

# IN TOUCH

Newsletter of the Echuca Historical Society Inc.



## Cover Photo

Looking along the wharf c.1900

This image is taken from the Valentine Series of postcards shows much of the 332 metres of the Echuca Wharf in its heyday. Both the north and south cargo sheds can be seen with three of the 2 tonne cranes and the 10 tonne crane being visible.

Freeman's Foundry and the former Murray Hotel can be seen in the background.

Railway goods wagons can be just made out next to the south shed filled with wool bales.



# Editors Notes...

Welcome everyone to this edition of the Echuca Historical Society newsletter

February saw us excitedly welcome the installation and filling of our new compactus unit. A big thank you to the Holdsworth Trust and to the volunteers & members who moved, filled and looked after the updating of the catalogue. While we have been busy, our collections manager worked her magic and was able to put out another fantastic exhibition for the National Trusts' heritage festival. This years theme was 'Unearthed' and what better topic than the PS Hero's dramatic tale.

As we approach the half year mark please think about what could be done to improve the society and museum. We want you all to be actively involved in what goes on around the place.

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...

**THE TIME OF DAY**—A large clock keeping reliable time may be seen at the shop of Mr. Wilson, jeweller, High-street. The time-piece has been made to Mr. Wilson's order by Dent, of London ; it will doubtless prove a public convenience, for the erratic performances of the borough clock have rendered it almost useless for some time past, and it appears to be incorrigible. A self-acting double registering thermometer of approved and most ingenious make may also be seen at Mr. Wilson's establishment. The thermometer registers heat and cold at the same time, and its specialty is that the maximum heat of any given period may be ascertained, even after the temperature has fallen. The arrangement to produce this effect is a novel and clever one.

Article from the Riv  
dated 1877

Article from the Riv  
dated 1880

**THE PUBLIC CLOCK.**—A departmental letter read at the Borough Council meeting last night stated that the clock in the tower of the public offices would be in a working order in a fortnight.

It appears that clocks working or not, have been a big issue in town for quite some time.



## Happenings around the Museum



Top: School group visits



Bottom: Campaspe Port Enterprise celebrating 160 years of Rail





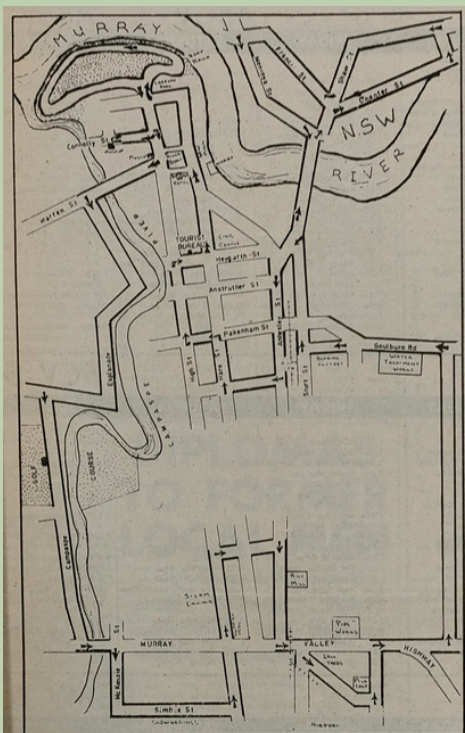
## Vestiges of Old Echuca



Top is at the Eyre and High street intersection.

Bottom is in Dickson street

Do you know of any others?



Former  
"Red Arrow Tour"  
route on left

Zoom to read

The Green Arrow.

We've all been out and about and seen these faded green arrow signs pointing to an obviously long forgotten tourist attraction, but where did they come from and what were they for? Fear not, as ever the 'Riv' has the answers.



● Echuca Regional Development Society member, Mal Whyte, places a sign in position on a tree in Victoria Park, while ERDS colleague, Kevin Brown, holds the ladder.

## Green arrows to help tourists

Echuca's original "Red Arrow Tour" has been replaced by green arrows after four years.

The Echuca Regional Development Society, who took over the placement of the arrows from Echuca Jaycees, who mapped out the

Melbourne, especially for the ERDS.

Echuca tourist guide booklets outline the route of the arrow tours and the signs are placed at

strategic points to help drivers find their way.

ERDS says that a few amendments have been made to the original "red arrow tour" routes to enable tourists to see as much as possible on the best roads in the district.



● A close-up view of one of the "Green Arrow Tour" signs.

original red arrow tour, have just completed placing 50 attractive arrow signs around the city and environs.

The signs, attractively designed with the word "Tourists" in red in the centre of the arrow, were made by de Neeffe Signs, of

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## EHS 2026 Calendars

Calendars are currently in planning. This years theme is transportation and we certainly have found a few good shots to share. If you would like to be a sponsor, please get in contact.



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## Calendar 2025

Coming General Meetings:

**8 May**

**12 June**

**10 July**

**Start 5pm @ Museum Research  
Centre**

Executive Meetings:

**7 May**

**4 June**

**2 July**



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## 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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