



In Touch

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Echuca Historical Society Inc. Newsletter

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Congratulations

Echuca Historical Society - Celebrating 50 years of Operation:

On behalf of all members past and present, I congratulate the founding members of the Echuca Historical Society who had the foresight, vision and knowledge to preserve Echuca's History, including the wharf and paddle steamers for all of us to enjoy today

Margaret Hart President

ECHUCA STREETS AHEAD A HISTORY THROUGH STREET NAMES AND LANDMARKS



THE ROSE SERIES P. 4062

HIGH STREET, ECHUCA, VIC.

Echuca Historical Society's new book was successfully launched at St Andrews Church's Wesley Chapel on Saturday 29th May, with a large crowd in attendance.

RRP \$18

The book is available at most local book sellers or from the Museum at 1 Dicksons Street, Echuca or by phoning 54801325 between 11-3

**Check out EHS new web site
www.echucahistoricalsociety.org.au**

May 15

A Glorious Afternoon on the River

After the presentation of Documents of Purchase for the PS Adelaide in 1960 to The Keepers of the PS Adelaide the Shire of Campaspe – at Echuca Wharf at 2.30pm.

Afterwards Members and Friends enjoyed a leisurely cruise and afternoon tea on the PS Adelaide This was kindly donated by Port of Echuca-Shire of Campaspe.



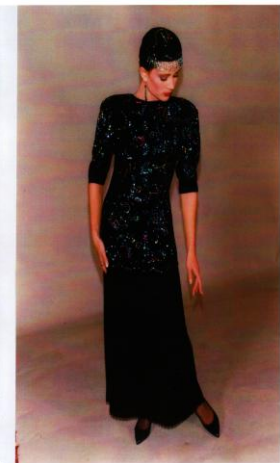
Photo courtesy Riverine Herald, shows (on left) Apex president Jason Aubrey, EHS president Margaret Hart and Shire of Campaspe Mayor Peter Williams with "The Grand Old Lady" PS Adelaide in the background

What's been happening

During Feb – March we hosted the Travelling Exhibit from PROV "Out of the Dark", though well attended the hot weather did affect numbers.

March 27 - Open Day at the Museum was well attended, especially by locals..thank you.

The fashion of the 60's & other memorabilia was on display at the Wesley Chapel (Uniting Church, Hare Street) for 3 days during March, this attracted much comment and a good attendance.



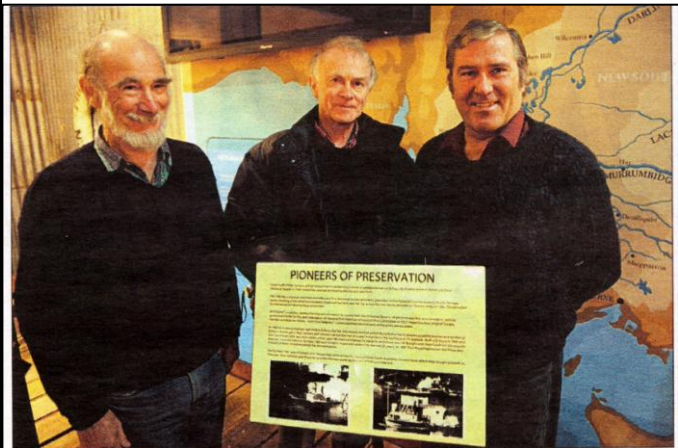
Gowns Of The Year.
5 Gowns, including three, that won the Gown of the Year Were exhibited and for 4 days April 15-18 This was a very popular display

Our Printing and Rural Exhibit is almost completed and should be open the public in July

EHS 50th Anniversary & Plaques Dedication

On June 9th a dedication to those persons responsible for the movement to save the wharf, bring back the boats to Echuca and honouring the first President & Vice President of the Echuca Historical Society was held at Cargo Shed on Port of Echuca Wharf.

Our 50th Anniversary celebratory function followed the dedication. There was a good attendance of members and guests regardless of the very cold afternoon.



Remembered: John (left) and David Stewart and Robert Symons check out the plaque which pays tribute to their respective fathers, Ian Stewart and Phil Symons.

photo courtesy Riverine Herald

WELCOME

We welcome Andriene Birch, Pauline Donohoe & Bronwen Quill as members EHS and also extend a warm welcome to our new FRIEND, David Engstrom (Read Heeler Book Shop)

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Recognition for Service

Prior to the dedication ceremony president Margaret Hart presented Ron Simpson with a certificate of recognition of his continuing support and membership.



Ron & Betty Simpson

**Please Note: AGM Meeting 5.30 pm
on August 12th at the Museum
All Welcome**

VALE. Dr Rica Erickson 1908-2009

Rica Erickson was a long time friend of and researcher at the Echuca Historical Society Museum.

Born in WA she has written extensively on botany, birds, history & genealogy. Her Dictionary of Western Australia 1829-1914 is a valuable information source to all. She was named W A Citizen of the year in 1980 for Arts & Culture and in 1987 received an O. A. & the 2007 W A Heritage Council Award.

Rica's G G Grandmother Pheobe Wheeler was her connection to Echuca and the complicated life of Pheobe and her Hambling / Wheeler /Fleet family gave Rica interesting visits to Echuca. Her book 'The Misfortunes of Phoebe' (in our library) along with her more general Histories contribute to the knowledge of our Australian Heritage. She was a National Treasure

**Dedication of Commemorative
Plaques
and
50th Anniversary Function**



Top: John Stewart, David Stewart,
Robert Symons



Above: McCartney Family
Judy, John, Kaye, Peter.

Below: Helen Coulson, Mal Whyte



Below: Margaret & Eric Smith, Peter McLeod,
Dot Hammond

