



In Touch

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**Echuca Historical Society joins with
Shire of Campaspe to present
" Rathbone The Raw Edge "**

A collection of 71 oil paintings by the late George M Rathbone.

Of special interest to historians and art lovers, these paintings depict life and times of early Echuca and district settlement especially river activity during the late 1800s.

This exhibition focuses on a nostalgic overview plus an insight into

THE RAW EDGE - of naive art.

**Echuca Moama Uniting Church Hall,
Cnr. Pakenham & Hare Streets, Echuca.**

9 - 26 April 2011

**Daily 10.30am – 3.30pm
(Closed Good Friday)**

Entry: Adults \$2 Children Free

A **Preservation Needs Assessment** has been carried out on the Museum collection. Last week, Euan McGillivray commenced a **Significant Assessment** of the collection. These assessments are important to the Museum and will enhance our ability to gain grants into the future.

*A Preservation and
Disaster Planning Workshop
will be held in the near future.
If you are interested in attending, please
contact EHS Secretary Dot 0408505662*

See us at Celtic Festival

Saturday 19 March

**EHS will have a display in "Crowe's"
old Car Yard, High Street**

SCANNING RIVERINE HERALD NEGATIVES

The history of Echuca in the past five decades is being revealed shot-by-shot to a team of volunteers at our Museum.

The busy volunteers are scanning their way through photo negatives taken by Riverine Herald photographers and journalists since the 1960s and have already processed 18,000.

The historical society's project will see the photos archived onto computers and, ultimately, discs at the museum.

There are 5 years ready for identification, so if you are a long time local, come in make yourself known and find out if you can help

Floods

Whilst our Museum was nice and dry, Rochester Historical Society was flooded to just below desk height.

Several members and friends of our society spent 2 days lifting & packing wet books, documents and photos and arranged to have them moved to a commercial freezer in Echuca, and also helped them remove damaged furniture so their premises could be cleaned.

Why freeze ??? This is to save the items till the Rochester members can focus on the restoration. Due to the fact that some of our members had done risk management & conservation courses over the past few years we had some expertise to draw upon.

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