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AWARD RECEIVED

The 2010 Regional Museums Award attracted just over 100 entries from museums Australia wide. Victorian Finalists, Echuca Historical Society & Gippsland Maritime Museum

Well done: Craig Ellery and Margaret Hart are thrilled Echuca Historical Society Museum has won a state award.

View our entry at:

[www. ABC Regional Museum Awards](http://www.ABCRegionalMuseumAwards)



Annual General Meeting

of the Echuca Historical Society was held at the Museum, on Thursday August 12, 2010. Elections saw 2 changes to the Office Bearers with Janet Hollingsworth becoming Vice President and Andriene Birch taking on the Treasurers position.

Seminars Attended

In September Margaret Hart, Heather Rendle & Adrienne Birch attended RHSV Annual Conference in Bendigo.

Margaret has just returned from Canberra where she attended a 3 day conservation & significance workshop at the National Library of Australia.

First Aid Training

Early in the New Year, Craig Ellery will conduct a first aid instruction evening. If you would like to participate in the course, please contact Margaret or Dot or leave a message at the office

EHS Website

www.echucahistoricalsociety.org.au

Yes it is up and running, there have been a few small glitches but we believe they are now OK – let us know if you find any problems please.

Researchers and interested persons are able to download research and membership forms, gain useful information about the Museum

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 volunteers are scanning their way through thousands of photo negatives taken by Riverine Herald photographers and journalists since the 1960s. The historical society's project will see the photos archived onto computers and, ultimately, discs at the museum.

Volunteers work on a roster at the back of the museum in a little wooden hut which, in 1914, was the Crumpler Lane home of Swiss migrant Charles Eberle.

Funding from the Echuca Workers' and Services Club the Public Records Office of Victoria and CVGT Employment and Training has made this project possible

The volunteers' efforts are greatly appreciated and the society would be happy to hear from anyone else interested in helping with the project, no experience is necessary, with training provided.

Scanners: Volunteers Margaret Smith (seated) and Andriene Birch are helping to archive negatives from the Riverine Herald for Echuca Historical Society



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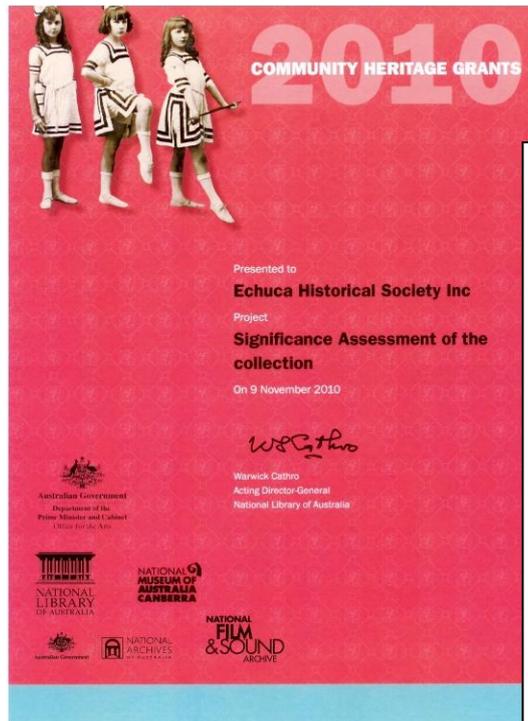
More good news

This week Australian National Maritime Museum advised EHS that our application to Maritime Museums of Australia Project Support Scheme for 2010-2011 has been successful. A grant of \$5390 for the Preservation Needs Assessment and Preservation and Disaster Planning.

This grant also includes workshops

During this year, EHS has been successful in obtaining some wonderful grants and awards. There is a huge amount of work that has to be done to submit an application to the relevant bodies.

I would like to say a big thank you to EHS Secretary, Dot Hammond for all the work she has done and enabling EHS to gain the grants and to Craig Ellery who wrote the story that won EHS the ABC regional radio award for 2010



The celebration of 50 years.

EHS can look back with pride of what has been achieved and celebrated in this the 50th year of operation.

My sincere thanks to our loyal duty persons, the volunteers who work in the general office and the “little’ office. EHS members and friends who support the Museum through attending meetings and working bees and members of the Executive for their support over the last 12 months.

To the Shire of Campaspe and the Port of Echuca – thank you

I wish everyone a joyous and Happy Christmas and a Great 2011

Margaret Hart – President EHS



Community Heritage Grants 2010

Echuca Historical Society is thrilled to have received this award. Along with the certificate, EHS has received \$5225 to conduct a significant assessment of the collection.

200 applications for grants from organisations throughout Australia were received, 70 were selected, with 36 organisations chosen to attend a 3 day workshop.

Margaret Hart attended the workshop in Canberra and accepted the certificate on behalf of EHS from Mr Richard Eccles of the Dept of Prime Minister and Cabinet.

The workshops were held at the National Library, the National Archives and the National Museum of Australia.

The Acting Director General of the National Library, Mr Warwick Cathro, welcomed all participants to the Canberra. These grants are a reminder that if we don't preserve our history now it could be lost forever, he said.

