish Ambassador, Breandán O'Caollai and his wife Carmel Callan were hosts to a joint presentation of the Eureka Democracy Award to Paddy Dodson at the Irish Embassy in Canberra on Friday 25th March 2018.

This occasion gave Eureka's Children the opportunity to personally present this Award to Patrick who unfortunately couldn't attend the Eureka Dinner and Award night in Melbourne on December 2nd 2017.

Some 45 people attended this evening reception in Canberra including guests from the local Nungawal Aboriginal community and their Elder Janette Phillips, representatives from other Embassies in Canberra, representatives from the Canberra Irish Association and Club, the Mayor of Ballarat City; Councillor Samantha McIntosh as well as various other dignitaries and guests.

On this occasion Phillip Moore, Past President and Vice President of Eureka's children and now Honorary Life Member presented the Eureka Democracy Award to Patrick. Following is his presentation.

PATRICK DODSON - EUREKA DEMOCRACY AWARD 2017

I wish to acknowledge the NGUNNAWAL people the traditional custodians of the Canberra region and pay my respects to elders past and present.

In 1854 at the Eureka Stockade the Diggers stood to defend their rights and liberties as manifested in their Ballarat Reform League Charter and its Demands for Democracy. For these early immigrants to the Goldfields and their thousands of supporters who met at the Monster Meetings at Bakery Hill, this was a new country that offered great opportunities for a better life. Eureka was a battle lost but a victory won – the Colonial Government finally acceded to their demands and which are now embedded in our Australian Constitution.

But this wasn't a new country – it has been occupied for over 60,000 years by our indigenous people - the oldest continuous culture on earth. For the last 200 plus years since European settlement, our Indigenous people have been demanding and struggling for their rights and liberties, for reconciliation, for a treaty and for constitutional recognition.

Patrick Dodson has been a leader in these struggles.

Patrick was former Director of the Central and Kimberly Land Councils, Commissioner in the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody, Chair of the Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation, and Co-Chair of the Expert Panel for Constitutional Recognition of Indigenous Australians. Prior to his election as a WA Senator in 2016 Patrick was a member of the ANU Council, Adjunct Professor at the University of Notre Dame and Co-Chair of the National Referendum Council.

This Eureka National Democracy Award states that it is given to Patrick for his leadership in addressing the injustices facing indigenous people in this land, his tireless work for reconciliation and recognition over many decades through the dialogue he fosters between indigenous and non-indigenous Australians, his consistent commitment to human rights and dignity, and his continued encouragement for a much more informed, inclusive and engaged society. Patrick's leadership continues to keep alive the vision of participatory democracy in contemporary Australian culture....

One of the many outstanding examples of Patrick fostering dialogue and co-operation between indigenous and non- indigenous Australians would be that remarkable time when he joined forces

with Rick Farley (now deceased) CEO of the National Farmers Federation and with Phillip Toyne (also deceased) Head of the Australian Conservation Foundation. These three set out to address such major issues on Land Care, Conservation, Reconciliation and Aboriginal rights. Their leadership and success was something to behold and today we benefit much from their work.

I had first-hand experience of all of this when I was Executive Manager of the Murray Darling Association and had had separate contact with each of them myself.

It was told that the office door of the then Prime Minister Bob Hawke was always open for discussion about these issues with these three great men.

Patrick has influenced our national conversation; he has worked to strengthen our Australian democratic society and has built a reputation for his patient facilitation skills in meetings with diverse stakeholders. He is knowledgeable, he is intelligent and he is wise. He speaks the truth. And as Michael Gordon, National editor of the Age wrote “he is the voice of reason and there are few in this country that can match the power of his oratory”

I believe that Patrick is at the heart of this country; its land, its people, its culture and its spirit. Not only does Patrick have the attributes of a great leader, I hope that one day these attributes will be further recognized and enable him to become the first President of Australia – A Republic.

Congratulations Patrick- Eureka’s Children will do whatever they can to support you and those intrinsic and nationally important causes that you pursue. It is my pleasure to present this Award and the Eureka medallion.

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Ambassador, Patrick. Phillip, Samantha



Ambassador, Patrick, Janette, Phillip, Carmel

Because Patrick’s acceptance speech was similar to that which he presented by video at the Eureka Dinner in Melbourne on December 2nd we suggest you view this on <https://youtu.be/NV0DhnA9wWI>. Alternatively you can access all available videos on the Eureka’s Children YouTube Channel by googling: YouTube Eureka’s Children.

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The Mayor of Ballarat City, Samantha McIntosh gave a short presentation on the proposed Eureka Avenue of Honour, instigated by Eureka’s Children and which is supported by the City of Ballarat.

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Eureka’s Children thank the Irish Ambassador and the Embassy staff for hosting this event.

EUREKA'S CHILDREN MERCHANDISE SALE

We have:

- Eureka's Children t-shirts. You should be able to CTRL-Click the link below to see the t-shirt, its sizes and price.

<https://www.dropbox.com/l/scl/AADgoqeIIKzim-FQUu-QiMTKA5tkFPmtXCA>

- Eureka's Children's Mugs \$15.
- Eureka flag Fridge Magnets \$5
- Prints of diggers swearing allegiance to the Southern Cross and the raising of the Eureka flag 1854 by Charles Doudiet \$5
- Eureka pins \$5
- Eureka Stockade Diggers March Booklets by historian John Molony \$2

You can pick these up at the Celtic Club Administrative Centre, 420-424 William Street, West Melbourne (the first floor). Let us know when you are coming phone 8535 4506 (during working hours) or email to eurekaschildren@gmail.com

Or we can post them to you by adding \$5 for each mug, \$1 for the pins and \$2 for the booklet and \$10 for the print (it'll need a PostPak Tube).

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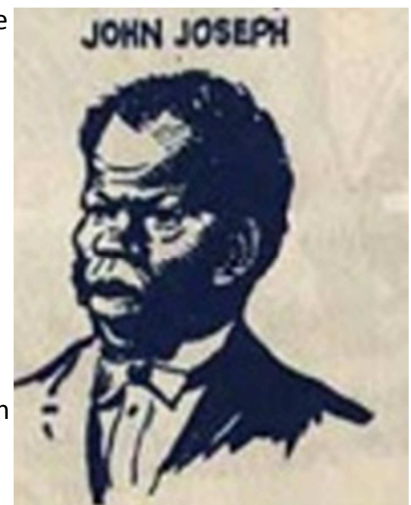
JOHN JOSEPH – THE AFRICAN AMERICAN EUREKA REBEL

BY LEIGH CALLINAN

John Joseph was the first Eureka Rebel to be tried for the capital offence of Treason. He was born in 1831. He is thought to have been a native of New York. A reporter at his trial described him as: “a negro, a very tall and powerful man”. Raffaello Carboni, a leader of the Eureka Rebels, called him honest and kind, and a popular joker. [1]

It was said that “...He had resided on the Avoca goldfield in north-western Victoria, and only arrived at Ballarat shortly before the Eureka attack. He had set himself up in business selling refreshments from a tent which ended up inside the stockade” [2].

A constable at Ballarat, told the court that he saw “Raffaello drilling men on Bakery Hill, and that Joseph was in the ranks, armed”. A soldier said “he saw Joseph with a pike in his hand looking over the stockade at the time {of the attack}. {The soldier} fired at Joseph when he saw him. An order was given to fix bayonets and troops charged”. Another witness said he “saw Joseph resisting the two soldiers who had him in charge. Told them to push him on with the remainder of the prisoners”. Another said he “saw Josephs with a double-barrelled piece in his hand outside the stockade” [1].



“When the stockade was attacked, Joseph was in the front line, an impressive figure confronting the advancing troops with a double-barrelled shotgun. As the troops entered the stockade, Joseph {was said to have} discharged one barrel. Twenty-six year old Captain Henry Christopher Wise, who was leading the troops, was shot in the knee, requiring that his leg be amputated. He would die three weeks later from infection. It is not clear that it was Joseph's shot that felled him, as there was firing in all directions at this point, but a number of soldiers thought so and set upon him. They reported seeing Joseph fire a second shot, before dropping the shotgun (possibly out of ammunition) and

taking up a steel-pointed pike. Joseph then made for the large 'guard tent' inside the stockade, where many men lay dead or wounded. The tent was stormed and Joseph surrendered. Reportedly he continued to struggle and resist for some time. Joseph was probably lucky to escape alive" [2].

"Joseph's Eureka comrades also admired him. For example, John Lynch, an Irishman and fellow stockader, described Joseph ... as having been 'in the thick of the fight' and having conducted 'himself throughout the whole ordeal with a degree of dignity which, exercised on a wider theatre, might have enabled him to emulate the deeds of his renowned countryman **Toussaint L'Ouverture** [the Haitian patriot and martyr]' "[2].

There were many Americans among the Eureka Rebels. "But whereas the other United States citizens arrested for their involvement received the full assistance and support of the United States Consul and the local American community, Joseph received none. He was not recognised by them as a fellow citizen..." [2] The local American community was led by Dr. Charles Kenworthy. And "Although an African American, Charles Kenworthy did not intervene for his release once arrested after the Eureka Stockade battle" [1]. Kenworthy was regarded as the arch spy against the insurgents [3].

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UNFORTUNATELY DEMOCRACY IS IN DECLINE BY PETER GAVIN

Democracy faced its most serious crisis in decades in 2017 as its basic tenets—including guarantees of free and fair elections, the rights of minorities, freedom of the press, and the rule of law—came under attack around the world, according to the Democracy Index.

The Democracy Index is an index compiled by the UK-based company **the Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU)** that intends to measure the state of democracy in 167 countries.

The index was first produced in 2006, with updates for 2008, 2010 and the following years since then. The index is based on 60 indicators grouped in five different categories measuring electoral process and pluralism, civil liberties, functioning of government, political participation, and political culture.

There are a few questions considered so important that a low score on them yields a penalty on the total score sum for their respective categories, namely:

1. "Whether national elections are free and fair";
2. "The security of voters";
3. "The influence of foreign powers on government";
4. "The capability of the civil servants to implement policies".

In addition to a numeric score and a ranking, the index categorises countries as one of four regime types: *full democracies (19 countries)*, *flawed democracies (57 – led by South Korea, USA & Italy)*, *hybrid regimes (39)* and *authoritarian regimes (52 – Syria & North Korea are rated as the worst)*.

Full democracies are defined as nations where civil liberties and basic political freedoms are not only respected, but also reinforced by a political culture conducive to the thriving of democratic principles. These nations have a valid system of governmental checks and balances, independent judiciary whose decisions are enforced, governments that function adequately, and media that is diverse and independent. These nations have only limited problems in democratic functioning and only 19 countries qualified in 2017. **Norway topped the poll with Australia coming in eighth** (New Zealand was fourth). Worryingly, Australia does not make the top ten in **Transparency International's 2017 Corruption Index** (and given what we are learning from the Banking Royal Commission, unlikely to improve our position as it has exposed a plethora of jaw-dropping scandals in the financial sector).

Following Eureka, Victoria led the world with very substantial and far-reaching changes granting much local autonomy to the goldfields. Miner's licences were abolished and a Miner's Right at one pound a year was substituted. This entitled the holder of the Right to vote in elections thus effectively bringing in male representative democracy, as the vote was available to anyone willing to pay £1 per year.

As a result of this turnaround in Government attitude several of the Ballarat Reform League Charter points were quickly gained:

- 1 Manhood suffrage 1855 with Miner's Right.
 1856 under new Constitution but coupled with residency and literacy qualifications, limiting the universality of the franchise.
- 2 Secret Ballot 1856 first in the world (historian John Hirst wrote **Making Voting Secret** and it is available on the Victorian Electoral Commission website).
- 3 Frequent Parliaments 1859 not annual as Charter demanded but no longer than 3 years.
- 4 Payment of members 1869 so that working men could represent working men and parliament would no longer be composed of people who had personal fortunes.

Unfortunately, in the Democracy Index seventy-one countries suffered net declines in political rights and civil liberties, with only 35 registering gains. This marked the **12th consecutive year of decline in global freedom**. Over the period since the 12-year global slide began in 2006, 113 countries have seen a net decline, and only 62 have experienced a net improvement.

States that a decade ago seemed like promising success stories—Turkey, Poland and Hungary, for example—are sliding into illiberalism and authoritarian rule. The military in Myanmar, which began a limited democratic opening in 2010, executed a shocking campaign of ethnic cleansing in 2017 and rebuffed international criticism of its actions. Six nations in the Western Balkans: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Macedonia, Montenegro and Serbia who wish to join the EU have serious problems with corruption and the rule of law, and therefore do not meet the basic EU requirements. Meanwhile, the world's most powerful democracies are mired in seemingly intractable problems at home, including social and economic disparities, partisan fragmentation, terrorist attacks, and an influx of refugees that has strained alliances and increased fears of the "other."

Perhaps worst of all, and most worrisome for the future, young people, who have little memory of the long struggles against fascism and communism, may be losing faith and interest in the democratic project. In the annual **Lowy Institute poll on how Australians view democracy** conducted last year particularly alarming was the fact that support for democracy was appreciably lower among younger people. Only 52% of younger Australians aged 18–29 years agree that democracy is the preferable

form of government, against 60% overall. The very idea of democracy and its promotion has been tarnished among many, contributing to a dangerous apathy.

As Harvard University professors Steven Levitsky and Daniel Ziblatt write in their latest book **‘How Democracies Die: What History Tells Us About Our Future’** democracy no longer ends with a bang--in a revolution or military coup--but with a whimper: the slow, steady weakening of critical institutions, such as the judiciary and the press, and the gradual erosion of long-standing political norms. Dictators do not always arrive at the head of columns of troops. When they seize the television stations, they do not send in soldiers but party loyalists who promise to end “fake news”. They do not need to imprison judges, just pack their courts and rewrite the constitution to make opposition impossible. They win democratic elections, then dismantle democracy.

As Levitsky and Ziblatt emphasise, democracy survives when democrats fight for it. They tell inspiring stories of conservative and Catholic politicians taking on interwar fascists in Belgium and Finland, rather than their traditional opponents on the left. A readiness to fight “your side” is not confined to the history books. Last year, François Fillon, the failed French presidential candidate, recognised that the preservation of democracy was more important than divisions between left and right when he told fellow French conservatives to vote for Macron rather than Le Pen. Fillon’s gutsy warning that **“extremism can bring only misery and division to France”** was crucial in defeating the National Front.

The retreat of democracies is troubling enough. Yet at the same time, the world’s leading autocracies, China and Russia, have seized the opportunity not only to step up internal repression but also to export their malign influence to other countries, which are increasingly copying their behaviour and adopting their disdain for democracy. A confident Chinese president Xi Jinping recently proclaimed that China’s confident promotion of its authoritarian ideals is “blazing a new trail” for developing countries to follow. It is a path that includes politicized courts, intolerance for dissent, and predetermined elections and poses a significant challenge to the growth of democracy throughout much of the world.

The spread of antidemocratic practices around the world is not merely a setback for fundamental freedoms. It poses economic and security risks. When more countries are free, all countries are safer and more prosperous. When more countries are autocratic and repressive, treaties and alliances crumble, nations and entire regions become unstable, and violent extremists have greater room to operate.

Democratic governments allow people to help set the rules to which all must adhere, and have a say in the direction of their lives and work. This fosters a broader respect for peace, fair play, and compromise. Autocrats impose arbitrary rules on their citizens while ignoring all constraints on themselves, spurring a vicious circle of abuse and radicalisation. And these experiments with authoritarianism have often proved disastrous, such as in formerly democratic countries such as Zimbabwe and Venezuela.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

As the President urges we encourage all unpaid members for 2018 to renew their membership as your ongoing support and involvement is vital to our success.

You might also encourage friends and family members to also take up membership.

EUREKA'S CHILDREN INC.

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 - *Concession \$20.00 per annum
- **Family Membership Full** \$40.00 + \$20 = \$60 per annum
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