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**A new era for *Eureka Street* – Introducing Eureka Street Plus**

*Eureka Street* launches a new subscription offering this week, Eureka Street Plus, aiming to deepen the public conversation on important issues facing our world.

The first Eureka Street Plus Essay is from Fr Frank Brennan SJ and explores the challenges of achieving constitutional recognition for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Over 30 years, *Eureka Street* has developed a strong reputation as a starting point for the conversations that need to be had, pinpointing issues of importance to Australia. Jesuit Communications is extending *Eureka Street's* offering by launching Eureka Street Plus, a subscription paid section extending the opportunities to delve further into issues and open pathways to productive and respectful public conversations.

“In an increasingly polarised world in which dialogue is replaced by shouting, understanding overtaken by fear, we believe it’s time to deepen the public conversation and Eureka Street Plus is our way of facilitating that,” says Michael McVeigh, Head of Publishing and Digital Content at Jesuit Communications.

Eureka Street Plus is a place where respectful in-depth public conversation can take place in the grey area between polarities. Where discerning people might find a place to consider differing perspectives – joined in a common desire to move our society forward in terms of awareness, understanding and action for the greater good of all.

“Deeper conversations must have a starting point. One of our Eureka Street plus features, the bi-monthly essays, provides just that. The authors, expert in their fields, present their case for a specific topic. The format is specifically designed to provide an in depth commentary. Its main aim is to evoke further discussions,” says David Halliday, Editor, Eureka Street.

The inaugural Eureka Street Plus Essay, by Fr Frank Brennan SJ, takes an in-depth look at the issue of constitutional recognition for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. The 7000-word piece explores some of the developments of the last 10 years, including the Uluru Statement, and the challenges facing both major political parties in finding a viable pathway to reconciliation beyond the election.

“It’s a great honour to have Fr Frank Brennan SJ as our first Eureka Street Plus essayist. Fr Brennan has been a contributor to Eureka Street since its earliest days, and is a respected contributor to public conversation on many important issues. His wisdom and insight made him the ideal person to write our inaugural Eureka Street Plus Essay”, says Mr McVeigh.

Subscription to Eureka Street Plus provides access to:

1. Eureka Street Plus Bi-monthly Essays
2. Eureka Street Plus Roundtables
3. Eureka Street Plus Stray Thoughts

4. Eureka Street Plus Community Forums
5. Eureka Street Plus Book Corner

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