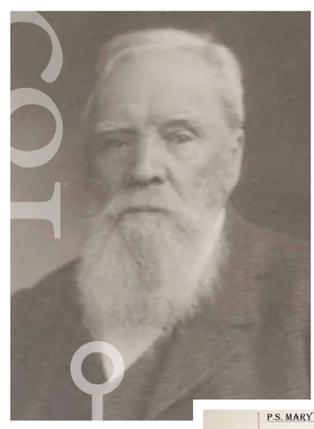
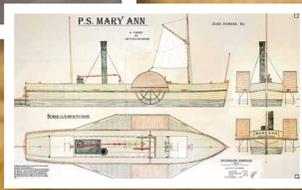


RIVER TRADE



1853
Cpt. William Randell first navigated Murray River to Moama



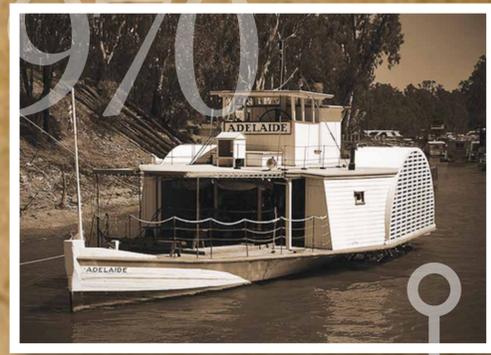
1864 Rail link provided between Melbourne and Port of Echuca. Number of boats increased



1890
Trade declined as railways push out into areas serviced previously by boats.



1942 - Boats worked from forests to bring timber to the rail for transport to Melbourne for firewood



1972 - PS Adelaide returned to Echuca and revitalized the Port of Echuca as a tourist destination

1860 - Limited number of paddlesteamers operated on Murray Network



1872 - 240 boats cleared through Port. River trade at its peak. Echuca then second most important port in Victoria. 190 boats cleared annually during 1870's



1884 Wharf extended to 5 times its present length 145 boats cleared annually during 1880's



1890 - 1910
75 boats cleared each year



1960 - 1970's Sawmills still operating a small fleet of boats

