

# EUREKA STOCKADE

170<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY | BALLAARAT

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We respectfully acknowledge the Wadawurrung People as the Traditional Owners of the land on which the Eureka Stockade took place. We pay our respects to Elders past and present and acknowledge their continuing connections to Country and Culture.

While the Eureka Stockade led to male suffrage in 1858, and informed the social reforms that followed, it was over 100 years until Australia's First Nations People were able to exercise the right to vote.

# WELCOME

## **2024 marks 170 years since the attack by government forces on protesting miners barricaded at the Eureka Stockade.**

The Eureka Stockade resides deep in the hearts of Ballarat's people. It defines our city and the values we cherish. Eureka is also an enduring foundation story of Australian democracy. As a story of collective solidarity in the face of oppression, it continues to inspire and engage people from across all reaches of society.

At commemorative events across our community, we will honour those involved in the Eureka Rebellion. Embodying the Eureka Spirit, our city will come alive with a diverse community program of activities including talks, tours, performances and more. Get involved and join in the celebration across Ballarat and beyond.

# COMMEMORATIVE EVENTS

## 170<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE BALLARAT REFORM LEAGUE CHARTER

Unions Ballarat Trades Hall and St Pauls Church invite community members to join in celebrating the foundation of Australia's Democratic Tradition at the site, and on the day, of the 1854 Monster Meeting and the formation of the Ballarat Reform League (BRL). The BRL Charter will be read, and a keynote address presented by Associate Professor Carolyn Holbrook, Director of Australian Policy and History at Deakin University. Supper will be provided.

**ST PAULS CHURCH, BAKERY HILL**

**MONDAY 11 NOVEMBER 2024 | 6 - 7PM**

**FREE | NO BOOKINGS REQUIRED**

[unionsballarat.org.au](https://unionsballarat.org.au)

## EUREKA FLAG RAISING CEREMONY

The Eureka Flag was first flown at Bakery Hill on 29 November 1854 at a Monster Meeting attended by 10,000 protesters. The next day the flag was marched to the Eureka diggings and hoisted above a makeshift fortress known as the Eureka Stockade. This flag raising ceremony is held to honour the Eureka Flag and its central part in the legend of this momentous event. Morning tea in the Ballarat Town Hall's Trench Room will follow.

**QUEEN VICTORIA SQUARE,  
STURT STREET, BALLARAT**

**FRIDAY 29 NOVEMBER 2024 | 10AM**

**FREE | NO BOOKINGS REQUIRED**

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## EUREKA STOCKADE 170<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATIVE SERVICE

A commemorative service will be held at the site of the battle to honour those who died and were involved in the 1854 Eureka Rebellion. Whether defending their rights and liberties or doing their duty, their actions have profoundly informed Australia's democratic character and the freedom and rights we enjoy today. The service will be held at the historic Eureka Stockade Monument. A free breakfast will follow at the Eureka Centre.

**EUREKA STOCKADE MEMORIAL PARK**

**TUESDAY 3 DECEMBER 2024 | 8AM**

**FREE | NO BOOKINGS REQUIRED**

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## 170<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY EUREKA CEREMONY AT BALLARAT OLD CEMETERY

Ballarat Cemeteries invites community members to join in a ceremony to commemorate the diggers who gave their lives and the soldiers who fell in the line of duty during the battle of the Eureka Stockade. The ceremony also recognises the contributions of the men, women, and children of Eureka to our democracy. There will be speeches, a bagpipe procession to the Diggers' and Soldiers' historic graves, the reading of the names of those killed in the battle, and the raising of flags at each site.

**BALLARAT OLD CEMETERY, MACARTHUR  
STREET, BALLARAT**

**TUESDAY 3 DECEMBER 2024 | 10 - 10.30AM**

**FREE | NO BOOKINGS REQUIRED**





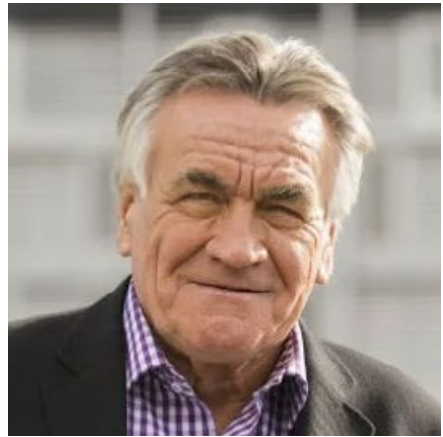
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BALLARAT  
AND BY THE  
CITY  
ON THE 22 MARCH  
1860

Image: Eureka Diggers Memorial, Ballarat Old Cemetery.

# SPECIAL EVENTS



## 2024 EUREKA AUSTRALIA ANNUAL EUREKA DEMOCRACY AWARD DINNER

Eureka Australia's annual Democracy Award Dinner marks the 170<sup>TH</sup> anniversary of the Eureka Stockade with the presentation of the Eureka Democracy Award.

This year's award will be presented during the evening to Catherine McGowan AO. Catherine was the Independent Member for the rural Victorian seat of Indi from 2013 until her retirement before the 2019 election. She was the first female independent to sit on the crossbench. Her successful grassroots campaign sparked nationwide interest in the potential of community based, independent politicians to chart a new course for Australian democracy.

Legendary political journalist, Barrie Cassidy is this year's guest speaker. His journalism career started at the Albury Border Morning Mail. He later joined the Melbourne Herald before becoming

a political correspondent in Canberra. He was personal press secretary and senior political adviser from 1986 to Prime Minister Bob Hawke MP. He was then appointed The Australian's Washington correspondent and the ABC's European correspondent. But he is best known as the creator and host of the ABC TV program, 'Insiders' for 18 years until 2019, and for a time, its spin-off 'Offsiders'.

Ticket price includes a two-course meal. Drinks are available for purchase from the bar.

**AMORA HOTEL, 649 BRIDGE ROAD, RICHMOND**

**SATURDAY 30 NOVEMBER 2024**

**6.30PM FOR A 7PM START**

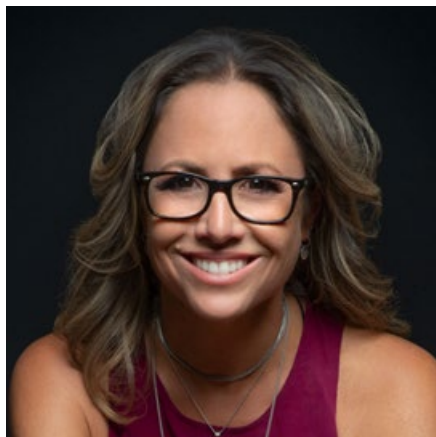
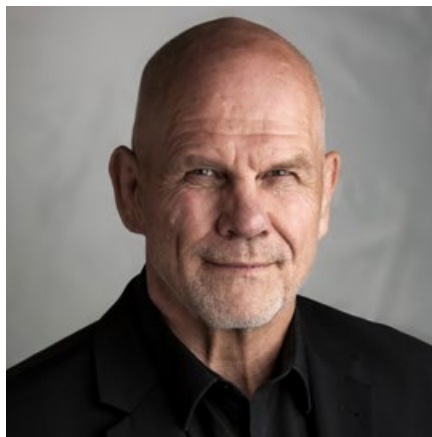
**\$97 per person | Tables of 10 - \$970**

**BOOK VIA Peter Gavin on 0417 135 373**

**or [committee@eurekaaaustralia.org.au](mailto:committee@eurekaaaustralia.org.au)**

**[eurekaaaustralia.org.au](http://eurekaaaustralia.org.au)**

# SPECIAL EVENTS



## **‘WHY EUREKA MATTERS’ WITH PETER FITZSIMONS AND PROFESSOR CLARE WRIGHT**

Former Wallaby, best-selling author, broadcaster and raconteur, Peter FitzSimons AM, and trailblazing historian and Stella Prize winning author, broadcaster and podcaster, Professor Clare Wright OAM, share their thoughts on ‘Why Eureka Matters’.

Marking the 170<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Eureka Stockade, the event will begin with Clare and Peter each responding to the question, ‘Why Eureka Matters’. They will then join ABC Ballarat broadcaster Steve Martin for a conversation about Eureka’s significance in the forging of Australia’s democratic traditions, social values and cultural identity, and the importance of keeping its legend and legacy alive.

This special edition of the annual Peter Tobin Oration honours the contribution of the late Peter Tobin OAM to the commemoration of the Eureka Stockade.

*A paid bar will open from 5.30pm to 6pm, and resume service following the event at 7.30pm.*

*Following the event, a book signing with Professor Clare Wright and Peter FitzSimons will begin at 7.35pm.*

**MINING EXCHANGE, LYDIARD STREET,  
BALLARAT**

**TUESDAY 3 DECEMBER 2024 | 6 - 7.30PM**

**\$20 / \$15 concession**

**BOOK VIA [EVENTBRITE](https://www.eventbrite.com.au/search?search=eureka+centre) (search Eureka Centre)  
[eurekacentreballarat.com.au/eureka170](https://eurekacentreballarat.com.au/eureka170)**

# PERFORMANCES

## THE BALLARAT POETESS - MEGAN J RIEDL X ELLEN YOUNG

In an impossible collaboration spanning 175 years, Megan J Riedl contemplates what it means to be the voice of a city. Emerging from the ashes of her predecessor Ellen Young's gold-rush era corset and crinoline, Megan explores how impactful moments of social change can be marked by the carefully crafted voices of difficult women.

In a work-in-progress showing of her debut full length solo performance, Megan ponders the power of the poetic voice – in finding resting places, in the cathartic nature of capturing the here & now, and in the dichotomy of searing truth-telling wrapped up in euphonic language.

A Megan J Riedl production presented in partnership with the Eureka Centre.

### EUREKA CENTRE BALLARAT

**THURSDAY 21 NOVEMBER 2024 | 7PM**

**SATURDAY 23 NOVEMBER 2024 | 2PM**

**\$20 / \$15 concession**

**BOOK VIA [HUMANITIX](#) (search Ballarat Poetess)**

**[meganriedl.com](http://meganriedl.com)**



## EUREKA SUNDAY

An afternoon of free live music with Shane Howard and Band and the Emma Donovan Duo in the beautiful grounds of the Eureka Stockade Memorial Park.

Eureka Sunday is an opportunity for people of all ages to reflect on the legacy of the Eureka Stockade and come together as a community whose identity is forged by this great historical event. Entry to the Eureka Centre is free all day, so you can visit the museum and pay your respects to one of Australia's most revered cultural artefacts, the Eureka Flag.

### EUREKA CENTRE BALLARAT

**SUNDAY 1 DECEMBER 2024 | 1-4PM**

**FREE | NO BOOKINGS REQUIRED. ALL AGES**

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# PERFORMANCES



## EMMA DONOVAN DUO

Emma Donovan has been touring for over 20 years, performing soulful songs and sharing powerful stories. Emma is best known for her work as singer and songwriter with the Melbourne rhythm combo, The Putbacks, a collaboration built on a shared love for classic American soul and the protest music of Indigenous Australia. Fresh from touring her new country-inspired album, 'Til My Song is Done', Emma will perform songs that reflect the depth and diversity of her extensive career.

### EUREKA CENTRE BALLARAT

**SUNDAY 1 DECEMBER 2024 | 1.15-2PM**

**FREE | NO BOOKINGS REQUIRED. ALL AGES**

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## SHANE HOWARD AND BAND

Shane Howard joins us to celebrate his ancestral connections and honour the legacy of the Eureka Stockade. Shane is one of Australia's most influential writers and singers and a founding member of the legendary band, Goanna. From the red heart, where he penned his enduring song 'Solid Rock, Sacred Ground', to the wilds of Tasmania that gave birth to 'Let the Franklin Flow', and the spark of Eureka at Ballarat captured in his 'Rebel Song', Shane and his band will lead us through his 40-year creative journey.

### EUREKA CENTRE BALLARAT

**SUNDAY 1 DECEMBER 2024 | 2.15-4PM**

**FREE | NO BOOKINGS REQUIRED. ALL AGES**

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# TALKS + DISCUSSIONS

## THE IRISH NATIONAL FORESTERS: BALANCING IRISH NATIONALISM, SOCIAL WELFARE AND AUSTRALIAN IDENTITY

### A PUBLIC TALK BY DR ANNE BEGGS-SUNTER

Dr Anne Beggs-Sunter shares the story of the Irish National Foresters (INF) in Australia from the 1880s to the 1960s, focussing on Ballarat's Peter Lalor Branch. The INF was founded in Dublin in 1877 as a benefit society for Irishmen of any religion. It expanded rapidly and by the early 1900s had several international branches. Dr. Anne Beggs-Sunter is a historian in the Future Regions Research Centre, Federation University Australia. Her academic interests are in Australian social, cultural and political history, with a special focus on Ballarat.

**EUREKA CENTRE BALLARAT**

## THE RED RIBBON ACTIVISTS AND THE BIRTH OF AUSTRALIAN DEMOCRACY

### A PUBLIC TALK BY MARJORIE THEOBALD

Marjorie Theobald explores an intriguing event in Australian democratic history: the 1853 Red Ribbon Rebellion. Marjorie positions the rebellion's activists as crucial political agitators that had a lasting impact on Australia's democratic system. Marjorie Theobald completed her PhD at Monash University and then joined the staff of the University of Melbourne. Her recent published works include 'The Accidental Town: Castlemaine 1851-1861', and 'The Goldfields Re-imagined: militant miners, miscreants and poor Maryanne'.

### EUREKA CENTRE BALLARAT

**THURSDAY 7 NOVEMBER 2024 | 5.30 – 6.30PM**

**FREE | NO BOOKINGS REQUIRED**

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# TALKS + DISCUSSIONS

## THE FOUND IRISH WOMEN OF EUREKA

In May this year, the Eureka Centre presented a discussion called 'The Lost Irish Women of Eureka,' which launched a new Public Record Office Victoria funded project led by the Ballarat and District Irish Association (BDIA). This project sought to uncover previously unknown or unsung contributions of Irish women to Ballarat's social, cultural, and industrial development during the gold rush period. This event marks the completion of the research part of the project. Way Back When historian Lucy Bracey will share her research and film-maker Erin McCuskey will discuss her new film, drawing on the compelling stories uncovered throughout the project.

A Ballarat and District Irish Association event presented in partnership with the Eureka Centre.

### EUREKA CENTRE BALLARAT

**FRIDAY 15 NOVEMBER 2024 | 6 - 7PM**

**FREE | NO BOOKINGS REQUIRED**

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## BLACK CONVICTS: HOW SLAVERY SHAPED AUSTRALIA

### BOOK LAUNCH WITH SANTILLA CHINGAIBE

Author, historian, and filmmaker Santilla Chingaipe discusses her new book, 'Black Convicts: How Slavery Shaped Australia'.

Drawing on her research, Santilla will explore stories connected to the goldfields, democracy, and the Eureka Rebellion offering a fresh understanding of this fatal shore, and show how empire, slavery, race and memory have shaped who we are.

### AUSTRALIAN CENTRE FOR GOLD RUSH COLLECTIONS, SOVEREIGN HILL

**FRIDAY 29 NOVEMBER 2024 | 5.30 – 7PM**

**\$10 | BOOKINGS REQUIRED**

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Image: Charles A Doudiet, 'Swearing allegiance to the 'Southern Cross' 1854 (detail), watercolour & ink on paper, 16.7 x 23.2 cm, Collection of the Art Gallery of Ballarat. Purchased by the Ballarat Fine Art Gallery with the assistance of many donors, 1996. Principal Donors: Pam Davies, Eureka Stockade Memorial Committee of Management, Blair Ritchie, Wendouree Charitable Fund, Victorian Government through the Community Support Fund; Major Donors: Janet Cowles, R&E House, Rex Irwin Art Dealer, Rotary Club of Ballarat South, Mabs Taylor, Peter Tobin, Voi & John Williams, Commercial Union Insurance; plus 80 donors from the community.

Featured at the Art Gallery of Ballarat in 'Witnessing Eureka: The sketches of Charles Alphonse Doudiet'. See page 15 for details.



December 1st 1854





Swearing allegiance to the  
"Southern Cross"

# EXHIBITIONS

## FROM THE COLLECTION: THE EUREKA STOCKADE

In 1855, Raffaello Carboni published his first-hand account of the Eureka Stockade. Since that time, generations of writers, illustrators, and publishers have been inspired by the Eureka legend. This display features a first edition of Carboni's book, alongside 1942 fine press editions with illustrations by W E Pidgeon. Rarities include a handwritten book of poems by Ballarat agitator, Ellen Young, a 170-year edition of 'The Argus' newspaper, and other intriguing titles.

**9 SEPTEMBER 2024 – 26 MARCH 2025**

**MONDAY TO THURSDAY 10AM TO 4.30PM**

**EUREKA CENTRE BALLARAT, BALLARAT  
RESEARCH HUB AT EUREKA (BRHAE)**

**FREE ENTRY**

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## FRAGMENTS OF EUREKA

In its long history, the University has been home to many passionate 'Eurekaphiles'. As a result, the Federation University Cultural Collections holds many interesting historical examples of ephemera relating to the Eureka Stockade, documenting how it was commemorated over the past 170 years. Items include newspaper articles from 1923 to the present day, photographs of the replica Stockade and the Eureka 'Sail' in the Eureka Stockade Memorial Gardens, commemorative menus and placemats, and a program from the 100<sup>TH</sup> anniversary celebrations. While the style and meanings of commemoration change over time the core tenets of democracy, political representation and comradeship continue to hold relevance and ignite passions today.

**16 SEPTEMBER 2024 – 8 DECEMBER 2024**

**MONDAY TO FRIDAY 9.30AM TO 4.30PM**

**E J T TIPPET LIBRARY, FEDERATION  
UNIVERSITY, SMB CAMPUS, BALLARAT**

**FREE ENTRY**

# EXHIBITIONS

## WITNESSING EUREKA: THE SKETCHES OF CHARLES ALPHONSE DOUDIET

The unrest that led to the Eureka Rebellion on 3 December 1854 has captured the imagination of artists for 170 years. A notable witness to the events was Swiss-born Canadian digger Charles Alphonse Doudiet, who kept a sketchbook of his journey from Montreal to the Ballarat goldfields. In watercolour and ink, Doudiet observed and recorded a series of events culminating in diggers clashing with government forces in protest of exorbitant mining licence fees. Doudiet's descendants discovered his sketchbook in an attic in 1996, and the Art Gallery of Ballarat undertook a large fundraising campaign to purchase the folio at auction. To mark the 170<sup>TH</sup> anniversary of the Eureka Rebellion, the Gallery will display all fifteen watercolours by Doudiet. These incredibly fragile and rarely seen works will be displayed within the Gallery Collection, along with works by contemporary artists who continue to be captivated by the subject matter of democracy and the symbolism of the Southern Cross.

**NOVEMBER 2024 – JANUARY 2025**

**10AM TO 5PM DAILY**

**FERRY GALLERY, ART GALLERY OF BALLARAT**

**FREE ENTRY**

[artgalleryofballarat.com.au](http://artgalleryofballarat.com.au)

## AFTER EUREKA: THE STUDIES FOR MANIFESTATION - ANTHONY WHITE

Paris-based Australian artist Anthony White's exhibition features energetic highly key coloured explorations made in response to Sidney Nolan's 1965 Eureka Stockade mural. Painted in France during a period marked by widespread public protests, these works continue the artist's wider thinking around the painterly gesture as a form of dissent, as well as an act of civil disobedience. These studies for a series of paintings called 'Manifestation' were completed for a National Library of Australia 2020 Creative Arts Fellowship.

Anthony White's solo exhibitions include 'Mobilising Material' at The Mark Rothko Art Centre in Latvia in 2023. His work has been included in over 50 group exhibitions internationally, as well as major Australian art prizes. Anthony White is represented by Lennox St. Gallery.

**21 SEPTEMBER 2024 – 2 MARCH 2025**

**10AM TO 5PM**

**EUREKA CENTRE BALLARAT**

**Museum entry fees apply, \$7 / \$5 concession**

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# EXHIBITIONS

## FAITH ON THE GOLDFIELDS

This exhibition tells of Faith, Gold, and the early pioneer priests of Western Victoria. The formation of the Catholic Diocese of Ballarat on 30 March 1874, and the installation of the first Bishop of Ballarat on 17 May 1874, is a significant chapter in the history of the Catholic community. From the early 1830s, thousands of Catholic migrants arrived in Port Phillip Bay. Over the following decades, many settled in western Victoria in search of gold and to start a new life. Priests from Ireland and other parts of the world were encouraged to migrate for the Melbourne mission. In recognition of the Diocese's 150<sup>TH</sup> anniversary, this display highlights the lives of these pioneer priests, including Fr. Patrick Smyth, who was associated with the events surrounding the Eureka Stockade. The display further examines the first bishops who worked and travelled in Ballarat and western Victoria between 1850-1874.

**15 AUGUST 2024 – 6 DECEMBER 2024**

**TUESDAY – THURSDAY, 10AM - 2PM**

**CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF BALLARAT ARCHIVES,  
LYONS STREET SOUTH ENTRANCE**

**FREE | BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL VIA  
[archives@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:archives@ballarat.catholic.org.au)**

## THE BUILDING OF BALLARAT: THE ESTABLISHMENT OF FREEMASONRY ON THE GOLDFIELDS

Freemasons were amongst the first free settlers in the colony of Victoria. Many moved to Ballarat and worked as miners on the goldfields; others worked as publicans, stonemasons, lawyers, and bankers. Freemasons, including Ballarat Reform League Secretary, John Humffray, were active in agitating for miners' rights and wider democratic reform. By the early 1850s, various Lodges were established, including the 'Victoria Lodge of Instructions', which was formed on 25 June 1854, only months before the Eureka Stockade. The support of these early Freemasons during this time resulted in constructing some of the finest buildings in Ballarat and establishing various charities and institutions. In recognition of this important history, the Ballarat Masonic Centre will display some of its earliest records, documents, and photographs dating from the 1850s onwards. Tours of the Lodge rooms will also be available during this time.

**SATURDAY 16 NOVEMBER 2024 & SATURDAY  
30 NOVEMBER 2024 | 10AM - 1PM**

**BALLARAT MASONIC CENTRE,  
616 BARKLY STREET, BALLARAT**

**FREE | BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL VIA  
[samantha.fabry@freemasonsvic.net.au](mailto:samantha.fabry@freemasonsvic.net.au)**



# SOVEREIGN HILL

## SOVEREIGN HILL – REBELLION ON THE STREETS

Relive the Eureka Rebellion that changed everything with street performances, interactive sessions, and tours all weekend. This isn't just a show - it's a raw retelling that drops you right into the battleground. Feel the defiance and danger in every step.

Pick up a map on arrival for the locations and times of the following experiences:

### SEW THE EUREKA FLAG

The Eureka Flag became a rallying point for miners during the Eureka Rebellion. Experience this defining moment as you sew our Eureka flag and hear stories of the women who created the original.

### LICENCE HUNT

Diggers are rallying and authorities have started to investigate the situation. Tensions rise as guns are fired in anger and frustration, escalating the conflict into a full-blown crisis.

### EUREKA REBELLION DIGGINGS TOURS

Discover the dramatic moments leading up to one of Australia's most intense battles, where every shot and every decision shaped the course of history.

### REDCOATS MARCH

There are two sides to every story. Hear about the Eureka Rebellion from the Redcoat Soldiers themselves as they recount the chaos that unfolded when Ballarat became a battlefield.

### THE BALLARAT REFORM LEAGUE

John Humffray is rallying every digger to the Ballarat Reform League's fight against injustice. Who will answer the call?

## SEEKAMP'S ARREST

Tensions escalate after the Eureka Rebellion, and Ballarat Times editor Henry Seekamp isn't helping. His passionate support for the diggers puts him in the crosshairs of the authorities... and things soon take a turn for the worse.

**SATURDAY 30 NOVEMBER 2024 &  
SUNDAY 1 DECEMBER 2024 | 10AM - 5PM**  
**SOVEREIGN HILL**

**INCLUDED IN YOUR SOVEREIGN HILL TICKET**

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## AURA SOUND AND LIGHT SPECTACULAR

Under cover of darkness, AURA transforms Sovereign Hill into a moving theatre with hundreds of hi-tech projections. The Wadawurrung creation story unfolds and soars into the skies over our lake. The gritty story of gold along with rebellion, gunfights, triumphs, and tragedies will draw you into the drama of history.

### NIGHTLY

#### SOVEREIGN HILL

**8.45PM (OCT & NOV), 9.15PM (DEC)**

**\$45 Adult \$24 Child | Bookings essential**

[sovereignhill.com.au/visit/tickets](https://sovereignhill.com.au/visit/tickets)

# TOURS

## EUREKA STOCKADE MEMORIAL PARK – WALKING TOUR WITH PETER FREUND

Discover the hidden histories of one of Ballarat's most notable public parks with local cultural historian, Peter Freund. Since it was identified as the site of the Eureka Stockade in 1869, the Eureka Stockade Memorial Park has become a commemorative site of national importance. Hear how the park's landscaping, buildings and monuments have changed over time, and how the park has been shaped into a place both of commemoration and recreation.

The walking tour will be followed by morning tea at the Eureka Hall hosted by the Eureka Stockade Memorial Park Committee. Free entry to the Eureka Centre is included in the experience.

A Eureka Centre and Eureka Stockade Memorial Park Committee partnership presentation.

**BEGINS AT THE EUREKA MONUMENT,  
CORNER OF EUREKA STREET & STAWELL  
STREET SOUTH, EUREKA**

**TUESDAY 26 NOVEMBER 2024 | 10.30AM**

**THURSDAY 28 NOVEMBER 2024 | 10.30AM**

**SATURDAY 30 NOVEMBER 2024 | 10.30AM**

**FREE | BOOK VIA [EVENTBRITE](#)**

**[eurekacentreballarat.com.au/eureka170](http://eurekacentreballarat.com.au/eureka170)**

## IN THE STEPS OF THE DIGGERS

Explore Ballarat's Eureka heritage in a walking tour presented by the Ballarat Historical Society. Visit significant sites relating to the 1854 Eureka Stockade, explore the remnants of the famous Gravel Pits Lead, and relive the street life of Gold Rush era Ballarat. The walk will conclude at the Munster Arms Hotel, Bakery Hill, for those who wish to join in a toast to the Diggers.

**BEGINS AT THE CHINESE MONUMENT,  
LT FRASER RESERVE, MAIN ROAD, BALLARAT**

**SATURDAY 30 NOVEMBER 2024 | 4PM**

**FREE | NO BOOKINGS REQUIRED**

**[ballarathistoricalsociety.com](http://ballarathistoricalsociety.com)**

## SPECIAL EDITION: THE EUREKA COLLECTION CURATOR'S TOUR

Come behind the scenes and uncover the story of Eureka through the objects in the Australian Centre for Gold Rush Collections. Hosted by the Head of Collections and Curatorial, this exclusive, once-off tour invites you to see objects up close and hear the stories of the people and events connected to this transformational moment in Australia's history. Complimentary drink available. Bookings essential.

**AUSTRALIAN CENTRE FOR GOLD RUSH  
COLLECTIONS, SOVEREIGN HILL**

**SATURDAY 7 DECEMBER 2024 | 2 – 3.30PM**

**\$35 / \$28 Concession**

**[sovereignhill.com.au/eureka-170](http://sovereignhill.com.au/eureka-170)**

# KIDS ACTIVITIES

## EUREKA KIDS: SPRING SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

A school holiday workshop packed full of art, craft, and imagination. In the leadup to the 170<sup>TH</sup> anniversary of Eureka, create your own mini diorama of the Eureka Stockade to take home.

Led by teachers, this activity is suitable for children aged four and above and requires supervision from a parent or guardian. Workshops run for one hour; children can stay for the full session or any portion of time.

Suitable for Children aged 4 and above. Younger children are welcome to participate with parent or guardian's assistance.

### EUREKA CENTRE BALLARAT

**THURSDAY 3 OCTOBER 2024**

**TWO SESSIONS | 10-11AM | 11AM-12PM**

**\$5 per child**

**BOOKINGS VIA [EVENTBRITE](#)** (search Eureka Centre)

**[eurekacentreballarat.com.au/events](https://eurekacentreballarat.com.au/events)**

## FAMILY FUN AT EUREKA SUNDAY

Bring your picnic blankets, camping chairs and Eureka Spirit and help mark the birth of Australian Democracy. Throughout the day there will be free face painting, kids craft activities, lawn games and live music in the grounds of the Eureka Stockade Memorial Park. This special community celebration has something for the whole family to enjoy.

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# WHAT'S ON

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15 August 2024 – 6 December 2024	FAITH ON THE GOLDFIELDS	Catholic Diocese of Ballarat	Exhibitions	16
9 September 2024 – 26 March 2025	FROM THE COLLECTION: THE EUREKA STOCKADE	Eureka Centre Ballarat	Exhibitions	14
16 September 2024 – 8 December 2024	FRAGMENTS OF EUREKA	Federation University	Exhibitions	14
21 September 2024 – 2 March 2025	AFTER EUREKA: THE STUDIES FOR MANIFESTATION ANTHONY WHITE	Eureka Centre Ballarat	Exhibitions	15
Thursday 3 October 2024	EUREKA KIDS: SPRING SCHOOL HOLIDAYS	Eureka Centre Ballarat	Kids Activities	19
Thursday 3 October 2024	THE IRISH NATIONAL FORESTERS: BALANCING IRISH NATIONALISM, SOCIAL WELFARE AND AUSTRALIAN IDENTITY	Eureka Centre Ballarat	Talks and Discussions	10
November 2024 – January 2025	WITNESSING EUREKA: THE SKETCHES OF CHARLES ALPHONSE DOUDIET	Art Gallery of Ballarat	Exhibitions	15
Thursday 7 November 2024	THE RED RIBBON ACTIVISTS AND THE BIRTH OF AUSTRALIAN DEMOCRACY	Eureka Centre Ballarat	Talks and Discussions	10
Monday 11 November 2024	170 <sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE BALLARAT REFORM LEAGUE CHARTER	Unions Ballarat Trades Hall and St Pauls Church	Commemorative Events	4
Friday 15 November 2024	THE FOUND IRISH WOMEN OF EUREKA	Eureka Centre Ballarat	Talks and Discussions	11
Saturday 16 November 2024 & Saturday 30 November 2024	THE BUILDING OF BALLARAT: THE ESTABLISHMENT OF FREEMASONRY ON THE GOLDFIELDS	Ballarat Masonic Centre	Exhibitions	16
Thursday 21 November 2024 & Saturday 23 November 2024	THE BALLARAT POETESS MEGAN J RIEDL X ELLEN YOUNG	Eureka Centre Ballarat	Performances	8
Tuesday 26 November 2024, Thursday 28 November 2024 & Saturday 30 November 2024	EUREKA STOCKADE MEMORIAL PARK – WALKING TOUR WITH PETER FREUND	Eureka Centre Ballarat	Tours	18



Friday 29 November 2024	<b>EUREKA FLAG RAISING CEREMONY</b>	Eureka Centre Ballarat	Commemorative Events	4
Friday 29 November 2024	<b>BLACK CONVICTS: HOW SLAVERY SHAPED AUSTRALIA</b>	Sovereign Hill	Talks and Discussions	11
Saturday 30 November 2024	<b>2024 EUREKA AUSTRALIA ANNUAL EUREKA DEMOCRACY AWARD DINNER</b>	Eureka Australia	Special Events	6
Saturday 30 November 2024	<b>IN THE STEPS OF THE DIGGERS</b>	Ballarat Historical Society	Tours	18
Saturday 30 November 2024 & Sunday 1 December 2024	<b>REBELLION ON THE STREETS</b>	Sovereign Hill	Sovereign Hill	17
Sunday 1 December 2024	<b>EUREKA SUNDAY</b>	Eureka Centre Ballarat	Performances & Kids Activities	8 & 19
Tuesday 3 December 2024	<b>EUREKA STOCKADE 170<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATIVE SERVICE</b>	Eureka Centre Ballarat	Commemorative Events	4
Tuesday 3 December 2024	<b>170<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY EUREKA CEREMONY AT BALLARAT OLD CEMETERY</b>	Ballarat Old Cemetery	Commemorative Events	4
Tuesday 3 December 2024	<b>'WHY EUREKA MATTERS' WITH PETER FITZSIMONS AND PROFESSOR CLARE WRIGHT</b>	Eureka Centre Ballarat	Special Events	7
Saturday 7 December 2024	<b>SPECIAL EDITION: THE EUREKA COLLECTION CURATOR'S TOUR</b>	Sovereign Hill	Tours	18
Nightly throughout 2024	<b>AURA SOUND AND LIGHT SPECTACULAR</b>	Sovereign Hill	Sovereign Hill	17





*Image: Lake Penhalluriak Fountain, Eureka Stockade Memorial Park. Photo by Paul Lambeth*

*From 29 November to 3 December, visitors can enjoy free entry to the Eureka Centre, and the Ballarat Town Hall clock and the Lake Wendouree and Eureka Stockade Memorial Park fountains will be illuminated in blue to mark this special anniversary.*





