

In Touch

Echuca Historical Society Inc. Newsletter

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June 2014

Exhibition "Where? To Echuca- A Journey"

12 April – 26 May 2014

On Thursday 10th April the Museum held the opening of the exhibition from Where? To Echuca which was attended by approximately 50 members and guests. We all enjoyed a supper provided by the members.

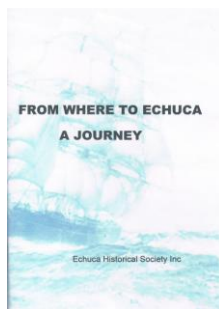
The book telling stories from our archives is available for sale from the Museum for \$10.00.



Who is this hard-working volunteer hiding in the cells?



Dot, Heather and Helen enjoying the supper.



BOOK PUBLISHING

The Echuca Historical Society's contribution to the Anzac Memorial Year is the book 'We Fought the Good Fight'. It will be launched on Wednesday 6th August by Major General Brian Dawson AM CSC at the Echuca Workers & Services Club. For more information contact Jan on 03 5482 6259.

WORKING BEE ON 31ST MAY

On Saturday 31st May an enthusiastic team of 13 volunteers turned up ready for work. There was much sweeping, dusting, cleaning, de-cobwebbing, weeding etc done during the morning. A pleasant break for a much-appreciated morning tea was announced by our 'token Tea-lady' and enjoyed by all. **THANK YOU DON!!!** It was also the first anniversary of us being in our new building.

ACCREDITATION

On Tuesday 3rd June an accreditation team from Museums Australia (Victoria) visited the Museum. We have since been notified that we have accreditation which has involved a lot of hard work over the past 4 years. A formal presentation will be made at the 2014 Victorian Museums Awards to be held on Thursday 7th August at the Melbourne Museum.

ORAL HISTORY TALK AT LIBRARY

On Sunday 25th May our Research Officer, Heather Rendle gave a very informative talk at the library on the equipment etc needed to record oral histories. Heather impressed upon the approximately 15 who attended how important it was at the end of recording to **SAVE! SAVE! SAVE!** Also don't delay in asking grandpa and grandma about their past.

JUST DO IT!!

WARRNAMBOOL SEMINAR 3rd May 2014

The Royal Historical Society of Victoria & History Victoria Support Group held a seminar at Mozart Hall & Old Salt Baths, Warrnambool, this was attended by member Karen Bristol. There were several interesting speakers covering wide range of subjects.

GRANT WRITING WORKSHOP

On 18th June Dot, Margaret, and Deidre attended a workshop held by the Campaspe Shire explaining how to write a good grant submission which can mean the difference between getting much-needed funds or missing out. The speaker explained how to set a realistic budget, how to humanise a story and tips for navigating through grant submissions. The relevant Council Officers responsible for funding streams also explained what they would be looking for in an application for a grant which was extremely helpful.

NEW VOLUNTEERS

Welcome to our new volunteers – Rhonda, Eric, and Shane.

MGRHG MEETING

On Sunday 22nd June, 7 members of the Murray Goulburn Regional Historical Group held their quarterly meeting at Echuca.

DONATION

The Historical Society has received a donation of \$5000 from the Echuca-Moama Accommodation Association presented by their President Rosie George.

AWARD

Maree Farrow, one of our original 'hut girls' has been awarded the Community Hero Award at Coles for her volunteering service in the CFA, Red Cross and at the Museum for 2 years. Congratulations Maree!!!!

INDEXING REPORT

The 'Hut Girls' are now indexing photo's from the Moama Free Press dating 1985, 1988 and 1989.

TACK ROOM AND YARD REPORT

The menfolk have been working hard on the Outdoor Exhibits. Surplus timber and scrap iron have been cleared away. The 'dunny' is being re-assembled and the Tack Room display is completed.

The restored buggy is back in position and the large

wagon area and the blacksmiths area has been tidied up and the lathe has been assembled.

Dot has replaced signage on the displays which now look fresh and cared for.

Thank you to the men for all the hard work.



Jim and John assembling the old dunny.

ANNUAL MEETING - 14th AUGUST

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday 14th August 2014.

All positions will be declared vacant and nomination forms are available at the museum.

Membership fees were due on 1st July 2014. \$15.00

Dates for your diary:

6th August Book Launch

14th August AGM

20th September Steam Rail

1st October Children's Day

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