

HISTORY & HERITAGE

ECHUCA MOAMA & DISTRICT

Billabong Carriages

Tehan Road Echuca-Murray Esplanade Echuca Ph: 03 5483 5122

Website: www.billabongranch.com.au

Billabong Carriages offer you a choice of coaches or carriages. Experience the old world charm of these horse drawn conveyances touring around the Port of Echuca or a romantic river ride or perhaps an elegant way to arrive for that special occasion.

Cadell Tilt

Cobb Highway

This ridge running from Echuca to Deniliquin was formed when the land was thrust upwards by earthquakes tens of thousands of years ago. This resulted in diversion of the Murray River's western flow creating new flood plains and complex system of lakes and creeks.

Campaspe Run Rural Discovery Centre

Northern Highway Elmore

Ph: 03 5432 6646

This rural discovery centre is an Australian heritage complex and home to the Sunshine Harvester.

Chanter Estate Historic Commercial & Military Vehicle Display

Chanter Street, Moama

Ph: 03 5869 3347

Website: www.chanterestate.com.au

Step back in time and experience a bygone era with horse drawn equipment, amphibious, military and vintage vehicles as well as classic motor cycles. There are over 50 exhibits from 1900 to 1940's. There is also a large collection of photographs and other memorabilia from that era.

Echuca Historical Society's Museum

Cnr Dickson & Warren Streets Echuca

Ph: 03 5480 1325

Lose yourself in the past in this building filled with original river charts, photographs of local identities and scenes and displays of fashions from the past. Visit the early home life room and be reminded of the role the Chinese population played in establishing Echuca.

Lockington & District Living Heritage Complex

2-10 Market Street Lockington

Ph: 03 5486 2515

Website: www.vicnet.net.au/-ldlhu

At this former "O'Brien Stores" building you will see a wide range of historical artifacts including a shearing shed, blacksmiths shop, dairy shed, a restored tram and farm equipment.

National Holden Museum

7-11 Warren Street Echuca

Ph: 03 5480 2033

Website: www.holdenmuseum.com.au

The Museum will take you through the remarkable history of a company that put our nation on wheels. See over 40 vehicles on show including rare prototype Holdens, historic film footage, a photographic exhibition and memorabilia.

Port of Echuca

52 Murray Esplanade Echuca

Ph: 03 5482 4248

Website: www.portofechuca.org.au

This Port precinct which became Australia's largest inland port in the late 1800's is home to Australia's largest fleet of authentic Paddlesteamers. Wander the cobblestone street and view original steam pumps and engines as well as 100 year old redgum timbers on the wharf.

Pride of the Murray

57 Murray Esplanade, Echuca

Ph: 03 5482 5244

Website: www.emmylou.com.au

Come aboard The Pride of the Murray and listen to the gentle splashing of the paddlewheels as you enjoy a relaxing cruise on the mighty Murray River.

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PS Adelaide

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Built in 1866 the PS Adelaide is the oldest wooden hulled Paddlesteamer still operating in the world. She was used as a logging boat for 90 odd years. Leaving town in the 1950's she returned to Echuca in 1960. In 1964 she was taken from the water and rested in Hopwood Gardens until restored in 1980 and refloated in 1984.

PS Alexander Arbuthnot

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This Paddle steamer was the last built on the Murray during the riverboat trade and was used as a logging boat for some years. During WW2 she lay idle and sank at her moorings in 1947. She was raised in 1972 by a group of Shepparton volunteers and restoration began in 1989.

PS Hero

Onion Patch, Echuca

Ph: 0458 101 874

Website: www.hero.net.au

Built in 1874 in Echuca the P.S Hero worked the river trade up in the Koondrook area, later moving to Boundary Bend where in January 1957 she caught fire, was badly burnt and later sank. In 1989 the Byfords purchased what remained and eventually in 1998 raised the hull and transported her down to Echuca where she was lovingly resorted.

PS Pevensey

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Website: www.portofechuca.org.au

Capable of carrying 120 tons in giant holds, the PS Pevensey was built in 1911 and after catching fire in 1932 was rebuilt. She fell on hard times and became a floating museum. Restoration started in 1973 and she was refloated in 1976 and began carrying passengers 3 years later.

Rushworth Museum

Cnr High and Parker Streets Rushworth

Erected in 1913 to replace the original 1861 structure this museum holds many insights into the town's spectacular history. Maps prepared many decades ago give a wonderful view of the regions landmarks such as the Waranga Basin, the vast box ironbark forest and open cut mines.

Sharp's Magic Movie House and Penny Arcade

Bond Store, Murray Esplanade Echuca

Ph: 03 5482 2361

Website: www.sharpsmoviehouse.com.au

A must see when in Echuca-Moama. Sit and watch old time movies, play Australia's only working antique Penny Arcade and sample some fresh fudge.

The Great Aussie Beer Shed

377 Mary Ann Road Echuca

Ph: 03 5480 6904

Website: www.greataussiebeershed.com.au

This is more than just about beer. See over 16,000 beer cans from Australia and overseas. There are also old petrol bowlers, washing machines, kitchen and laundry items, old butter churns and much much more.

Whroo Mines Retreat

Whroo

Ph: 03 5856 1561

Box Ironbark Forest, Whroo Village and Township grew after the 1854 find of a "Golden Reef" which resulted in 21,340 ounces of gold being mined during 1866-1881.