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Echuca Historical Society Inc. Newsletter

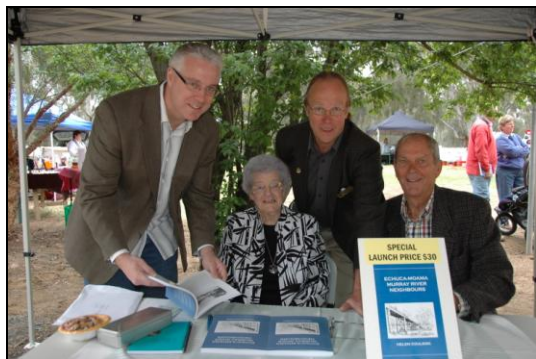


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“ECHUCA – MOAMA MURRAY RIVER NEIGHBOURS”

The launch recently of this newly revised and updated edition of this popular history, by our member Helen Coulson was carried out at the 150th anniversary of the Old Telegraph Station, Moama, by the mayors of Campaspe Shire and Murray Shire, Cr. Peter Williams and Cr. Brian Sharp.

“Echuca – Moama Murray River Neighbours”
Available from the Museum



Above from left: Campaspe Shire CEO Keith Baillie, Helen, Cr Peter Williams and David.

Looking for a great Christmas present ?
for only \$39.95 the newly updated Susan Priestley book, “Echuca – A History”, is available from the Museum and other booksellers in Echuca

FRIENDS OF MUSEUM

Over the past few weeks we have written to a number of businesses and individuals in Echuca inviting them to become a ‘Friend of the Museum’. The response has been patchy. I hope that over time we will build on the number we now have.

A most sincere thank you to Mick Hallahan our hard-working and most enthusiastic president for four years. Mick was instrumental in many of the improvements carried out around the museum. Mick is continuing as a member and maintains a keen interest in the society.

LATEST NEWS AND WORKS:

What is happening at and around the Museum

- Our book on how local streets were named, “Echuca by a Street,” is close to finalisation thanks to further funding from Shire of Campaspe.
- Our website is progressing well. It is in the professional hands of Design Experts. Look for it at :www.echucahistoricalsociety.org.au
- More than 20 members of Echuca Moama Attractions Association toured the Museum recently as a familiarisation – let’s hope it results in many more visitors.
- Thanks to funding from Shire of Campaspe the Museum’s front garden will be landscaped in the very near future. Our design, which features planter boxes, has been accepted by Heritage Victoria.
- Audio tour researchers needed! Can you spare some time to find out the facts about some of the items on the tour and write 120-150 words on them? Please phone EHS Secretary.
- EHS is grateful to Museums Australia (Vic) for a most welcome grant to improve facilities at the museum and for two display cases for our new police exhibit.
- EHS was also successful in gaining a grant from the Shire of Campaspe this month. We can now move forward with the School Resource folder.

The **AGM** of the **EHS** was held in August. The meeting was well attended. The following members were elected to the positions

President: Margaret Hart 5482 6235
Vice President: Peter Williams
Secretary: Dot Hammond 5482 4914
Treasurer: Marie Johnson
Committee: Athol Dean & Alex Norris

WELCOME TO FRIENDS OF THE MUSEUM

Paul & Chrissy Weller, Radcliffes Restaurant – Todd Collins, Evans Shoes – Richard Evans and Barry Hart Gary Byford, Graham Peat, Noel & Lois Dixon

PROV Victorians at Work a 24 photograph display was at the Museum recently. The exhibition was very well received and enjoyed by many visitors to EHS



Mick & John preparing for the concrete path & the new shop fronts. We are fortunate to have the guys, Alex, Athol, Mick and John who do such great work around the museum.



PROFILE – DONNA HANSEN

Donna came to Echuca to live in 1984. In 1985, Donna began work as a Library Technician at the Echuca Technical School. In 1994 -1999 Donna taught at St Joseph's, later taking a teaching position at Kyabram.

Donna saw the article in the Riv asking for volunteers interested in indexing the Riverine Herald, and thought it would be something worthwhile. Donna had used the R H as a source when teaching a unit on Echuca's history with Year 9 & 10 students at St. Joseph's, she knew it held plenty of local history. Donna thought it was a good excuse to learn more about the everyday lives of Echuca residents. One the stories the RH has revealed during the indexing. "In 1892 they were talking about the need for a new bridge because at the moment (Feb. 1892) you ran the risk of being gored by cattle if you crossed the bridge on foot! In those days not only was the RH published 6 days a week but it included international, national and regional news as well as the reports of local council meetings! Donna mentions that one of the greatest advantages of being involved in the project is seeing how active and busy the museum is on a weekly basis. Donna is married, has two children and four grandchildren.

EVENTS CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF THE SOCIETY

February 1 Echuca 2010 - a snapshot of the town, a photographic project. Residents invited to participate – details Riv late January

26 February PROV Travelling Exhibition,
An Aboriginal Moomba 'Out of the Dark' will be on display at the Museum till mid-March

March 20,21,23 Exhibition 1960's Clothing - venue TBA

March 27 Open Day Museum 10.30 – 3.00

April 15 - 18 Gowns Of Year- daily at Museum

Further Events next issue Mar/Apr or for more information phone Sec.

Society Christmas Function was held Saturday 28 November at president Margaret's home. A very tasty luncheon in a very pleasant setting was enjoyed by all who attended.

Do you know of anyone who would like to become a member of the Society?

Please contact Secretary, Dot Hammond

Joining fee \$20 - Subscription \$10

Meetings are held monthly on 2nd Thursday

More volunteers are needed for a 1-2 hour shift. To assist the duty person, welcome visitors and general office duties. A little training is needed but you need not operate a computer, though it would be useful



BEST WISHES TO MEMBERS AND FRIENDS FOR CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR

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