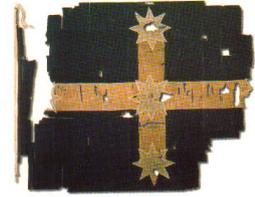


EUREKA
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Many readers of the Eureka story would be pleased to hear that Melbourne University Press (MUP), as a result of various requests, have recently released in Paper Back and E Book the 4th edition of John Molony's authoritative and much sought after book on Eureka. – previous publication releases were in 1984, 1989 and 2001.

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In his preface to the first edition of his book, John Molony states:

“there was no revolt at Eureka on 3 December 1854. The appearance of one was engineered by the authorities in the colony of Victoria. Unrest on the goldfields went back to days when the fields were first opened (1851) Ballarat was not especially notable in its level of unrest, and Bendigo seemed the more likely place for armed resistance.

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