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Echuca Historical Society Inc. Newsletter

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Kevin Hutchinson OAM

Long serving Port of Echuca Shipwright Kevin Hutchinson OAM sadly passed away on 29 January. Kevin was a true legend of the region and the river having overseen the restoration of most of the current day Paddlesteamer fleet. Kevin was also a Paddlesteamer Captain, and above all else a true gentleman.

Walking Tours

Heritage Walking tours on Saturdays & Wednesdays at 10am departing Port of Echuca Discovery Centre, STILL urgently require persons to be trained by tour guide Gwen Potter. If you have an interest in this project please contact Gwen 0456 223 184

Moama RSL Club Collection Project

Moama RSL's military collection project group has accounted for over 1800 catalogue sheets many indexing several items per sheet of assorted documents, lots of uniform pieces, and spent over 1100 hours on site working on this extensive collection. It has been cross referenced against the relevant donors wherever possible. Members handed in the keys 7th March.

Exhibition – 'Stories From World War 1' Opens Saturday March 5th.till 28 April

Coinciding with the travelling exhibition at the Echuca Library, *Writing the War*. Following on from the Gallipoli stories in the book "We Fought The Good Fight", the exhibition will concentrate on 1916; displaying letters from local soldiers and articles from the Riverine Herald. The letters from the soldiers are often telling a different story to the "official line". Conscription and recruitment were strong topics of the time. What did it feel like to be "gassed"? The letters will tell you.

Open daily 11am till 3pm

- Our members John Ferris & Jan Hollingsworth will be speakers at the Library on March 16 at 2pm.
- John is leading a walking tour of Honour Rolls that are to be found in our churches on March 20 and April 17, both at 2pm and starting at Echuca 208 Primary School.
- Please support our members initiatives

"Discovery and Rediscovery". May 1st to the end of June, At Museum 11am till 3pm

As part of the National Trust Heritage Festival. Watch for our exhibition which focuses on the River Murray paddlesteamers. The *PS Mary Ann* arrived in 1853 and DISCOVERED that the river trade was feasible. Many boats sank during trading and many have been REDISCOVERED, raised and refitted to continue life on the river. We tell the stories, in words and pictures, of some of the local boats. River memorabilia adds to the stories.

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