



IN TOUCH

Newsletter of the Echuca Historical Society Inc.



Cover Photo

The staff of Echuca Police Station 1962.

Standing from the left: First-Constable Ken Leemon, Constable Rod Scarce, First-Constable Ernest Holley, Detective-In-Chief Jack White, First-Constables Fred Rothwell, Gordon McKenzie, and Edward Graham.

Seated left to right: Sergeant Alan Stock, Inspector Ken McLeod, and Senior-Constable Gill Douglas.

Take note of our beautiful museum building in the background. Not much has changed.

Editors Notes...

The AGM has come and gone for another year. Congratulations to returning president Matt, returning treasurer Deidre, and returning committee members Janet and Eric. Best of luck for your next term.

Our September exhibition 'Ready Teddy Go', opened during the first week of the school holidays with a very special guest joining us. Our very own life-size Grizzly bear!

120 visitors passed through the museum's doors that day and thoroughly enjoyed the live music, BBQ lunch, and enjoyable craft activities.

Many thanks to Deidre and her team of dedicated volunteers who made the day a fantastic event. The children, young and old, loved it.



Occasionally while scouring the newspapers for research information I will come across strange or interesting articles published in the Riverine Herald.

These are just some of them...

The Riverine Herald (Echuca, Vic.: Moama, NSW: 1869 - 1954; 1998 - 2002) / Thu 7 Feb 1878 / Page 2 /

A TROUBLESOME GHOST.

Our Moama correspondent, writing yesterday, sends us the following anent "The Moama Ghost:" "The Ghost" seems to be the all-absorbing topic just now at Moama. The war news is nothing to it. "Have you been out to see the ghost?" inquires one; "Have you heard the news of no less than thirty persons having seen the ghost?" inquires another. So that people begin to think at last there must be "something in it," and from the information to hand, and from what I have heard from the lips of the parties who say they have seen the ghost, I glean the following which may interest your readers:—About ten miles from Moama, on the east side of the line, stands a dummy house. This house has been occupied by a party of dam-sinkers and bark-ringers. These men aver that about a fortnight ago they were disturbed by knockings on the iron roof, and that upon getting up they saw the figure of a woman, when one among their number put the question, "What do you want, Missus?" to which the figure replied that she had been murdered near that spot, and that the bones of herself and infant would be found towards the end of the hut, where they were placed fourteen years ago by Morgan, the bushranger.

One of the party, who possessed a whip, made a strike at the figure, which did not move. The following day the news spread, and the next night a large party assembled when the apparition again made its appearance, and the whole of these persons swear most distinctly that they saw the figure of a woman, and nothing can induce them to think otherwise. Last night a detachment of the Moama police, under the command of Sergeant Vaughan, went out to see if there was anything to be seen, and there is no doubt if any person had been "playing larks" he would have received a little cold lead. Upon the return of one of the police this morning I ascertained that while in the house last night a terrific noise was made on the roof like the sound of a heavy hammer, whereupon the party rushed out of the house, but could see nothing. The noise was repeated several times and many of the party, amongst whom were men supposed to be possessed of courage, seemed very glad on the approach of the grey dawn. The mystery, however, remains the same, and another party is to be organised, who, together with the police, intend to go out again to try and clear up the mystery. The men who were living in the hut have left it to the ghost, and gone and camped near a dam. It seems remarkable that thirty men should become alarmed, and positively aver that there is something in it.

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Our friends over at the Port of Echuca have their new exhibition currently running in the Discovery Centre. Pop over if you have the time. It is well worth a visit. Suzan and her team have done an exceptional job.

Around the Traps

Matt was recently asked by President Rob of the Rotary Club of Echuca/Moama to compile a list of past presidents, and research and design a number of display boards illustrating the achievements and history of the Club for its 75th-anniversary celebrations. These were done in due haste and were presented to the club at their celebratory lunch. The displays generated much excitement and admiration from many of the Rotarians present. The boards will be a lasting testament to the Rotary motto of "Service above Self".

Thanks go to Janette and Gwen for their valuable assistance in this project.



WANTED

Have an idea for an article or a photo you would like to see published in the newsletter?

Put pen to paper or have a hunt through those personal archives and see what you can find.

All related content welcome.

Please drop the President a line at eh.soc@bigpond.com or mawilson85@gmail.com



Calendar

Seniors' morning tea at the Museum
Friday 6th October
10-11:30am

Coming General Meetings -
12th October
9th November



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