



EUREKA AUSTRALIA DAY MEDALS

ELIZABETH CONOLLY

Stalwart on the No Maccas In The Dandenong Ranges / Hills / Tecoma picket line. Has been on every picket line since the community organised struggle began over a year ago. A tireless community activist.

GWEN GOEDECKIE

Now in her mid 80's. A tireless advocate for justice and a fair go for all for seven decades. A truly inspirational platinum golden oldie.

RUTH MARTIN

A tireless political and community activist now in her late 70's. A sharp witted activist. A foundation member in 1999 of Melbourne's Wednesday Action Group. Rain, hail or shine, Ruth Martin is at the forefront of the struggle to create an egalitarian community.

JACOB RUMBIAK

The Foreign Minister in exile of the West Papuan Independence Movement. The most senior Minister of the West Papuan Independence Movement currently not in an Indonesian jail. A hard working man who was imprisoned for over a decade and tortured by successive Indonesian governments. In Australia he is at the forefront of the struggle for an Independent West Papua, representing his people in forums around the world. He is a worthy recipient of the Eureka Australia Day Medal.

NO MACCAS IN THE DANDENONG RANGES / HILLS / TECOMA

A truly inspirational direct democratic grassroots movement that has brought one of the world's corporate giants to its knees. Irrespective of whether their struggle to prevent McDonald's gaining a foothold in Melbourne's pristine Dandenong Ranges is successful or not, McDonald's will think twice about building outlets where communities don't want them.

IOPS VICTORIA

International Organisation for a Participatory Society, a group of young dynamic activists who have met the corporatisation, deregulation, privatisation and globalisation head on by promoting the idea ultimate political authority in a truly democratic society rests in the hands of the people, not the state, the government of the day or the corporate sector.

GARY FOLEY

Well known Indigenous activist.