***Report on ACMOC mid year Weekend in Echuca (hopefully 2021!)***

We have had discussions in person with the Echuca Tourist Information Centre and we asked for various suggestions on holding an ACMOC function from either late June to early September. Preferably steer clear of school holidays (Vic and NSW).

We spoke on having an evening meal on a paddle boats on the Murray as well as any suggestions they could come up with.

We quoted approx. 60 – 70 guests as a ball park figure.

This is a popular number to work on.

The criteria we put forward was accommodation near to the venue (walking distance to wharf, or other modes of transport so that if total number of drinks is exceeded, trip back home to accommodation is safe.

***In no particular order here are a few ideas.***

Accommodation and or both function and accommodation:

The Mecure Port of Echuca has accommodation for at least 60 rooms. They also have in house bar and grill and conference area. Even Happy Hour! Approx. 5 minutes walk from the Port and good off street parking. Stairway to upper floor accommodation (any guest in our group who needs ground floor accommodation should advise their requirements early).

Just as a comment, we have stayed at this venue and always been very pleased particularly being able to walk everywhere in the Port of Echuca areas.

***Another***

Rich River Golf Club which has Conference Rooms for catering and accommodation for our numbers.

They can do dinner and also on Sunday they do Breakfast.

This venue is in Moama and there are many other accommodation venues nearby depending on our group members choice.

Rich River Club now provide Min Golf for adults as well as big boys golf.

***Next***

The company that runs two river boats with catering (the Mary Ann boats) run evening dinner cruises but the Information Centre Representative does not have updated information for this season (Covid). But a further suggestion was to combine a venue in Echuca and have a 9am boat trip and breakfast on board for 90 minutes costing approximately in the range of $25 negotiable if we wish to book the boat for our group (usually runs for general public).

The combined suggestion discussed was to go to The Great Australian Beer Shed and Heritage Farm Museum which is roughly 10 kms out of town. They have a catering company who provide a spit roast smorgasbord and sweets (to quote no one ever goes home hungry) and the venue is fully licensed.

We asked about providing transport rather than worrying about .05.

The Tourist Info rep. suggested that we could hire a 52 seater bus and driver. Two return trips are feasible and off the top of her head, pricing would be roughly $200 which when divided by the number passengers seems very economical .

Now, as well as the Beer Shed evening, the recommendation was to hire the river boat for a breakfast and cruise at 9am on Sunday morning. If we had the numbers the boat would be our group alone, but if not sufficient numbers they would take general public also.

**Mecure Port of Echuca**

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Rich River Golf Club

[www.richriver.com.au](http://www.richriver.com.au) Ph 54813333

**River Cruises**

[www.maryann.com.au](http://www.maryann.com.au)

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**Beer Shed Museum etc**

[www.greataussiebeershed.net](http://www.greataussiebeershed.net)

5480 6904

The Tourist information representative we dealt with was Jann and she has offered assistance with accommodation bookings and would provide welcome visitor packs to our group members containing local info and discount vouchers.

**Accommodation Booking Service**

1800 804 446

The Mecure is right next to McDonalds and a short block from Beechworth Bakery.

We have tried to cater for all tastes but of course, with the correct licence, the Murrary Cod should be biting!

Hope this is a good starting point but there are many venues in Echuca but the ones suggested come highly recommended by the Tourist Bureau.

Hope the Committee can discuss the above and if agreeable a booking of a definite date could be established. Weekends are always busy.

Note: Beer Shed annual closure dates are: End July to end of August. Hope you can view the websites quoted.