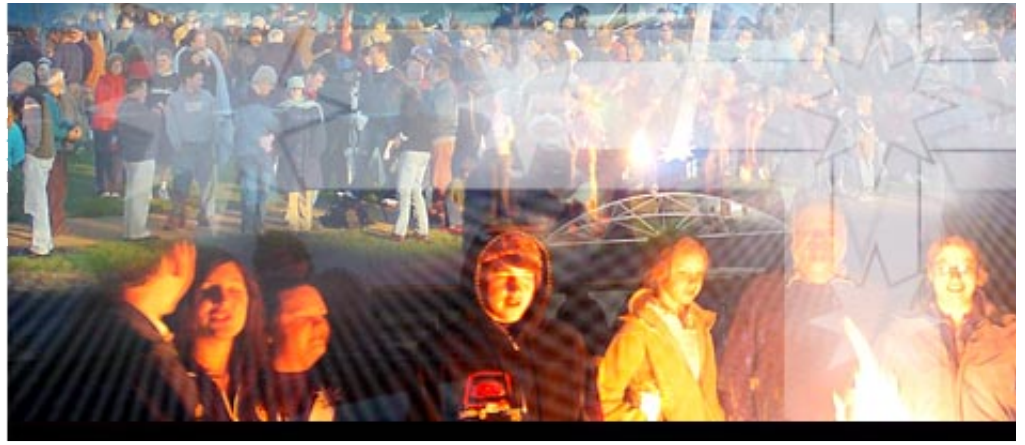




The Eureka Centre
BALLARAT VICTORIA
AUSTRALIA



EUREKA WEEK 2005

Ballarat Victoria Australia

November 25 - December 4, 2005

Event Program

Events and activities commemorating the 1854 Eureka Rebellion.

The annual Eureka Week in Ballarat commemorates and celebrates the events and the men women and children of Eureka and its legacy – the Australian spirit – that of; fairness, a fair go for all and having a go!

In France it was the storming of the Bastille, in America the Boston Tea Party and in Australia the Battle at the Eureka Stockade – each representing a step in the march for liberty and democratic government.

The unrest on the Ballarat goldfields in 1854 had been growing for many months. The diggers were refusing to pay what they saw as excessive & unjust gold mining licensing fees, while the corrupt goldfields administration, intent on raising revenue, was determined to enforce its law.

In the pre-dawn of Sunday 3 December 1854 these increasing tensions came to a head when the soldiers and police combined forces to attack the diggers at the Eureka Stockade. Thirty men were killed in the violent battle that followed, although lasting less than an hour it remains a significant and powerful event in Australian history, the only civil insurrection in Australia's history.

In 2005 Eureka commemorations will include: the Diggers March, a re-enactment of the march of the diggers from Bakery Hill to the site of the Eureka Stockade on 30 November 1854, the prelude to the Eureka Stockade battle, less than 3 days later; and also the annual Eureka Dawn Lantern Walk tracing the route of the government troops. Take a look at these and other events, exhibitions and attractions that are part of Eureka Week 2005.

FOLLOW THE TRAILS

Eureka Trails

Follow in the footsteps of Ballarat's tumultuous history. This self guiding Eureka Trails brochure identifies historic Eureka sites and takes you on the the routes of the Diggers from Bakery Hill (Diggers March) and the Troopers from the Government Camp to the the Eureka Stockade and the fateful Eureka Rebellion on the 3rd of December 1854 (Dawn lantern Walk). These self guiding trails were produced as part of Eureka150 in 2004.

Gold Trail

Explore the Gold Trail incorporating 15 sites of historical significance around Ballarat (self drive trail). The Gold Trail was developed as a part of Ballarat's 150 Gold celebrations in 2002.

Trail Brochures are available from the Ballarat Visitor Information Centre,
39 Sturt St,

Phone: 03 5320 5743 or 1800 44 66 33

EVENTS

Opening of Eureka Week 2005

When: Friday 25th November, 2005

Where: The Eureka Centre

Time: to be advised

Cost: Free

Contact: The Eureka Centre 03 5333 1854

'Reflections of Eureka' Exhibition

When: From Friday 25 November to Australia Day

Where: The Eureka Centre

'Reflections' is a unique blending of artifacts, art and items from various exhibitions and collections including: - Heritage Victoria - Camp Street Archaeological Exhibition - "Marching in Time", The Gold Museum, The Post Master Gallery - items from "Post Office Eureka - Delivering Gold", The Mechanics Institute - "The Argus" - newspaper account of Eureka, The Eureka's Centre Memorabilia and artifacts, Museums Victoria - "Browning Eureka Diorama", the Ballarat Fine Art Gallery - "Eureka Cyclorama" and items from private collections.

Cost: Free

Contact: The Eureka Centre 03 5333 1854

www.eurekaballarat.com

Cemetery Tours

When: 25 November & 3 December

Where: Ballarat Old Cemetery, Creswick Road
Ballarat New Cemetery, Norman Street

Time: 1.30pm

Visit the graves of Ballarat pioneers and the Eureka graves of Diggers and troopers. Learn the history of Ballarat from this very interesting perspective

Cost: \$6.50 adults, \$4 concession and students. Bookings essential

Contact: 5332 8751

<http://www.ballaratgenealogy.org.au/>

Raising the Flag

When: Tuesday 29th November, 2005 at Bakery Hill

Where: Bakery Hill

Time: 2.00pm

Cost: Free

Contact: The Eureka Centre 5333 1854

An Australian View, 19th century art from the ANZ Collection.

When: Thursday 1 December to 5 February, 2006

Where: Ballarat Fine Art Gallery

Time: 10.30am to 5.00pm

Comprises 70 major paintings, prints and drawings by the leading artists in Australia during the 19th century. The show covers the period from the early colonial era when the artists were exclusively of European birth and training, through to the establishment of the first national schools of painting (such as the Heidelberg school), and on to the artists of the period of Federation.

These works have rarely been seen by the public before and the Ballarat showing is a Victorian exclusive.

Cost: \$5, Concession \$2.50, Children U/16 free. Includes a guided tour daily at 2 pm

Contact: 03 5320 5858

www.balgal.com

Aboriginal involvement at Eureka – Workshop

When: 1, 2, 3 & 4 December 2005

Where: Ballarat Aboriginal Cultural Experience/ Kirrit Barreet, 403 Main Road

Time: 2pm each day, Workshops over 4 days

'WHY SHOULD WE PAY MONEY TO THE QUEEN?'

"The Aboriginal side of Eureka" was an essay written by David 'Fred' Cahir and Associate Professor Ian D. Clark. Aboriginal community members in Ballarat will discuss and debate the research document asking the question "has anything changed much?"

An exhibition will also be supporting the workshop discussions.

An advanced copy of the essay can be downloaded from our website (see below)

Cost: Adults \$7, children free. Bookings essential limit 40 persons each session.

Contact: 5332 2755

Email: marketing@aboriginalballarat.com.au

Website: www.aboriginalballarat.com.au

Eureka 151 Harness Racing Cup

When: Friday 2nd December 2005

Where: Bray Raceway, Bell Street Redan

An enjoyable evening of Harness Racing at Victoria's premier Provincial Harness Racetrack. Feature race:- \$8,000 Eureka 151 Cup

Excellent meals available in the Flying Horse Bistro or upstairs racenight bistro.

Cost: Adults \$8.00, Pensioners \$5.00, Children U/18 Free

Contact: Ballarat & District Trotting Club Inc.

Phone 53 359 041, Flying Horse Tabaret 53 359 040

Anarchist Activities

When: Eureka Day 3 December

Where: Commencing at Eureka Stockade Memorial

Time: **4am** Dawn Ceremony

6am Breakfast BYO

10am March to Bakery Hill

11.30 Walk from Bakery Hill to Old Ballarat Cemetery

12.30 Walk back to Eureka Stockade. Lunch BYO

Cost: Free

Contact: Anarchist Media Institute 8508 9856

<http://www.anarchistage@yahoo.com>

Dawn Commemoration Vigil

When: Eureka Day 3 December

Where: Eureka Circle - Eureka Stockade Gardens

Time: 5.45am

To mark the 151st anniversary of the battle at the Eureka Stockade fires will be lit within the Eureka Circle. We will remember those who lost their lives and celebrate Eureka's legacy.

Cost: Free

Contact: The Eureka Centre 03 5333 1854

<http://www.eurekaballarat.com>

'Stockade Picnic'

When: Eureka Day3 December

Where: Eureka Stockade Gardens

Time: from 11.30am

Bring a rug, a picnic lunch and enjoy a community celebration, showcasing Ballarat artists, in a program of music, song and verse that celebrates the legacy of Eureka - the Australian spirit at these historic gardens.

Cost: Free

Contact: The Eureka Centre 03 5333 1854

www.eurekaballarat.com

Eureka Graves Ceremony

When: Saturday 3rd December, 2005

Where: Ballarat Old Cemetery, Macarthur Street

Time: 12 Noon

A ceremony at the graves of the diggers and soldiers, in honour of the sacrifice they made when they died as a result of the battle of Eureka.

Cr David Vendy, Mayor of the City of Ballarat, will inspect the 40th a-foot Regiment at the front gate of the Cemetery, and welcome the assembly.

Cost: Free

Contact: 0409 791 888

Eureka Stockade Diggers' March

When: Saturday 3 December 2005

Where: Commencing from Bakery Hill (St Paul's Hall) to the Eureka Stockade Gardens

Time: 2.00pm

The re-enactment of the march of the Diggers from Bakery Hill to the Eureka Stockade on 30 November 1854 will recall the events of 1854. Points of historic interest will be noted along the march route by eminent historian Prof John Molony.

At 3.30pm the March concludes with the Diggers Address by

Cost: Free

Contact: 5332 6386

Eureka Dawn Lantern Walk (4km walk)

When: Sunday 4 December

Where: The Mining Exchange, Lydiard Street North, Ballarat

Time: 3.30am

Gathering at the Mining Exchange at 3.30 in the morning to light their paper lanterns, the walkers set out at 4am. Along the way, key moments of the story of Eureka are vividly interpreted. Having left in the pre-dawn darkness, they arrive at the Eureka Stockade Memorial Park as the sun is rising. A free bus is waiting to take walkers back to the city.

Cost: Free

Contact: 03 5320 5858

Dawn Oration and Public Breakfast

When: Eureka Sunday 4 December

Where: Eureka Stockade Gardens

6.00am: Dawn Oration – opening prayer by Fr Adrian McInerney

6.15am: A public breakfast will follow the Oration

Cost: BBQ Gold coin donation.

Contact: 03 5333 7975

Eureka Luncheon

When: Sunday, 4th December

Where: Old Colonists' Hall, Lydiard Street North

Time: 12:30 pm

Cost: Bookings essential

Contact: Old Colonists' Club 03 5331 2461

ATTRACTIONS

Ballarat Fine Art Gallery

When: Open daily, 10.30am - 5pm

Where: 40 Lydiard Street North, Ballarat

Explore the art and architecture of Australia's oldest and largest regional art gallery.

Enjoy one of the nation's most significant collections of Australian art.

Experience Australia's history through its art. The story of Eureka is brought to life by the original Eureka flag and an outstanding collection of goldfields art.

Cost: \$5, Concession \$2.50, Children U/16 free. Includes a guided tour daily at 2 pm

Contact: 03 5320 5858

Kirrit Barreet Aboriginal Art Gallery

When: Open daily, 10.00am – 5.00 pm

Where: 403-407 Main Road, Ballarat

The Ballarat Aboriginal Community will be holding an exhibition to explore the Aboriginal side of Eureka" exhibiting images relating to the essay written by David 'Fred' Cahir and Associate Professor Ian D. Clark.

The exhibition will include a reproduction an Aboriginal camp on the gold fields

Cost: Adult: \$7, Conc: \$6, Child: FREE,

Contact: 03 5332 2755

www.aboriginalballarat.com.au/gold

Blood on the Southern Cross

When: Nightly

Where: Sovereign Hill, Bradshaw Street, Ballarat

This spectacular \$5million sound and light show is set under the night skies at Sovereign Hill and tells the story of the 1854 Eureka Rebellion in Ballarat. Clever use of technology places the audience at the heart of the battle.

Cost: (Show only) Adults \$39, Conc \$30.50, Child 5-15yrs \$21

Packages, including pre-show dinner are available

Bookings: Essential on (03) 5333 5777

Sovereign Hill & Gold Museum

When: Open daily 10am-5pm. Gold Museum is open from 9.30am

Where: Bradshaw Street, Ballarat

Sovereign Hill is a recreated, working Goldfields Township where visitors pan for real gold in the creek, venture underground on mine tours and interact with costumed characters of the 1850s. The Gold Museum houses one of

Australia's greatest collections of gold nuggets, coins and priceless treasures.

Cost: Adults \$32.50, Conc \$24.50, Child \$15.50 Family \$83

Admission to the Gold Museum is free with Sovereign Hill admission.

Contact: (03) 5337 1100

The Eureka Centre

When: Open daily, 9am – 4.30pm

Where: Cnr Eureka & Rodier Street, Ballarat

The Eureka Centre stands on the site of one of the most significant events in Australian history...the Eureka Rebellion. Its huge Eureka Sail, symbolising the flag of the Southern Cross, soars above the city's skyline. The Eureka Centre provides a dramatic focus for contemplation and reflection. The Eureka Centre provides its own perspective on Australia's march to nationhood and the establishment of our democratic values.

Cost: Adult: \$8, Conc: \$6, Child: \$4, Family: \$22.

Contact: 03 5333 1854

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The Conservatory - Ballarat Botanical Gardens

When: Open daily from 9.00am to 5.00am

Where: Wendouree Parade.

The gardens situated by famous Lake Wendouree were originally the site of the early 1850's Police Paddocks. They were developed in 1858 into the beautiful Botanical Gardens characterised today by their bountiful bedding displays, statuary collections, Prime Ministers Avenue and landmark heritage and the contemporary architecture of The Conservatory and The Robert Clark Centre. The Australian Ex Prisoners of War Memorial in the South Gardens Reserve notes the names of Australia's 37,000 ex POWs from Boer, First, Second World Wars and Korean War

Cost: Admission to the Conservatory is free except during the annual Begonia display February to April

Contact: 03 5320 7444

**Take time to visit Ballarat, the City that changed the nation, during
Eureka Week 2005 – Friday 25 November to
Eureka Sunday 4 December.**

Information

For enquiries and information regarding accommodation contact Ballarat Tourism
1800 44 66 33 or call into the Visitor Information Centre at 39 Sturt St, Ballarat.

www.eurekaballarat.com