

SPECIAL INTEREST ARTICLES:

- ❖ TWO EGANS SEEN IN IMLAY ST
- ❖ COLLECTION AUDIT IN PROGRESS
- ❖ ITINERARY FOR CHAPTER VISIT TO MALLACOOTA
- ❖ WHALE FESTIVAL 2007 MUSEUM'S ITINERARY



Pictured on the last day of the course are:

Back: Olwyn Morris (Merimbula), Drew Whittington (Mosaic), Jo Grant (Mallacoota), Jody White (Eden), Sally Anne Whittington (Mosaic).

Front: Colette Moorhead (Merimbula), Sandra Florance (Bega), and Jenny Drenkhahn (Eden)

COLLECTIONS MOSAIC TRAINING

A training course for the specialist software **Collections Mosaic** was held at the Eden Access Centre on 12, 13 and 14th July for members of the museums of the South East Chapter of Museums Australia.

Andrew and Sally Anne Whittington, the designers of the software from Western Australia, conducted the courses and 15 people attended at their preferred level. It was a great opportunity for some skills development for our museum workers and all

participants were grateful for the chance to improve their ability to document and record their respective museums' collections on this customised database.

The training module on the purchased software can be loaded onto other computers for practice and training purposes.

This is particularly helpful if you don't use the software often as it can be loaded onto your computer

at home for practice sessions at your leisure.

The course was made possible by a Skills Initiative Grant from Museums and Galleries NSW.



AGM FOR EDEN KILLER WHALE MUSEUM.



Wednesday 12th September saw our AGM with election of office bearers.

The executive committee remains the same as last year but with Jeff Swane elected first Vice President.

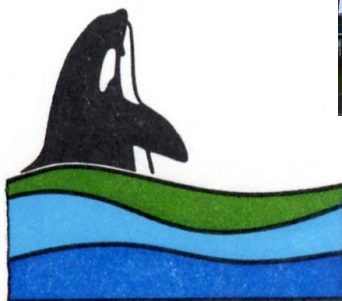
All positions were filled and the auditors report showed a pleasing result for the previous financial year in a somewhat

difficult economic climate.

The admission fees for adults have been raised to \$7.50

(\$7 Concession) from 1 July this year in an effort to keep pace with increasing expenses.

The museum shop has been trading well and we look forward to a good year to come.



BERT EGAN SEEN IN IMLAY ST DURING HISTORY WEEK.

A very familiar figure to many local folk was welcoming visitors to our History Week display in September this year.

The life size cutout of none other than the late Bert Egan past Curator and Life Member of our Museum, was painted in a very good likeness by Kevin Turnbull.

Museum friends and staff manned the display, which was in the theme of "Legacies". Some 212 people visited during the week.

While viewing a selection of items from the museum's collection, visitors told of objects, documents and photos they had, and were given advice on the care and storage of pieces at home.

The display was in place from Monday 17th to Saturday 22nd September.

A big thank you to all involved for another successful demonstration of the breadth of our portfolio in preservation, interpretation, education and presentation of the districts history.



MAURIE EGAN SPOTTING AGAIN

Legendary fish spotter Maurie Egan (a nephew of Bert Egan) hasn't flown for some time but he can be seen nowadays spotting for whales from the museum's bus park deck most mornings.

During the last couple of years Maurie has been spotting whales from his Eden home and reporting their position to Ros and Gordon Butt on Cat Balou at sea.

With a very keen and experienced eye Maurie flew small aircraft and spotted for tuna off the South Coast of NSW and in South Australia during the tuna seasons there for many years.

Visitors are encouraged to stop and chat to Maurie who will surely have sighted whales if they are around.



MAURIE EGAN

WHALE WATCHING FROM THE EDEN KILLER WHALE MUSEUM BUS PARK DECK

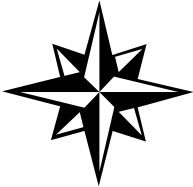
MAINTENANCE NOW ON THE AGENDA

As can be seen by this photo of the bus parking deck there is an urgent need of some maintenance around the building and grounds of the museum. Fortunately the Bega Valley Shire Council will be assisting with this particular project, and the deck and seats will have a fresh coat of paint by Festival time. The museum's theatrette has also been painted by a contractor and we would like to thank the ESSCI club for their willing assistance in removal and replacement of the theatrette furniture. This process will be ongoing for some time to come.

COLLECTION AUDIT IN PROGRESS



The daunting task of auditing the museum's collection is in progress. Together with the collection manager, volunteers are assisting in checking the stored items against the mosaic database. Naturally some anomalies are being discovered and corrected in the process.



Above Carole Edwards and Aileen Bowles Librarians sort through research files and left, Jody White and Stephanie Rawlings Exhibitions Director work in the artifact storage area with computer at hand.

SE CHAPTER MEETING MALLACOOTA 17TH NOVEMBER

The drive to Mallacoota will take an average of one hour from Eden.

9.30am Morning Tea at the MIVA MIVA Centre (supplied by M&DHS)
Directions: The MIVA MIVA Centre is located on the main road into the town – on the left-hand side before reaching Maurice Avenue.

10.30 am Visit to WWII Operations Bunker Museum

(Just a short drive about 3 km from town, car pooling is suggested)

12.30 pm Lunch at the MIVA MIVA Centre – BYO Lunch – Tea & Coffee provided

1.30 pm SERC Meeting at the MIVA MIVA Centre.
3.00 pm Afternoon Tea and departure

For those who wish to stay in Mallacoota for the evening and/or overnight:
4.30 - 6 pm Local History Walk – a guided walking tour of about one hour – a very easy town walk to some historic points of interest with commentary by member – Lindsay Carter

Evening Dinner at Mallacoota Hotel (Order from the menu – meals from \$10 to \$25)

A cruise will be organised on Sunday at 9:30am sharp if there are enough people interested

Cruise Duration: Approximately three hours.
Charge approx \$25-30 per person – morning tea is included.

Bookings will be necessary as a minimum number of participants is required by the operators for this special charter.

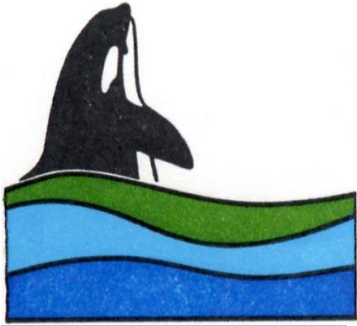
Please contact Jo Grant, phone 03 5158 0402 or email: stingrayblue@bigpond.com as soon as you can to confirm your booking

TALES OF WHALES!!!

UNPRECEDENTED NUMBERS OF WHALES HAVE BEEN SEEN OFF THE SAPPHIRE COAST IN THE EARLY SPRING THIS YEAR. THE MUSEUM'S WHALE SIREN HAS HAD A GOOD AIRING ALREADY WITH HUMPBACK MOTHERS AND CALVES STAYING CLOSE TO THE COAST AND COMING INTO THE BAY.

ON MONDAY 1ST OCTOBER WHALE WATCHERS WERE TREATED TO AN ENCOUNTER WITH A BLUE WHALE AND CALF JUST OFF THE MEWSTONES AT THE NORTH HEAD OF TWOFOLD BAY. THIS IS A VERY REMARKABLE EVENT GIVEN THAT THE SPECIES IS RARE AND ENDANGERED.

ON TUESDAY 9TH OCTOBER A DEAD HUMPBACK WHALE WAS DISCOVERED WASHED UP ON ROCKS ON LONG POINT MERIMBULA. THIS IS IN A VERY INACCESSIBLE SPOT AND AT THE TIME OF PUBLICATION THERE WAS NO EXPLANATION AS TO THE CAUSE OF DEATH.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

WHALE FESTIVAL WEEKEND

NOVEMBER

FRIDAY 2ND

ART EXHIBITION

SENIORS LUNCHEON 12MD

FESTIVAL OPENING 1PM

SATURDAY 3RD

ART EXHIBITION

GUEST SPEAKER

PAUL BRUNTON 2PM

SUNDAY 4TH

ART EXHIBITION

GUEST SPEAKER

PETER TRICKETT 11AM

NOVEMBER MEETINGS

MONTHLY BUSINESS

WED. 14TH 7:30PM

FRIENDS

WED. 21ST 9AM

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MUSEUM'S SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR THE 2007 WHALE FESTIVAL

Whale Festival Weekend at our museum is always busy and this year will be no different.

Starting Friday 2nd at 11:30 we will again host the seniors of the community to a legendary luncheon prepared by the friends.

Then the Official Festival Opening will commence at 1pm including entertainment by school choirs and local talent and Official guest will be Regional Director National Parks, Tim Sheppard,

Our traditional Art Exhibition and Sale will be on show in the theatre all weekend if you can assist with the roster for the art exhibition please see Valma Barber or Jenny Drenkhahn

GUEST SPEAKERS AT THE MUSEUM DURING WHALE FESTIVAL 2007

Saturday 2pm Paul Brunton Manuscripts Curator from the State Library will speak on "David Scott Mitchell" *On his death in July 1907, his collection was bequeathed to the Public (now State) Library of New South Wales, together with an endowment of £70,000 to fund additions to his collection.*

Sunday 11am Guest Speaker Peter Trickett author of "Beyond Capricorn" . *Trickett argues the remarkable claim that in the year 1522 – a century before the Dutch and 250 years before Captain Cook – the Portuguese sailed the East coast of Australia.*

Saturday 3rd will see our float in the Street Parade in Imlay Street.

This year the theme for the parade is Waves, Whales and Wilderness and our float will feature the Year of the Life Saver; lots of red and yellow fabric busily being transformed into costumes at present; watch for some interesting examples of lifesavers' garb throughout the years as our members make their way through the street; You won't miss them!!

Then at 2pm Saturday the return of guest speaker Paul Brunton to the museum and 11am Sunday 4th Guest Speaker Peter Trickett Details on these two talks below.



Above:

Eden Killer Whale Museum Collection Manager Jody White, Jack Dickenson and Clive Marks, former employee of Mobil at the Depot site on the Lookout Eden in July, with Tony West (left) employee of McMahon's Services the company which was contracted to demolish the bulk installation. The Eden Killer Whale Museum was invited to choose some items from the site to keep for the collection. A selection was chosen and has been accessioned into the collection since.