



In Touch

Echuca Historical Society Inc. Newsletter

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Celebrating Echuca East Football Club

Approx 30 guests joined members celebrating "Echuca East Football Club Exhibition" on June 3rd. We had a good turn-up of former players and other East personalities. Thanks go to Mick O'Brien 2nd last President of the club, who spoke of the difficulties of amalgamation with the South club.



Dot Hammond and Noel Baldwin inspect the trophies on display. Courtesy Riverine Herald

A 'FREE PASS' FOR LOCALS: Are you a permanent resident of the Shire of Campaspe? Or Murray Shire? Well, then, you qualify for a Local Ambassador card from the Port of Echuca Discovery Centre, shown off by shop assistant Caryl Chamberlain. The card entitles "locals" to free entry to the Discovery Centre for 12 months after you purchase one full-priced adult admission. Terms and conditions apply.

Shire of Campaspe notice above you may have missed

Calendar 2016. Available September @ \$10
Order your copies now

Accreditation

Our Accreditation Group met 17th April and are now working through MAP's recommendations.

William Vahland (Architect) Exhibition

at Library during May was well accepted with 40 people joining the Discovery Walk. The talk although having less attendance was also a success. Our booklet detailing the premises involved is available at \$10. Thanks go to Donna Hansen and Marg McMullen for the work they did on this project. This was a partnership with Campaspe Shire.

Early Bird notice of Christmas Function.

\$45 per person for a 2 course meal and 2 hours cruising on the PS Emmylou. Date either Friday November 27 or Friday 4 December. Please let Janet know what date suits you best. This is a generous offer from MRPS.

Annual General Meeting

Thursday 13th August 2015

All positions vacant...keep our society going put your hand up..

Our "team" shirts are now all delivered and the staff look great. Well done to those who pushed for this project, particularly Carol Hone.

Moama RSL Club Collection Project

Moama RSL's military collection cataloguing/indexing project our group is ready to start...just waiting the go ahead. In May 5 members attended a Collections Victoria seminar in preparation for this cataloguing project.

Walking Tours

Heritage Walking tours are in hibernation for winter, with at call only walks. The Discovery Centre will begin selling again in September. Extra guides are required urgently, to be trained by G Potter. If you have an interest in this project please contact Gwen or Dot
STOP PRESS: ABC Bendigo walking interview with Gwen 8 July....

Backyard Update

There is a list in mens shed..If you want a project please talk with the members involved. Jim is still working on the Spring Cart. The wheels have been repaired...thanks Wally. The Sulky is next in line for attention.

Events / exhibitions coming months

June – 30 Sept Exhibit Echuca East Football Club
Oct 24 – Nov 28 Chinese Footsteps – day event and exhibition
Dec - Jan Exhibition to be decided

Buildings Restoration

Work on our cells restoration started 27 April and works to our Museum building now well in hand.



Smoko at the building works

Nice new veranda roof



It's Come Home...



A whip that in 1885 was the longest whip in the world. It is 112 feet or 34.1 metres long. Known as Abrahams whip, it was made in Echuca by Abraham Brooks, a saddler. This whip made from kangaroo skin held the record for longest 16 plait whip for many years.

For many years it was used as an advertising gimmick by several Melbourne saddlers, including Mr Kinnear, who is said to have rolled it daily on its frame, to the front of his business in Bourke Street.

Recently the whip together with a small replica was returned to Echuca Historical Society Museum, donated by Debbie Holmes' family. Debbie's mother had owned the whip for some years and it has been on display at Benalla Museum, however they returned it to the family who decided it should return to Echuca.

Pictured receiving the whip from Ian Holmes is member John Moore

Engines Operating May 16

Thanks to the support of the Echuca Moama Heritage Engines Group our engines had their annual firing up.



Listening carefully to the Tangye engine

Our Executive Earns Award



The Exec Committee were invited to Rushworth in May to receive recognition as a successful Committee of Management by the Dept Environment Land Water & Planning, Regional Director for Loddon Mallee.

Live Music at the Museum

A chilly day but the sun was pleasant on our front verandah, music lifted our spirits.

Thanks Gwen



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