

## Ron Manners Book Launched

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A new book has been released which provides a unique perspective into Western Australian economic development over the past four decades. Written by Kalgoorlie-born businessman Ron Manners the autobiographical book, *Heroic Misadventures*, includes a collection of paper clippings and other interesting snippets collected over the years by the author. The book paints a picture of a colourful entrepreneur, willing to take on the Government bureaucracy if it is seen to threaten the freedom of people to pursue their dreams. Over the past decade Mr Manners has turned his attention to the Mannkal Economic Education Foundation to further his aims to strengthen the free market system in Australia, by promoting the ideals of voluntary co-operation, choice, personal rights, limited government and responsible resourcefulness of individuals.

*Heroic Misadventures* picks up the Manners story where the book *Never a Dull Moment*, which dealt with the early part of his life, finishes off. The book describes a time when Manners worked for the Nugan Hand Bank, which was reportedly involved in money laundering. The book includes a defence of money laundering and how laundering money could be achieved. There were also claims at the time that the company was linked with gun running and drug running. The chief of the bank, Frank Nugan was shot dead in 1980 and Mr Manners moved to other pursuits. The book covers many colourful accounts of different events and people that helped shape Australia, and in particular the Australian mining industry. It includes a story about mining magnate Lang Hancock.

Summing up his thoughts for entrepreneurship in the mining industry, Mr Manners suggested that the Eureka Stockade event, when miners stood up against the Government in 1854, still had lessons for today:

"Let me suggest that the 1854 Eureka stockade and the 1915 Anzac Gallipoli experience predominate, so let's take up the worthy baton in life's relay and get on with the job of defending our rights and freedom to prospect, our freedom to explore and our freedom to produce, with minimum interference. We have the modern tools to continue the Eureka Revolt; without spilling blood. We have to work smarter at it, just as the enemies of industry are working smarter at closing us down. We have technology, economics and morality on our side -so all we need is the physical courage and the moral courage to win. Our livelihoods depend on us winning these battles, but it goes beyond this. If Australia is to achieve its potential, it depends more than ever on people such as yourselves relentlessly pursuing these strategies to keep the Eureka dream alive."<sup>1</sup>

To order a book visit [www.heroicmisadventures.com](http://www.heroicmisadventures.com)

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<sup>1</sup> Manners, A., *Heroic Misadventures*, Australia: Four decades-Full circle, 1970-2009, Quality Press, Western Australia, 2009, p.277