



IN TOUCH

Newsletter of the Echuca Historical Society Inc.



Cover Photo

A postcard dating from the early 20th century, taken near Echuca.

Several barges are tied up along a section of the riverbank that runs parallel to Watson Street. This part of the bank was once known as 'Rotten Row', and was the destination for many boats and barges laid up over the dry season. A paddle steamer loaded up with day trippers can be seen in the middle of the picture.

Editors Notes...

Welcome to the second edition of the newsletter for 2024. The museum has been a hive of activity over the winter period with a number of important building works being undertaken.

Firstly, our western boundary fence has been replaced and looks great. Secondly, John and Brian worked incredibly hard to get the new guttering and downpipes installed along the buggy shed, before any of the big storms hit our area.

Thirdly, after about 5 years our front footpath has been replaced by the Shire of Campaspe. This has been in quite a sad state, due to our imposing Morten Bay Figs lifting the existing bitumen paths in some places.

The AGM is here again, so please, if you are interested in seeing your society continue to thrive please consider running for a position.



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

These are just some of them...

FINDS IN THE DOCK.—A number of finds of more or less value have been made during the excavation of the dock at the Eenuca wharf. Hammers, chisels, wrenches, and other tools have been common, but a sensational find was that of a six-chambered revolver. The weapon, which was in fair condition, was loaded in every chamber. On Wednesday a discovery, which was hailed with delight, was made in the shape of a bottle of brandy, which was unearthed a few yards from the edge of the wharf. The cork and capsule were intact, and on the bottle being opened its contents were found to be of first class quality. The liquor was quickly disposed of, and those who shared in it were very well pleased with their unexpected refresher. Since then pick and shovel work has been carried on with extreme caution.

Article from the Riv
dated 1915

National Volunteers Week.

President Matt Wilson welcomed Echuca Historical Society volunteers to a social evening to show appreciation for all the hard work that gets done at the museum & research centre.

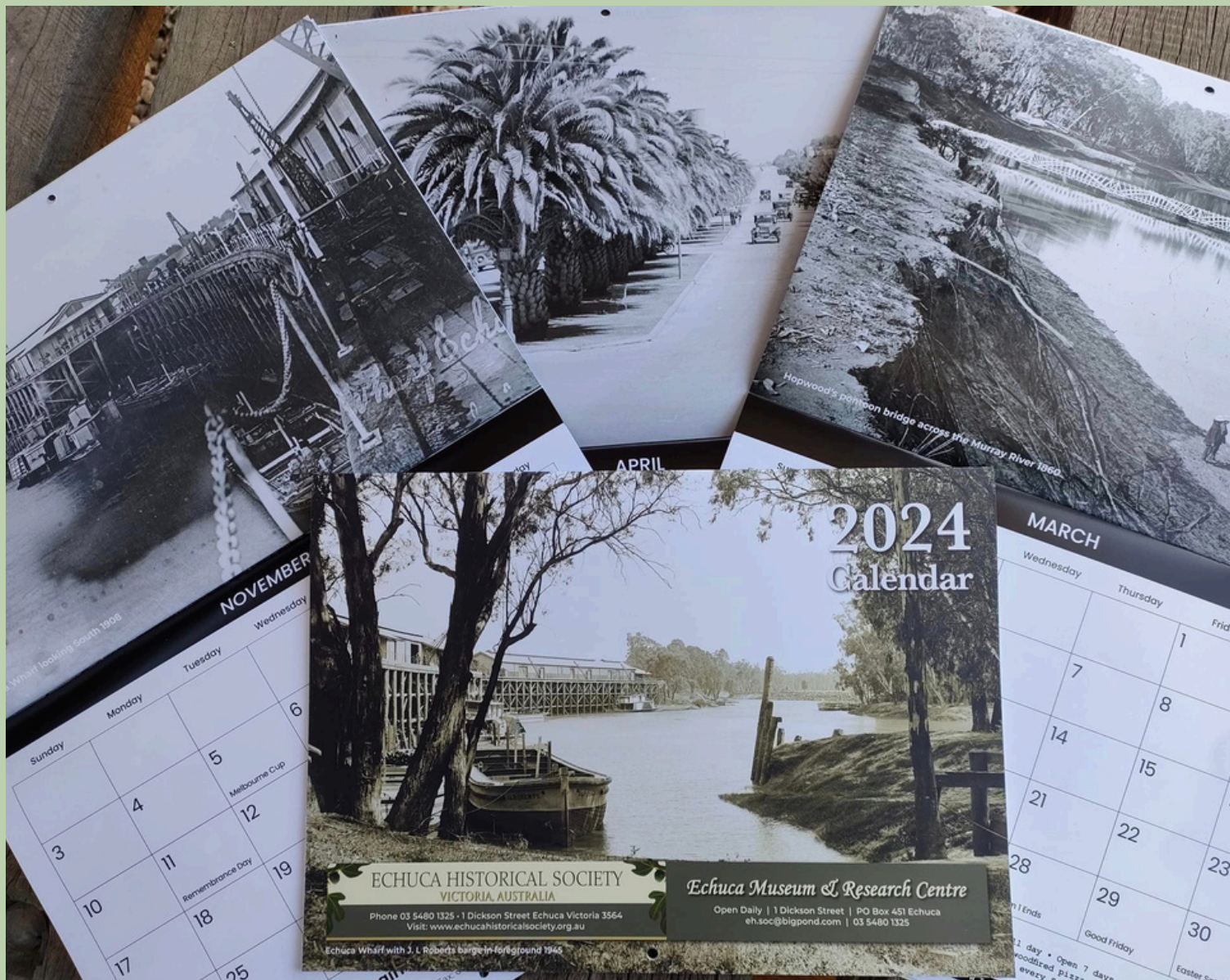
We have a fabulous group of volunteers who give their time freely and enthusiastically all year.



EHS 2024 Calendar

We are down to our last 10 calendars. Make sure you secure your copy today. All proceeds go back into our museum.

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Echuca Wharf with J. L. Roberts barge in foreground 1945



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Calendar

Echuca Historical Society
A.G.M. at 5 pm
15 August 2024

**Nomination forms have been
emailed out and hardcopies can
be found in the Research
Centre.**

Coming General Meetings
15 August
12 September
10 October
14 November

Around the Traps

We are looking for volunteers to help out with our displays and exhibitions. If this sounds interesting to you, or you'd like more information, please reach out. Our textile displays are approaching change over time, so here is your opportunity to get up close and personal with some of our exceptional artefacts.

Contact the President or Treasurer

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.

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