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■ *Permewan Wright (Site 64) and Shackell's Bond Store Buildings (Site 26)*

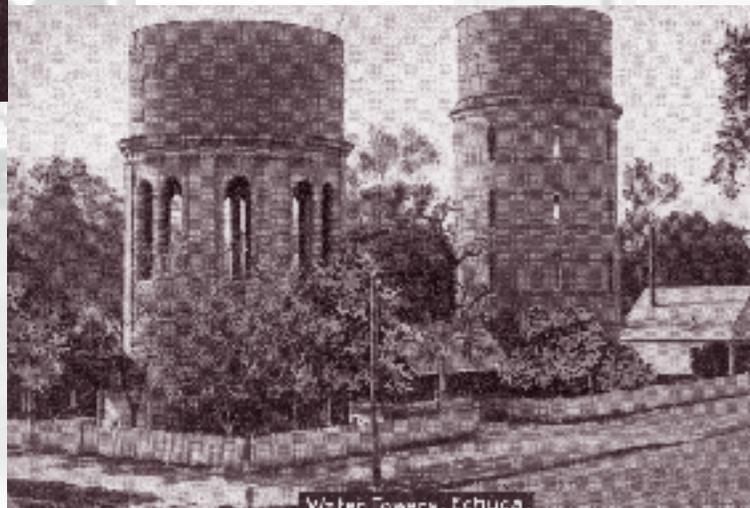


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■ *The Bridge Hotel (Site 33)*



■ *Water Towers located in front of the current municipal offices (Site 16 - Circa 1860)*



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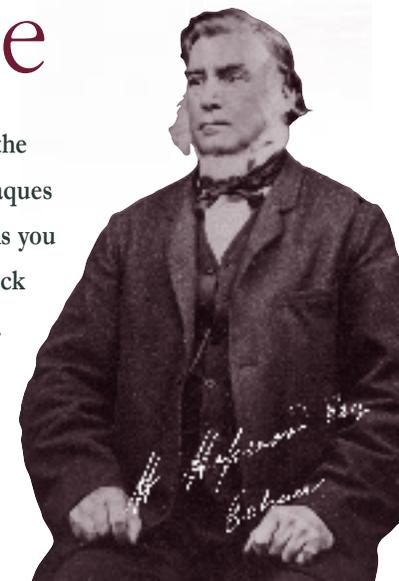
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Welcome

to historic Echuca. We hope you enjoy your stroll around the buildings and reading the plaques using this self guided tour. As you wander let your mind drift back to experience the thriving era of Echuca when steam ruled the river and rail.



During the 1850s only the fledgling business empire created by Henry Hopwood, Echuca's founder, existed around Little Hopwood Street, the hub of early Echuca. At that time Hopwood's punts and pontoon bridge were the only means of crossing the Murray and Campaspe Rivers.

The 1870s were the peak years of the steamer trade at Echuca. Wool was the lifeblood of the port, and the wharf became a place of bustle and activity, with the constant arrival and departure of steamers during the 'season', when the river was high enough to allow them to travel. Forwarding agents were at their wits' end trying to find a place to store wool while waiting for rail trucks to take it to Melbourne and this led to several wharf extensions. By 1900 competition from railways had killed the river trade.

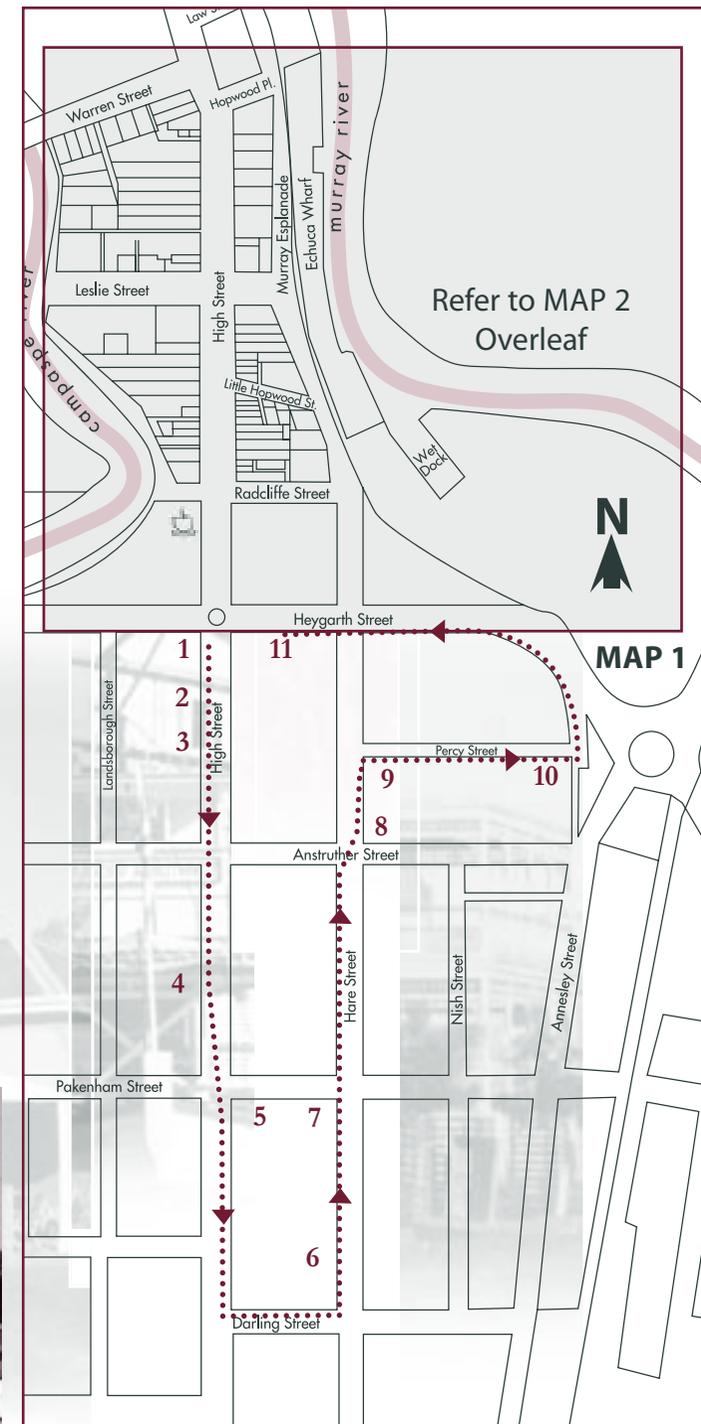
From the 1860s the town centre was concentrated in the vicinity of the wharf in High Street and the northern end of Hare Street. By the mid-1870s increasing wharf activity created a spirit of optimism and at that time many single-storey shops erected ten years earlier were replaced by the impressive two-storey brick buildings seen in High Street today.

The opening of the Iron Bridge in 1878 and the decline of the river trade led to consolidation of Echuca's commercial centre in Hare Street. Shops gradually moved south towards the railway station, which by then was a busy transport terminal. This trend continued until the 1960s when the transfer of more shops to Hare Street led to the near-demise of old High Street.

The area became run-down and neglected and it was not until the re-creation of the old Port of Echuca, opened in 1974, that rejuvenation began. Echuca was 'put on the map' by the filming of "All the Rivers Run" early in the 1980s. Shopowners restored their buildings and increased visitor numbers led to revitalisation. The movement of commerce away to Hare Street and southwards has left old High Street undisturbed, evoking memories of the 19th Century, when Echuca was Australia's leading inland port.

- 1 SITE OF BAPTIST CHURCH, CHINESE SOCIETY, HORNE'S GARAGE** 479 High Street
The Chinese Masonic Society building on this site was one of three brick buildings erected in 1878 by Chas. Horsnell and known for years as 'Horsnell's buildings'. They were occupied separately by different businesses until 1919, when all three were purchased by the Chinese Masonic Society and became headquarters for the Chinese population, mainly market gardeners. Now the site of McDonald's Restaurant.
- 2 SITE OF MOORE'S TIMBER YARD** 465 High Street
- 3 MOORE'S OFFICE AND DWELLING** 463 High Street
- 4 GENERAL STORE, BUTTER FACTORY** 433 High Street
- 5 ECHUCA WATER TOWER** Cnr High & Pakenham Streets
- 6 FIRST NO. 208 STATE SCHOOL, ECHUCA**
- 7 ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**
Cnr Pakenham & Hare Streets
- 8 FORMER ECHUCA POST OFFICE** 252 Hare Street
- 9 FORMER ECHUCA TELEPHONE EXCHANGE**
254 Hare Street
- 10 FORMER WESLEY CHURCH**
- 11 DR CROSSEN'S SURGERY**
47-49 Heygarth Street
The single storey addition on the east side was a conservatory when Dr. D. Brown lived here prior to World War II. In later years it became an X-ray room.

■ Eastern side of modern day High Street



- 12 493 HIGH STREET
- 13 495 - 497 HIGH STREET
- 14 COMMERCIAL HOTEL 499 High Street
- 15 FORMER ECHUCA TOWN HALL Library, High Street
- 16 SITE OF ECHUCA WATER TOWERS
Cnr Hare & Heygarth Streets
- 17 FORMER VICTORIAN RAILWAYS ENGINE HOUSE
Tourist Information Centre, Off Heygarth Street
- 18 MURRAY HOTEL 9-11 Murray Esplanade
- 19 SITE OF HOPWOOD'S STORE LATER FREEMAN'S
FOUNDRY 13-17 Murray Esplanade
- 20 BROTHEL Little Hopwood Street
- 21 SITE OF HOPWOOD'S NEW ROAD INN
19 Murray Esplanade
- 22 DOCK & SITE OF WHARF EXTENSIONS
Port Carpark
- 23 STEAM PACKET HOTEL
- 24 ECHUCA WHARF Murray Esplanade
- 25 CUSTOMS HOUSE 2 Leslie Street
- 26 SHACKELL'S BOND STORE 41 Murray Esplanade
- 27 STAR HOTEL 45 Murray Esplanade
- 28 51 MURRAY ESPLANADE
Victorian Residence now Wistaria Tea Rooms
- 29 SALT WORKS Murray Esplanade
- 30 SITE OF ST. GEORGE'S HALL Murray Esplanade
- 31 SITE OF EVANS BROS. SAWMILL Murray Esplanade
- 32 SITE OF ECHUCA MORGUE
River Bank, Murray Esplanade
- 33 HOPWOOD GARDENS Cnr High Street & Hopwood Place
- 34 BRIDGE HOTEL 1 Hopwood Place
- 35 FORMER POLICE STATION NOW
HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM
Cnr Warren & Dickson Streets

- 36 7-11 WARREN STREET
- 37 SALEYARDS HOTEL 17 Warren Street
- 38 HOPWOOD'S CAMPASPE CROSSING
- 39 THOMAS LAWRENCE
- 40 THOMAS MITCHELL
- 41 FIRST CROSSING OVER CAMPASPE RIVER
Look for plaque on tree stump in Leslie Street
- 42 FLOOD EROSION
- 43 HOPWOOD'S "GARDENS"
- 44 525/525A HIGH STREET
- 45 527-529 HIGH STREET
- 46 531 HIGH STREET Dalton's Printery
- 47 533 HIGH STREET Dalton's Printery
- 48 535 HIGH STREET Dalton's Printery
- 49 537 HIGH STREET
- 50 COLONIAL BANK 539 High Street
- 51 HOPWOOD'S STORE 541 High Street
- 52 DISTRICT SURVEY OFFICE 543 High Street
- 53 BANK OF NEW SOUTH WALES
545-547 High Street
- 54 549 HIGH STREET
- 55 EARLY BANK OF NEW SOUTH WALES
551 High Street
- 56 559 HIGH STREET
- 57 ECHUCA HOTEL 571 High Street
- 58 SHAMROCK HOTEL 583 High Street
- 59 589 HIGH STREET
- 60 BANK OF VICTORIA 591 High Street
- 61 632 HIGH STREET



■ Looking South along High Street (Circa 1930)

- 62 630 HIGH STREET
Wm. Ferguson, who came to Echuca in 1866, was a saddler who first ran a business in Darling Street at Echuca. In 1877 he launched the paddlesteamer 'Saddler' and travelled many river miles servicing his customers.
- 63 628 HIGH STREET
- 64 PERMEWAN WRIGHT BUILDING 626 High Street
- 65 SITE OF WHARFMASTER'S HOUSE 1 Leslie Street
- 66 614 HIGH STREET
Thomas Mitchell bought this allotment Echuca's first land sale in at the 1855, beating his great rival Henry Hopwood, who was forced to settle for the adjoining block to the south.
- 67 MURRAY RIVER HOTEL 612 High Street
- 68 608 HIGH STREET
- 69 DUKE OF EDINBURGH HOTEL 598 High Street
- 70 592 HIGH STREET
- 71 590 HIGH STREET
- 72 586 HIGH STREET
- 73 584 HIGH STREET



■ Hopwood's Punt and Bridge Hotel (Circa 1865)

- 74 582 HIGH STREET
This is one of the Echuca's earliest shops, having been built by Hopwood, Echuca's founder. In the 1860s it became a drapery known as 'Melbourne House'. An unusual 'lantern' still survives and accounts for the unusual roofline.
- 75 578-580 HIGH STREET
- 76 574-576 HIGH STREET
- 77 570-572 HIGH STREET
- 78 568 HIGH STREET
- 79 564 - 566 HIGH STREET
- 80 554 HIGH STREET Cnr Radcliffe Street



■ Early photo of Evans Sawmill

