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Welcome to Liberty!

The October 2016 edition of Liberty!

Eureka's Children Updates:

Welcome to the December 2016 edition of Liberty! It is that time of year when we can look forward to the events and programs for the 162nd Anniversary commemorations of Eureka.

A range of programs are outlined in the following pages.

- The premier event from Eureka's Children Canberra Chapter features guest speaker the Hon. Breandán Ó Caollaí Irish Ambassador to Australia on the 3rd of December.
- Sydney's 2nd December event will feature guest speaker Phil Glendenning.
- The Ballarat Trades and Labor Council are celebrating the anniversary of the Ballarat Reform League Charter on the 11th November at Bakery Hill.
- Eureka's Children members are invited to MADE on 3rd of December for events and a light lunch—details on page 7

Next year will see many more challenges to democracy in Australia and in a changing world. The decision by the AEC over the use of the Eureka Flag by the Australia First Party is disappointing for a multitude of reasons, and more commentary on that will come in our next edition of [Liberty!](#)

Eureka's Children are also accepting renewals for 2017 - Please see the final pages for a membership form and information on merchandise.

U.S. Democracy in action: Sen. Bernie Sanders voting at his local election booth on Nov 8th 2016





Dinner Celebrating the 162nd Anniversary of Eureka

Hosted by the Canberra Chapter of Eureka's Children Inc.

The Canberra Chapter of Eureka's Children invites you and your guests to their annual Eureka dinner to celebrate the 162nd anniversary of the Eureka Stockade uprising.

Guest Speaker Breandán Ó Caollaí, the new Ambassador of Ireland to Australia, has served his country well in a number of roles within the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade as well as overseas in the consulate office in New York and the embassies in Italy, the United Kingdom and as a representative of the European Union.



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:

7.00 pm Saturday, 3 December 2016

Venue: Canberra Southern Cross Club

Corinna Street, Phillip, ACT

2 Course Dinner \$60 per person

\$50 for Pension Card Holders/Full-time Students

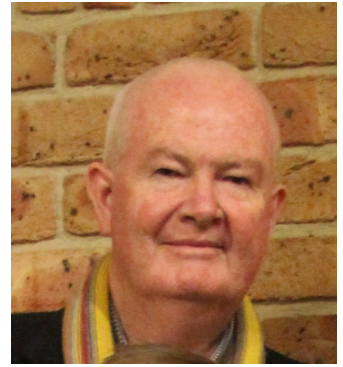
Drinks are available at the bar.

Tickets are strictly limited. If you are interested in attending the dinner or want more information about Eureka's Children please contact Terry Quinane, the Canberra Executive Director on 0411 861-237 or by email to terry@quinane.id.au.

Eureka's Children is a not for profit association representing descendants of those involved in or associated with the Eureka Stockade event and other individuals or corporate bodies who have a special interest in Eureka and its democratic principles. Find out more at <http://eurekaschildren.org.au/>

News from the Executive Director of our Canberra Chapter - Terry Quinane

The Canberra Chapter of Eureka's Children are busy with preparations for the hosting of their Annual Eureka Anniversary Dinner to be held, of course on Saturday 3rd December 2016. The venue for this year's dinner will again be the Canberra Southern Cross Club at Woden, a very apt place to holding a dinner celebrating the Eureka uprising.



The Guest speaker at this year's Canberra dinner is the new Irish Ambassador to Australia, Breandan O'Caollai. Ambassador O'Caollai is a career diplomat, having represented his country in a number of roles within the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade as well as overseas in the consulate office in New York and the embassies in Italy, the United Kingdom and as a representative of the European Union.

On Friday, the 4th November 2016, Terry Quinane, the Association's Canberra Chapter Executive Director and his sister Anne Quinane, a Canberra Chapter Committee Member and former Australian High Commissioner to Kiribati and Malta met with Ambassador O'Caollai to welcome him to Canberra on behalf of Eureka's Children and take him through the program of events for the Eureka Dinner.

During the discussion, Ambassador O'Caollai drew similarities between events in Australian and American history from an Irish perspective and showed a keen interest in the circumstances and events surrounding the Eureka uprising. We look forward to his speech on the 3rd December with considerable anticipation.

Tickets for the Eureka Anniversary Dinner to be held in Canberra on Saturday 3 December 2016 are now on sale at \$60 per person or \$50 for Pension Card Holders/Students. Tickets are strictly limited and if you are interested in attending the dinner or want more information about the Canberra Chapter of Eureka's

An Invitation to Spend a Weekend in Canberra and Attend

For those Eureka's Children and friends in Victoria and elsewhere as well as members of the Sydney Eureka Stockade Commemoration Association who might find some spare time and would like a short holiday break, we invite and encourage you to join us in Canberra for our Eureka Anniversary Commemoration and Dinner.



The venue for our event in Canberra is the Southern Cross Club in [Woden](#), which is the heart of their other 5 Southern Cross Clubs around Canberra ie: [Tuggeranong](#), [Jamison](#), [MV Southern Cross](#), [Southern Cross Stromlo](#), and their [Yacht Club](#). Their Woden venue is a magnificent conference and events centres with state-of-the-art facilities and elegant and affordable dining in their 3 restaurants. For years, Woden's main entertainment venue, Top of the Cross, has been providing the Canberra community with a constant line-up of quality, live entertainment.



Sydney's Eureka Stockade
Commemoration Committee



An Australia guided by the spirit of the Eureka Tradition as symbolised by the diggers' flag and their oath: "We swear by the Southern Cross to stand truly by each other and fight to defend our rights and liberties."

Invitation

The 2016 Sydney Eureka Commemoration

Friday 2 December at 6.00 pm
The Bowlers Club, 99 York Street
A short walk from Town Hall Station



Another great guest speaker! Phil Glendenning.

Phil has been the Director of the Edmund Rice Centre since its inception in 1996 and is currently the President of the Refugee Council of Australia. With a background in education, law, political science, and overseas aid and development, today he is primarily involved in human right advocacy and education, peace and reconciliation work, raising awareness of the impact of climate change on marginalised peoples.

PLUS Music, displays, flags, handouts, books worth reading.

\$50 per person includes Chinese Banquet Dinner
(drinks can be purchased at the bar).

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL. RSVP: PHIL SMITH 0412 338 687

Credit card or Paypal (preferred): eureka2016.eventbrite.com.au
Cheque payable to Sydney Eureka Commemoration Committee. Box
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 824000, Acc 33014304, (Please email deposit details to
 rephilled@hotmail.com)
Enquiries: Phil Smith 0412 338 687

Bob Walcott

R.D. (Bob) Walshe

REFORM LEAGUE CHARTER SERVICE - 162nd Anniversary

Friday 11th November 2016
St Paul's Anglican Church, Bakery Hill
6:30 PM



Celebrate with us on the site of the Monster Meetings where on the 11th of November 1854 the Ballaarat Reform League Charter was adopted by a crowd of over 10,000 diggers.

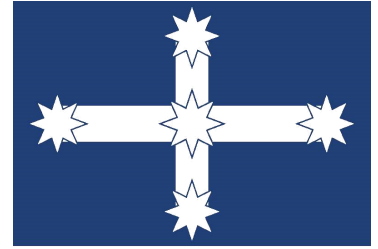
The 'Charter' had profound effects on Australian Democracy, shaping our Nation and our way of life. It is Australia's own unique document of freedom and equality.

Please join with us for this celebration.

For further information P: 5332 3666 Proudly Supported by



Extracts from the Inaugural Speech by Brett Brett Edgington - Ballarat



Ballarat Trades & Labour Council Secretary Brett Edgington
at St Paul's Church, Bakery Hill 11/11/15: the 161st

Henry Seekamp wrote in his Ballarat Times on the 18 November 1854 in response to the meeting of Diggers on Bakery Hill at 3pm on the 11th November.

*This league is nothing more or less than the germ of Australian independence.
The die is cast and fate has stamped upon the movement its indelible signature.
No power on earth can now restrain the united might and headlong strider for freedom of the people of this country and we are lost in amazement while contemplating the dazzling Panorama of the Australian future.
We salute the league and tender our hopes and prayers for its prosperity.
The league has undertaken a mighty task fit only for a great people – that of changing the dynasty of the Country.
The League does not exactly propose nor adopt such a scheme, but we know what it means, the principles it would inculcate and that eventually it will resolve itself into an Australian Congress.
It is not for us to say how much we have been instrumental in rousing up the people to a sense of their own wrongs. We leave that to the public and the world.”*

Henry Seekamp was the only person goaled over the Eureka Massacre, charged with ‘seditious libel’ for writing these words and others and served 3 months of a six month sentence. His wife ably and valiantly ran his paper during his incarceration but the eventual strain broke his business and ended his life prematurely at 35 years of age. Later in life his wife Clara commented on the importance of her husband: "If Peter Lalor was the sword of the movement, my husband was the pen."

We need to go back to the early part of the 19th century to place the Charter in context: And here in this alien place, thousands of miles away from the seat of Empire the words of the Peoples Charter were once again committed to paper and popular vote in the back room of the Star Hotel in Main Road, the greatest fears of the Empire were again realized – liberty was writhing to break free.

Who knows if the Charter written at the Star Hotel in Main Road would have had the power to change that it did, without the bloodshed of Sunday the 3rd of December – who knows if the moral force would have won without the sacrifice of the physical force proponents and their futile stand on the Eureka lead, but the Charter made the difference between futile skirmish and organized and people sanctioned revolution.

But the ideals of the Charter this time did indeed bring change – for the first time freedoms were won, concessions were given by the people with power.

Much of what we now regard as our Parliamentary Democracy and Australian law takes its rise from the ideals and words of the Charter – things we now take for granted – the right to vote without qualifications of land or wealth in a secret ballot, the right to stand for parliament and to be paid for service, so it was not just the privilege of the independently wealthy, and the right to participate in making the laws by which we are governed.

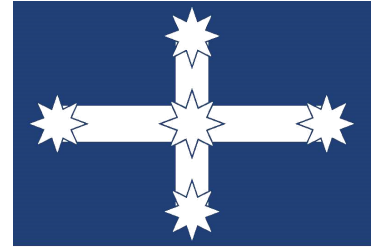
Although we should be wary that these rights are now being slowly eroded by corporate power and trades deals conducted in secret, growing inequality and nepotism in the application of law. And we should be eternally vigilant.

Why is the Charter important? Because for the first time Victoria led the way in parliamentary reform and for the first time people realized that the hand of empire with all of its brutality could not quite extend to this far flung colony – the people had won, through bloody sacrifice.

Tonight we give thanks to those Diggers who took a stand for liberty... We

acknowledge John Basson Humffray – the Secretary of the Ballarat Re-

form League who, as the author of this document should be recognized in this country as akin to the US authors of their Declaration of Independence...



Comments from our Vice-President Phillip Moore

I believe it is a wonderful initiative by Brett Edgington to celebrate each year the anniversary of the adoption of the Ballarat Reform League Charter on Bakery Hill. And I agree that “we should be wary that these rights (of the BRL Charter) are now being slowly eroded by corporate power and trade deals conducted in secret, by growing inequality and nepotism in the application of law. And that we should be eternally vigilant”

We certainly need to be aware that our democracy is increasingly being challenged. For instance in recent events in Britain, USA and Australia people increasingly feel they are being ignored by their governments, by politicians preoccupied by their own self-interests and survival rather than the interests of the nation, by international conglomerate interests - a globalization that sucks the economy out of nations and too often is allowed to be unaccountable to a nation's people.

People are also concerned of the gap between the rich and the poor and of the self-interest and smugness of the elites who unfairly gain favour, power and wealth through the support of Governments.

In Britain we have Brexit which illustrates a deep divide within the nation, in the USA we have the same with the rise of Donald Trump as a highly contentious President; and in Australia we have a Federal Government that fails to develop and implement good national policy and programs.

Aristotle talked about the final stages of democracy being tyranny. We need to get out of this mess. We need to remember the words of the BRL Charter when it states “the most royal of all prerogatives is that the people are the only legitimate source of all political power” And so; we need to take back control, which is our right, and reinstate our democratic values of equality, social justice and the right to be heard, appropriately represented and reported and governed accordingly.

MADE EUREKA 162 COMMEMORATION EVENTS

DECEMBER 3rd Events starts 1pm with speeches at 2pm.

M.A.D.E invites Eureka's Children to commemorate the anniversary of Eureka and for a light lunch on Saturday 3rd December:

- The Peter Tobin oration will be presented by Mike Yang (Founder of the Australian-Hubei Chamber of Commerce), in the theatre at MADE.
- This will be followed by Hon. Bruce Atkinson, President of the Legislative Assembly, unveiling six new flag poles at M.A.D.E. There will be a raising of the Eureka flag, Aboriginal flag and Australian flag on the site of the Eureka Stockade.

Eureka's Children members RSVP for a light lunch, commencing at 1pm, to rsvp@made.org

For further information about MADE events see www.made.org

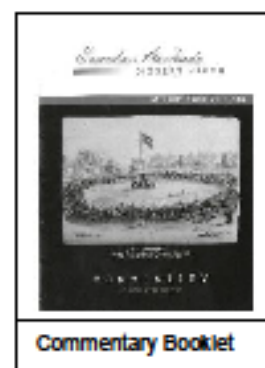
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DEMOCRACY
AT EUREKA



EUREKA'S CHILDREN MERCHANDISE

Please print all details and ☒ where appropriate.

Surname:			
Name:			
Address:			
	Postcode:	Descendant? YES / NO	
Email	Phone No		



Eureka's Children offers three items for sale. Use the order form below or contact us to order you copies

- **Eureka's Children Certificate of Membership** (please specify if you are a descendant or not) \$5 (+post) ☐
- **Commentary Booklet of the Diggers' March** \$5 (+post) ☐
- **Souvenir Poster – 'Swearing Allegiance to the Southern Cross at Bakery Hill'** \$ (See Below) ☐

Note: Unfortunately due to the exorbitant postage costs to send the **Poster** in a cylinder (\$9.50), we can fold it in half, with slight crease, to fit in an A4 envelope and thereby offer it to you as a free gift together with the purchase of other items.

- You can purchase all three items in a bundle for \$8 ☐
- Postage (on any or all items) +\$2
- Donations welcome +\$.....
- Total Cheque/Money order: \$.....

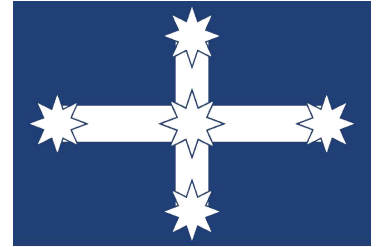
NOTE: EFT Payments can be made to: "Eurekas Children - (BSB)704191 (A/C)90789" (if postage amount known)

Please include Eurekas Children as well as your name on the internet transfer

Please print, complete this form and return with your cheque/money order to: Mr. C Corry Eureka's Children.
C/O. Celtic Club 316-320 Queen St, Melb. Vic. 3000 – or email eurekaschildren@gmail.com

A Call for Membership

The success of Eureka's Children Inc is dependent on gathering in new members to our Association. This also includes encouraging existing members to become family members, and by inviting their friends and other relatives to take up membership. One way to encourage membership from friends or relatives is for you to send-on our [Liberty!](#) Newsletter to them.



The Aims of Eureka's Children are:

- 1. To encourage understanding of the significance of the events surrounding the Eureka Stockade event of 3 December 1854 including the demands for Parliamentary democracy by the diggers and their supporters*
- 2. To gain National and International recognition and acceptance of the view that the events of Eureka - the Stockade, the Monster Meetings at Bakery Hill, the Charter demanding democracy and the Oath under the Flag of the Southern Cross are icons of national and historical significance.*
- 3. To provide a forum for the descendants of those who were connected with the Stockade event, its prelude and its aftermath as well as for other members and supporters.*
- 4. To present a range of programs and events that celebrate Eureka, its legacy and contemporary relevance.*
- 5. To actively participate in the public debate about democratic principles.*

Benefits of Membership

- Opportunity to learn about, support and promote the ideals which Eureka represents and especially the contribution of Eureka to the development of Australian democratic practice.
 - Opportunity to meet and join the descendants of those connected to the Eureka Stockade event; its prelude and aftermath, and including those people who have a special interest in Eureka and its ideal of Democracy
 - Opportunity to register your Eureka connection on our Data Base and in future publications of our Eureka Descendants Directory and to develop further insights into your ancestors' involvement, family relationships and friendships.
 - Opportunity to support various Eureka programs and events such as those organised by Eureka's Children and others at the Annual Celebrations of Eureka in Ballarat, Melbourne and Canberra, as well as those presented at the Museum of Australian Democracy at Eureka, and the Centre for Democracy at Old Parliament House in Canberra.
 - Invitation to special Eureka events throughout the year and the opportunity to meet authors, speakers and performers.
 - Representation through our Committee on various other Eureka Planning Committees providing greater opportunity to promote Eureka's Children's interests in achieving comprehensive recognition of the significance of Eureka.
 - Access to the hospitality of Melbourne's Celtic Club, where our Committee meets, and to their library with its special section on Eureka and Democracy.
- Subscription to our Eureka's Children newsletter – Liberty! - You can see the current archive of previous editions of Liberty! At www.eurekaschildren.org.au/liberty



EUREKA'S CHILDREN INC.

Membership Application/Renewal for 2017 (Jan-Dec)

Please print all details and ☒ where appropriate.

Surname:			
Other Names:			
Address:			Postcode:
Phone No			

Membership of Eureka's Children Inc. operates on a calendar year basis.

Ordinary Membership – Includes descendants of those connected with the Stockade event, its prelude and its aftermath as well as those who support the Eureka story and its ideals of democracy

Full \$30.00 per annum ☐ \$

*Concession \$15.00 per annum ☐ \$

Family Membership Full \$30.00 + \$20 = \$50 per annum ☐ \$

Family M/ship Concession \$15.00 + \$20 = \$35 per annum ☐ \$

Donations Welcome ☐ \$

Life Membership Full \$300, Concession \$150

Note: Concessional Subscriptions include Pension Card Holders.

For Family Membership please list each other name and there contact detail (See over page)

All amounts include GST

Total Cheque/Money order \$.

NOTE: EFT Payments can be made to: "Eurekas Children - (BSB)704191 (A/C)90789"

Please include Eurekas Children as well as your name on the internet transfer

Please print, complete this form and return with your cheque/money order to: Mr. Stephen Nolan Treasurer, Eureka's Children. C/O. Celtic Club 316-320 Queen St, Melb. Vic. 3000 Ph. 0417330883

If paying by EFT and you are a new member you would need to also complete and return this form as an initial record of your membership

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