TIME LINE ECHUCA

1830 Sturt explores Murray & Murrumbidgee rivers
1838 Hawden & Bonney pass through with herd of cattle
1845 Maiden operated a punt from NSW side
1847 Isaac White had licence granted to operate punt 2 miles downstream from Echuca
1850 Henry Hopwood came to area
1853 Sept. Journey of first paddle steamers from Goolwa (mouth of Murray River) to Moama
1857 First pontoon bridge across Murray, built for Hopwood
1858 Common School opens with 40 pupils in a tent
1858 Electric Telegraph connects to Melbourne via Bendigo
1861 Population 221
1863 Riverine Herald founded
1864 Railway reached Echuca from Bendigo
1864 Echuca created a Borough
1867 Floods – Murray 34°5’ at Echuca Wharf, official flood level 29’
1870 Population 1649
1872 Common School moved along Hare Street to original 208 site
1875 Gas works opens, street lighting installed
1876 Temporary rail bridge across Murray
1878 Population of Echuca 5000
1879 Rail Bridge to NSW opened
1881 Population 4789
1881 Total of nine schools. Tech opening in Mechanics Institute
1881 Echuca District Hospital established
1885 Wharf completed 330 yards long
1886 St Marys School established with 8 pupils
1886 Brigidine Convent built
1893 Depression
1900 MON cordial factory established
1901 Population 4059
1904 Technical Art College starts formal lessons in High St Flour mill
1904 First Butter Factory established
1904 Devastating fire at Murray River Sawmills
1907 Echuca Golf Club formed
1911 Population 3456
1912 Echuca High School commenced in Town Hall
1914 Echuca High School opened in Crofton St
1924 Electricity connected. Bridge reinforced and footbridge changed
1933 Population 4411
1942 Ordinance Factory opened
1950 Rice Mill opened
1954 QE11 visits
1956 Floods
1959 Fire at Evans Sawmills
1959 Humes Pipes begin production
1958 Library region formed
1961 Population 6443
1965 Echuca created a City
1979 Golf Club moves to Moama (RRGC)
1979 Ball Bearing Factory closed
1985 Royal visit
1982 Film All the Rivers Run filmed at Echuca
1989 New Rail Bridge
1991 Technical School moves and becomes Echuca Secondary College
1992 Vineyards come of age
1994 Amalgamation of local government, Shire of Campapse
2006 Census - Population 12,368
2006 High School amalgamates with ESC which now becomes Echuca College
2007 Saleyards moves to McKenzie Road, become Echuca & District Livestock exchange
2009 High School closes, now totally amalgamated with Echuca College
2009 St Mary’s School moves to Bridlington Ave
2009 Old St Mary’s school demolished for Aldi store
2010 Portion of Old Saleyards site Ogilvie Ave to become Bunnings complex
2011 Census – population 14,200
2016 Hungry Jacks opens at Old Saleyards site beside Bunnings
2016 PS Adelaide Celebratess 150th Anniversary