



Life members: Echuca Historical Society member Dot Hammond was surprised with a life membership on Thursday.

Honour for two members

Echuca Historical Society president Dot Hammond and secretary Heather Rendle have been presented with life memberships in recognition of service.

The memberships came as a surprise to the pair, presented at the museum's annual general meeting on Thursday.

Mrs Hammond, who joined the society in 2001, was honoured to have the membership and had no plans to leave the organisation.

"I enjoy the history, the comradeship, it's a great bunch of people," she said.

"And we're all of the same mind, we all want to see our history preserved."

Mrs Rendle, who joined in 1992, was overwhelmed by the membership.

"It's quite an honour in such a small group," she said.

The organisation welcomed new member Deidre Coombs as she was elected to the committee during the board election.

Mrs Hammond stayed on as president for a third year, with Margaret Hart vice-president, Jan Hollingsworth as secretary, Heather Rendle as treasurer and Mesh Thomson remained a committee member.

The society reported the year had been successful in finances and engaging the community.

Mrs Hammond and Mrs Rendle join three other Echuca Historical Society life members.

— Chloe Pickard