

## Special Interest Articles:

- ❖ PASSING OF MORSECODIAN FRIEND
- ❖ MEMBERS COME AND GO.
- ❖ 2008 WHALE FESTIVAL AT EKWM
- ❖ GALLERY REDEVELOPMENT

## Sad demise of historic building



At the top of Warrens Walk on the western side of Imlay Street there has been a “quaint little shack” which has drawn quite some interest from Heritage Consultants over the years.

On Friday night 1<sup>st</sup> August it finally succumbed to gale force Westerly winds and as this image shows the walls collapsed and the roof fell to the ground.

Earliest memory from Pat Warren is that his Grandfather Bob Warren and wife Kate (nee Howard) bought the neighboring cottage from a doctor who had used it as a residence and surgery. Kate’s brother Matt Howard used the small annex as a shop for some time before having the store opposite the Police

Station in Imlay St built.

Bob Warren, fisherman, and his family lived in the cottage as did his son Robbie and this small adjoining building was used as extra accommodation for a young family. While the cottage has been maintained this annex had long since fallen into disrepair and sadly was destroyed by wind on 1<sup>st</sup> August 08

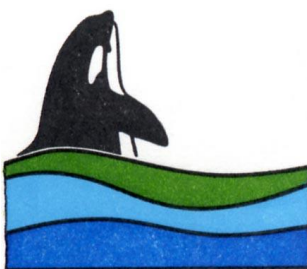


## BUSHRANGER - NED KELLY COMES TO EDEN



Currently touring from the National Museum of Australia, Canberra is *Ned Kelly – Fact and Fiction* an exhibition featuring significant documents and artefacts about the life and times of the bushranger and his gang. This informative display will be at Eden Killer Whale Museum from 30 August to 16 November 2008. The launch held on 6<sup>th</sup> September was a well attended and enjoyable event. Another great opportunity for our community to see, learn and enjoy a major presentation from our National Museum. right in our own “backyard”.

*Pictured behind the Skull Cast and Death Mask of Ned Kelly are, L to R, Stephanie Rawlings, EKWM Exhibitions Director, Wally Rawlings, Secretary and Rowena McDonald, travelling exhibitions officer at National Museum of Australia*



## Historic Images that keep coming back!!



This wonderful picture of a smoke house on the Southern edge of Snug Cove came to light in the collection recently.

Names like Tundy Lawson and “Doc” Cameron are associated with this picture. What a superb craypot!

Can you spot a kerosene tin, a fish box or a camp oven amongst the items in the picture??

Is that man on his mobile phone? Maybe letting the wife know that the dog just ate the crayfish he was bringing home for dinner!!

## Win Some and Lose Some

Following interest from a few different quarters, there have been some new people join the organisation during recent months.

Peter Horne was featured in the last edition of Soundings having made a donation of some scrimshaw and he added to that at the July Curatorial meeting with more examples and a book for the collection.

Tom Sear has moved to the area from Sydney where he had been employed by the Historic Houses Trust. Tom has some valuable understanding of “the industry” and we are pleased to include him in our membership. Mr Joe Cocoran who is Public Programmes Officer at Old Parliament House, attended the senior citizens morning

tea earlier in the year and expressed a wish to become involved when he and his wife eventually move to Eden from Canberra.

Alternately, some valued members are leaving us.

Pam and Jeff Berzins were farewelled at a morning tea recently after their decision to move South. Pam has been volunteering in the collection accession process on a weekly basis for many years and Jeff gave of his handy man skills on several occasions together with his local govt. experience in liaising with council on our cavalcade wall project. Ann Buljan was also acknowledged at the morning tea. After working in the retail area for some years Ann retired to care for her husband Tony, Ann will remain a member of the Friends of the Museum.

*Pictured at the Farewell morning tea: L to R. Marg Sheaves, Friends Co ordinator Jeff Berzins, Pam Berzins, Val Barber, Celia Hannen, June Whalley, Jane Adam, Jacqui Lott, Stephanie Rawlings, Keith Crook and Elsie Masters.*



## Morse Code Activities

Although we are experiencing the usual slow down of visitor numbers, traffic figures for May, June, July are being well maintained. The display proved popular during the school holidays, with visitors from the Riverina area, Albury and North East Victoria being evident. It was also surprising to see a number of school holiday travelers from Tasmania. It was a pleasure to be invited to be involved with a special commemoration of International Museum's

Day, with a connection to the Wireless Hill Telecommunications Museum in Perth, who had an open day for the occasion. The "Applecross wireless station" was established in 1912 and one of Australia's first links with Radio Technology. The station was constructed by a German firm and ironically one of its earliest uses was during the First World War against Germany. Powerful morse signals were monitored from Europe. Signals were picked up from Nauen in

Germany, the source of much of the German propaganda during the First World War. During the Second World War the Royal Australian Navy took over the station and later Amalgamated Wireless operated it before the Overseas Telecommunications Commission (O.T.C) was established, who operated from the building until 1968.

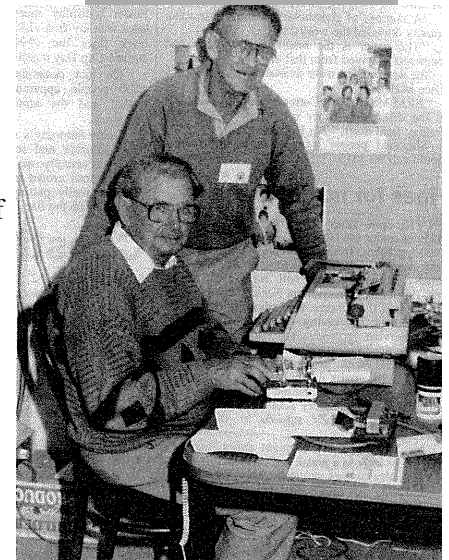
QuickTime™ and a  
TIFF (Uncompressed) decompressor  
are needed to see this picture.

## Passing of a Morsecodian Friend

It was a very sad occasion to learn of the recent passing of Noel Ramsay on the 14th July. A long time work mate and good friend for well over 50 years. Previously from Batemans Bay, Noel had moved to Narromine and until recently had continued to receive traffic from our venue. Many of our group will remember Noel and his frequent visits to myself and Val, and spending time operating the morse equipment on numerous occasions and special events. Noel was a great supporter of our Museum, initially loaning morse equipment to set up the Eden-Gabo Island "Fragile Link" exhibition. He

He was the "Eden link" during our transmissions from Greencape and Gabo Island Lighthouses, switching the morse circuit to all states of Australia and including the Old Telegraph Station at Alice Springs during 1995-1996. Noel was also responsible for designing our first morse envelope, arranging the supply and colour printing of a box of envelopes at his own cost. Noel was a very experienced operator, having served as a wireless operator in the R.A.A.F. during World War II and then with the Postmaster General's Department until his retirement.

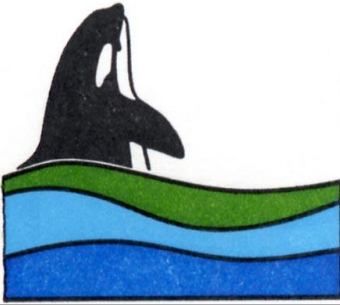
Noel had a keen sense of humour and I recall him talking about people on "stress leave". He recalled that his arrival at Port Morseby by Catalina was during an "Air Raid", with no spare fuel and no diversion possible, the crew had to put down in the midst of it all. Lucky to be among the survivors, he said, "Do you think we should have had "stress leave"? Noel will be sadly missed, by both the Morsecodian Fraternity and our Museum people. We extend our deepest sympathy to his wife Marie and his son James and family.



Above:  
Noel Ramsey at work with Phil McGrath on the "Fragile Link"

**For him no more the  
morse code sound  
Now his line has gone to  
ground  
And as the shades of  
evening fall  
We will remember him.**

**R.I.P. Noel**



**Ned Kelly –Fact and Fiction**  
30<sup>th</sup> Aug – 16<sup>th</sup> Nov

**School Hols.**  
NSW  
27<sup>th</sup> Sept. – 12<sup>th</sup> Oct.  
VIC  
19<sup>th</sup> Sept – 6<sup>th</sup> Oct.

**Whale Festival**  
31<sup>st</sup> Oct. to 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov.  
**Kite Building**  
**Workshop 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov**

**Christmas Day**

## Museum's Contribution to 2008 Whale Festival

The 2008 Eden Whale Festival will be held over the weekend 31<sup>st</sup> Oct. to 2<sup>nd</sup> November.

The Opening Ceremony will be held at the Museum on the Friday afternoon. Traditionally a luncheon for senior citizens is also provided prior to this ceremony and names of any folk who may recently have arrived in town or who would enjoy participating should be left with the office staff for inclusion in the invitation list.

Entry forms are already out for the Art exhibition and Sale, entries are

invited from all local artists more forms available from the museum office. This exhibition and sale in the museum theatrette all weekend has proved very beneficial to many artists in the past when several works have sold during the festival weekend.

We will also be presenting a float in the parade on the Saturday with thinking caps on and ideas welcome for a subject or theme for our float.

On Sunday morning 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov a kite building

workshop will be conducted under the sails at the museum.

Dianne Delli Paoli from Air Wares in Merimbula will be leading participants in designing and building a kite of their own to keep. We will be taking bookings for this fun filled workshop so watch for news and further info.

Judging by past festivals there'll be plenty of wind to try the kite out with later!!

QuickTime™ and a TIFF (Uncompressed) decompressor are needed to see this picture.

## GALLERY REDEVELOPMENT CONTINIUES ...



The redevelopment of galleries at EKWM has been underway for some time now with a reshuffle of the content of galleries. The Davidson Gallery will be dedicated to the history of whaling. The Mezzanine will feature different species such as Orcas, Sperm Whales, False Killer Whales and Seals.

Recently a life size image of OLD TOM'S dorsal fin (Picture above Left) was added to the Orca section, demonstrating just how big the fin was and how he would have been recognized by the whalers.

Some of the recently acquired scrimshaw has also been added to the Sperm Whale exhibit.

*Pictured below is the pop up banner we purchased with the assistance of the Wishing Well Funds granted to EKWM last year.*



EDEN KILLER WHALE MUSEUM

PO Box 304 EDEN NSW 2551

PHONE:

02 64962094

FAX:

02 64962024

promo@killerwhalemuseum.com.au

WE'RE ON THE WEB!

SEE US AT.

www.killerwhalemuseum.com.au

### Schedule of Meetings

#### EDEN KILLER WHALE MUSEUM

Monthly Business Meeting	7:30pm	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday each Month	Museum Theatrette
Curatorial Meeting	1pm	1 <sup>st</sup> Monday each Month	Museum Library
Museum Friends Meeting	9am	4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday each month	Museum Library