

The way we were

50 Years Ago

Wednesday, November 3

A standard de Havilland jet engine, as used in the "Vampire" fighter, recently completed a test far more severe than anything yet attempted.

The engine survived an ordeal equivalent to eight flights around the world at jet fighter speed, and with the gruelling fluctuations of a "dog fight".

25 Years Ago

Monday, November 5

Although the new aquatic reserve on the banks of the Murray river has not yet been completed, it is proving a popular picnic spot at weekends. Yesterday scores of people picnicked on the top bank of the reserve and used the picnic tables and seats provided by the City Council.

Another "unidentified flying object" was sighted over Echuca on Wednesday night but was explained yesterday by the RAAF, in Melbourne. The object was almost certainly a rocket launched

satellite re-entering the Earth's atmosphere some 250 or 300 miles up on a south south-east heading.

10 Years Ago Friday November 4

Echuca will run out of water on Sunday unless we make every effort to conserve supplies.

SEC works in the Echuca East area will cut off power to the Echuca water filtration plant for over seven hours on Sunday and consequently the plant won't be able to pump or treat any water during that time.

The entire Echuca area will have to rely on the filtration plant's reserves to service its needs and if these are wasted, Echuca faces the prospect of a Sunday without water.

A feature film released in 1986 about the people and history of the Murray River, which features Echuca more than any other river town will soon be available on video.