

## ON THE BUSES!!

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MUSEUMS REPORT

Visitation from buses has been very slow through winter with just two buses booked in each month of July and August. September has seen a turn around with at least 12 coaches and more booking with short notice. In the week commencing 21<sup>st</sup> September we had a coach each day with two on some days. This is keeping the guides busy and is a good sign for a busy season to come.

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> was a particularly busy day with a senior citizens group of 40 in the morning on Stuart's Coaches and two coaches with 80 primary school students from Broulee Public School in the afternoon. These keen young visitors were divided into smaller groups to tour the exhibitions. Guides Barry Smith, Leone Fairweather, Penny Rawlings, Phil McGrath and Jenny Drenkhahn explained various topics on rotation throughout the, lighthouse



galleries and cavalcade of history. This excursion included a two night stay at Edrom Lodge for the students and some time at the field study centre at Bournda as well. *Pictures show Barry and Jenny with Broulee students in the galleries.*

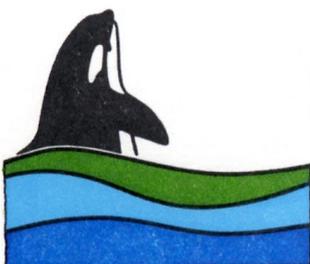


## Eden Killer Whale Museum AGM Held 9<sup>th</sup> September

The Annual report for the museum has been distributed and shows a pleasing result in somewhat difficult economic circumstances. Notwithstanding, there was a good deal of progress made in many facets of our operation and plans are afoot for further ongoing improvements throughout

the next twelve months. Office bearers in the Executive positions were re-elected for the next term and a couple of positions were added; that of Guides Coordinator filled by Anne Felton and Recruitment Officer filled by Barry Smith. The analysis of information on the origin of our visitors was a

welcome addition to the report and gives important information for us to use in many aspects of the business. Well done to the whole crew caring for the Eden Killer Whale Museum and may 2009/10 prove to be a successful and productive twelve months in all our endeavours.



## Plate find on E bay!!

A bread and butter plate, stamped with the insignia of "Rudds Great Southern Hotel" is a recent addition to our collection, and has come via the internet and specifically via Ebay the online auction. There was a chard of this crockery showing the insignia in the collection, but it was very pleasing to find this complete piece of local history.

The Great Southern Hotel was originally built as a wool store in 1847. Walter Neathway (Steele) Rudd bought the hotel in 1926 from Sam Wilton and in 1935 he sold to Vincent Thomas (Barney) Welsh.

Some interesting connections in our records show that Mr Rudd's wife May was a Camm, the family with the Red Funnel trawlers.

Rudd's son Jack told of "having to milk the cows (on the farm at

Nethercote) bring the milk back to the hotel, feed the chickens, saw the wood, and start the generators for the electricity, besides having to help in the kitchen generally.

*Five shillings was my wages in the winter and one pound in summer" He also had a well sunk at Cattle Bay.... We had a 3 h.p. Lister diesel engine and pumped 1700 feet uphill along Chandos St through a pipeline to the two tanks that each held 1000 gallons to the top of the hotel. During summer months we would pump the tanks full every day for use in the bathrooms and laundry. In addition we had a 20,000 gallon tank underground for use in the kitchen.*

Monica Wood (pictured) immediately recalled having "washed up this crockery many times in my younger days"



Above: Left; Monica Wood, daughter of V.T Welsh publican 1935 to 1961 and Right; Claire Sandrey, publican 2001 to 2009; with the plate purchased on Ebay.

### Great Southern Hotel

1847- built for a Wool Store and became Barclay and Teas General Store and Post Office.

1851-60 John Hopkins took out a license for the Great Southern Hotel

1860 -95 George Axam licensee

1895-97 H.P Wellings

1897-1906 Sabina (Aunty) Pike

1907-26 Sam Wilson

1926-35 W.N. (Steele) Rudd

1935- V.T. (Barney) Welsh

Copy of postcard given to our collection by the late Allan Walker of Bombala, showing the hotel as it was in Rudd's time as publican. 1926 to 1935.



## IT Workshop well received.

An introduction to Power Point presentations and Web Pages was presented by Bob Sykes to members of the SE Chapter museums on 11<sup>th</sup> July. These were informative and enlightening sessions that allowed those present to see the different applications both areas could have for their museums.

Bob showed us examples of what can be done with limited resources to achieve good results in expanding displays into the technical age. Bob also told us some useful information on availability of computer software and networking equipment for not for profit groups at Donortech: [www.donortec.com.au](http://www.donortec.com.au)

Thanks to Bob for an informative workshop that will surely empower members to improve their museums' displays and presence on the World Wide Web and thanks to Friends of EKWM for the wonderful catering. Hand outs are available for those who were unable to attend.

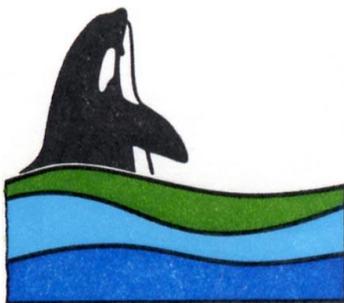
JULY 6 '09  
Report from fishing Vessel IMLAY they had just sighted a **baby white whale** about 12 ft long while trawling South East of Bermagui over the continental shelf.

## Lighthouse floor eventually tiled

Another long awaited job to be done at Eden Killer Whale Museum is the tiling of the lower floor of the lighthouse. This intricate work of cutting and mosaic tiling was done by Allan Mallard, who has many years of experience in this trade. Some of his past projects include the Queen Victoria building and the Powerhouse Museum in Sydney. With the Museum's logo in the centre of a circle of the wording "Centenary of the Commonwealth Commemorative Lighthouse" this job definitely required an experienced tiler. The finished work will set off this important part of our galleries and put the long awaited finishing touch on the lighthouse, which was built in 2001!!



Pictured:  
Tiler Allan Mallard creating the mosaic masterpiece on the Lighthouse floor.



## Coming Events

NSW School Holidays  
2<sup>nd</sup> October '09 to  
19<sup>th</sup> October '09

Whale Festival  
30<sup>th</sup> Oct to 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov.

S.E. Museums Group  
Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> November  
EKWM Host.  
Topic: JR Logan/Log  
Cabin and Cannery site

"A Diggers Best Friend"  
December '09

NSW School Holidays  
18<sup>th</sup> December '09 to  
27<sup>th</sup> January '10

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## South East Museums Group visits Nethercote

Merimbula Imlay Historical Society hosted the August excursion to Nethercote on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> on a fine sunny winters day. We met and based ourselves at the wonderfully renovated Nethercote Hall at the junction of Nethercote and Back Creek Roads. Shirley Bazley introduced Lesley Lackey from the Nethercote Residents Association who welcomed

the group and conducted a guided tour of the old school building and residence across the road, currently owned by Jim Hinckly and his wife Mashina. Next was a tour of Model Farm further South along Nethercote road, and former dairy property of the Fourter family. Information sheets distributed by Shirley provided some insight into

the history of the area including school, Model Farm and Post Office. After lunch and our meeting back at the hall, Lesley gave an overview of the 10 year renovation process from dilapidated ruins to the attractive and functional building it is today. The Grand Re-opening of the Nethercote Hall is planned for 24<sup>th</sup> Oct. 09



**Above:** SE Museums Group meeting in the newly renovated Nethercote Hall and

**Left:** The hall as it was at the beginning of the renovation project. For more information check



PS: Fittingly Rob and I saw a lyrebird on the side of the road close to the top of Nethercote Mountain on the way home, we noticed that the lyrebird is part of the Residents Assoc. logo.....an appropriate end to another pleasant and informative day.

### EKWM SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

Monthly Business Meeting	7pm	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday	Museum Theatre
Curatorial Meeting	1pm	1 <sup>st</sup> Monday	Museum Library
Friends Meeting	9am	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday	Museum Library