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Significance Assessment for the Collection

After a successful grant application to the National Library of Australia, a significance assessment of the Eden Killer Whale Museum's collection has been arranged. Shar Jones, Museum Studies professional from the Museum Studies Unit at Sydney University, visited in May and conducted the assessment. Collection Manager, Jody White, had prepared for the visit and assisted Shar with explanation of special sections of the collection. Part of this process was to gauge the community's impression of the museum and investigate as to which item in the collection people thought was the most significant. Shar met with Friends of the Museum during their May meeting to ask their opinions too. This assessment will add weight to applications for funding for various purposes. Shar Jones has been working in the industry for many years and members have met her from time to time at conferences and workshops.



Above: Shar Jones with Jody White, Collection Manager, and Jack Dickenson, President, in the Museum Library during the Significance Assessment.

Below: Museum Friends chatting over a cuppa with Shar Jones after their monthly meeting in May.



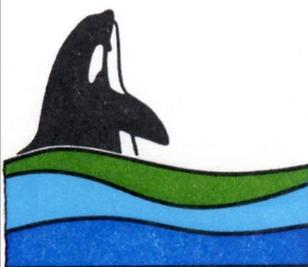
M80 EKWM's 80th birthday planning begins in earnest

Meetings are now being held to formulate events for the Museum's 80th year. During 2011, we would like to invite people and businesses that have provided support to the museum in various ways over the years. If you are aware of anyone fitting this category please

leave their name and contact details and a short note of what the support was, with Bob or Kathleen in the office.

A competition for the design of a logo to be used on correspondence, promotion and our website, throughout 2011 is underway and NPWS

have kindly donated accommodation at Greencape Lighthouse as part of the prize for the winning design. The logo competition closes on July 9 and another competition for the design of a bookmark will be launched during book week in August.



Interesting tales from the Eden Pilot Station

Right: Eden Pilot Station grounds circa early 1960's. An aircraft carrier at anchor in the bay, present town flagmast in its original position at the Pilot Station, flying the Australian Flag (good Nor East breeze), old navigation light stand behind the flagmast. This is at the site of the present Eden Marine Rescue Station; Lookout Point Eden.

Log entries from Pilot Stations on the NSW coast have been discovered by Collection Manager, Jody White, in past Maritime Services Board newsletters.

Some are presented here for your interest.

Twofold Bay

August 21 1860

*H.H. Browne Esq.,
Chairman of Pilot Board
Sydney*

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you of my arrival on Sunday at 3pm per "Wonga".

Landed in our own boat. I have pitched the tents on the top of the hill at the back of Point Lookout. The scrub is so thick on the Point that we shall have some clearing to do to get a place for Flags Staff and tents and a long distance to carry water.

I have the honour to be Your most obedient servant.

Bourn Russel Jn.

Harbour Master

Twofold Bay

16th September, 1866

"Noon, Lookout Powers reported schooner

'Union' drifting across bay. Boarded her, found Master and cook asleep.

Crew ashore and ship running away with her anchor".



Twofold Bay

February 1864

the "Shar Jehan" went ashore on rocks in the bay. The Pilot and his boat crew gave assistance.

"Heaving and pumping until 10pm., hove her off to anchor...6ft. water in pump well....Could not keep water under until 3am... I went below with a candle and found

heavy leak in forepeak.

Asked for fat. None to be had and tried clay and oakum, once having stopped a similar leak myself with candles. Could not stop the leak..... Told the Master put her on the beach."

Desperate times indeed!
Our Harbour Master has different challenges to face these days.

A snippet from another era

This entry comes from the Australian War Memorial records online:

A Gilbert Charles Fry enlisted in February 1916 in the 36th Battalion B Company.

His address was Pilot Station Eden NSW and he was 42 years of age. He left a wife Mrs Mary Alice Fry. His rank was private and the Unit

embarked from Sydney on board HMAT A72 *Beltana* on 13th May 1916 and Gilbert returned to Australia on 23rd May 1917.

Conservation workshop on metal objects with Powerhouse Museum Staff

On the 28th April 2010, a conservation workshop was held in the library of the museum. The information session was presented by Tim Morris, Conservator with the Powerhouse Museum. This opportunity was made possible due to EKWM hosting the Powerhouse exhibition's travelling exhibition *Greening the Silver City: seeds of bush regeneration* (6 February to 26 April 2010). Tim and his colleague, Ross Clendinning, Project

Manager, were on-site to demount the exhibition and provided a wonderful opportunity to discuss objects with rust concerns and mechanical equipment in general. In attendance were South East History Group colleagues, Jo Grant from Mallacoota Bunker and Shirley Bazley, Ron Doyle, Arthur Lee and Brian Wright from Merimbula-Imlay Historical Society (School Museum).



Above: Members of South East Museums in the Eden Killer Whale Museum Library with Powerhouse staff Tim Morris and Ross Clendinning during the workshop.

Mayday! Blue Shield Australia a programme to protect our heritage

Blue Shield is the cultural equivalent of Red Cross, and works to protect the world's cultural heritage threatened by wars and natural disasters. MayDay for cultural heritage fuses two concepts - the distress signal, and the first day of May - in order to create a memorable calendar date for events that improve disaster preparedness in archives, galleries, libraries and museums.

At Eden Killer Whale Museum the local fire brigade members visited on their scheduled practice night, to inspect the museum galleries, administration and storage areas and advise us of strategies to assist in the

event of fire within the building to minimise injury to personnel and damage to the collection.

Collection Manager Jody White and members, Lee Mulcahy, June Whalley, Stevia Goldworthy and Jenny Drenkhahn, met with brigade captain Zlatco Nemeč and brigade members to give advice regarding the building layout and the use of different areas.

There were many issues to address such as procedures and training.

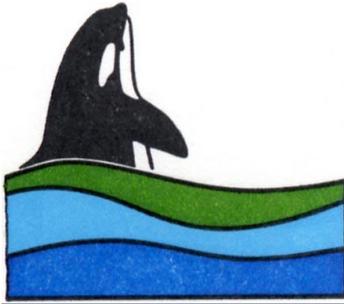
A comprehensive report on this visit has been presented to the management committee by Jody.

The first of these items has been discussed and acted upon at the June business meeting. Smoke alarms that



can be wired to the security system and will alarm when smoke is detected. The alarm is sent to our security firm and is distinguishable from a security breach. Quotes and specs are being sought for this equipment.

Above: Eden Fire Brigade members, Norman Walker, Sue Langenbaker, David Potter and Matthew Bell with museum members Stevia Goldworthy and June Whalley in the Library during the



COMING EVENTS

Mosaic Training Course
27th to 29th June
Eden Access Centre

VIC School Hols.
26th June to 11th July
NSW School Hols
3rd July to 18th July

SEHG meeting
Sat. 21st August
Hosted by Merimbula

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South East History Group See Bombala on a crisp Autumn Day



EKWM members L to R
Celia Hannen, Marg Sheaves, June Whalley, Rob Whiter,
Jack Dickenson and Jenny Drenkhahn.



Above: Bombala Railway Station
Below: Demonstration of the distilling process for
lavender and eucalypt



Around 30 members of South East History Group gathered in Bombala on Saturday 14th May for the quarterly meeting. An interesting visit to the old railway grounds in the centre of town included a distillery, the historic engine collection with club rooms and Lavender House which doubles as the towns information centre.

The Historic Engine Society are renowned for their comprehensive collection of machinery from a diverse range of industries. The members were on hand to answer questions we had. A backdrop of wool brands of the district printed on hessian was an added attraction. A biannual festival will be held in November this year and brings even more machinery from far and wide. Before lunch a book launch was held at the Historical Societies rooms.

The publication "Childhood Reminiscences of Wilfred Alexander Watt de Beuezeville 1884 - 1954" had been compiled by Jean Cleret and Margaret Summerill and is available from the Bombala Historical Society.

The next meeting will be hosted by Merimbula Imlay Historical Society on the 21st August. (Details to be announced) and the November meeting will be hosted by Mallacoota on 20th and 21st November contact Jo Grant 03 5158 0402 or email:

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EDEN KILLER WHALE MUSEUM SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

BUSINESS MEETING	2 ND WEDNESDAY	7PM	THEATRETTE
CURATORIAL MEETING	1 ST MONDAY	1 PM	LIBRARY
FRIENDS MEETING	3 RD WEDNESDAY	9AM	LIBRARY
ALL WELCOME			