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## Remembering Sesqui 1993

Over nine days in March 1993, the town of Eden was transformed into a bustling place of festivity and community celebrations to commemorate the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the town's proclamation. Driven by the Eden Killer Whale Museum's volunteer management committee, it remains as one of Eden's largest community events of all time.

Businesses and community organisations banded together to offer a full program of events to commemorate Eden's Sesquicentenary. They ranged from old time dances and stockman rides, art and

craft exhibitions to special bowls, golf and bingo events. Tall ships, bus tours and walks across Eden contributed to the wide array of activities enjoyed by locals and visitors alike. Former residents travelled from across the country especially to share their memories and celebrate the hopes for the future.

It is now 175 years since Eden was proclaimed a town, and 25 years since Eden's biggest community celebrations unfolded. This, the newest exhibition from Eden Killer Whale Museum invites you to be a part of the celebrations that once were.

*Jody White – EKWM Curator*

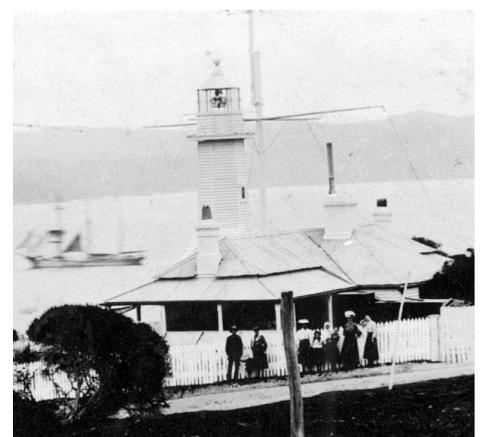
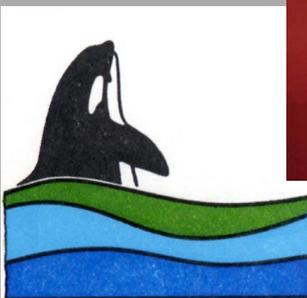
This must see exhibition is set up in the Typee Gallery and is on display from **February 6<sup>th</sup> 2018 to March 10<sup>th</sup> 2019**. Local resident, Vic Krisenthal, donned this uniform below during his many performances as town crier during Eden's Sesqui celebrations. The flag seen here was originally used for the City of Sydney's 1992 sesquicentenary celebrations, which were held to commemorate the City's incorporation and first council election in 1842. These were passed on to Eden and were flown all across town during the 1993 Sesqui.



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14 locals entered a beard growing competition and were judged on their resemblance to historic figures by local hairdresser Linda McCabe and Mrs Edie Michelin – the winners were Jack Dickenson (Thomas Raine), Peter Imlay (Benjamin Boyd), Robert Whiter (Henry Lawson), Doug Ainley (Imlay) and Peter Kelly (Boyd). Each wore badges to explain their unusual style of facial hair.

Eden's historic flagpole resurrected

In 1993, the Museum and the Eden Apex Club's joint project of restoring and re-erecting the town's historic flagpole was realised. It was first used in 1861 at the Eden Pilot Station on the Lookout (where Marine Rescue is today) during a time when flags were the only means for the harbormaster to signal ships entering or leaving the bay. It remained in use until the 1970s when it was dismantled and donated to the Museum.

## President Jack Dickenson Remembers Sesqui

Sesqui – Eden of 1993 celebrated 150 years of Eden being officially recognised. The year 1843 also saw the first land sales at Twofold Bay. To mark this important date, Eden Killer Whale Museum called on the community to join in marking this important

anniversary. Townspeople enthusiastically endorsed the Museum’s leadership and joined in the fun of the many events, historical re-enactments, some of which are depicted in this exhibition. Eden Killer Whale Museum saw the event as a time to encourage our people, to a greater appreciation of the past, while

looking forward with confidence and enthusiasm. And now, at our 175<sup>th</sup> mark and reflecting on that time, we extend those same wishes to the town and its people for success and joy in the years ahead.

**Jack Dickenson – President EKWM.**



LHS Lady Lionesses ‘Fashion through the Ages’ – a fashion parade featured costumes donated or made by Eden locals. It was so popular that people were turned away at the Eden Fishermen’s Club. The Audio Visual unit features Sesqui highlights. RHS Try to match the photos on the right to the events on the Sesqui program in the centre.



## Cruise Ships – our living History.

EKWM Curator Jody White is collecting ships plaques, photographs and footage of cruise ships arriving and departing from Eden to build a living history of the industry for the museum.

Jody is building a comprehensive picture of the impact the ships are having on our area.

She has also been closely monitoring the wharf extensions and improvements.

This fits in with her role of participating in, and observing, important moments in Eden’s history.

An oral history she has obtained with former harbormaster Max Saunders provides a valuable insight into the workings and changes at the port. With Cruise Eden Natalie Goodward’s assistance in obtaining material relating to the ships and is providing Cruise Eden memorabilia.

This sailing season we have 15 ships calling in at Eden with 8 of them due in 2018. So far we have had loads of positive feedback from passengers on our museum and the town of Eden.

We have found that the new side curtains on our marquee help us tell the story of Old Tom and whaling in our

area.

Our presence on the wharf is of the utmost importance as we are able to funnel visitors up the hill and into the museum as well as giving them some history of the area to whet their appetites.

As always we need more volunteers to help out, particularly in the museum as guides or to have a presence in the lighthouse where you don’t have to be a guide but simply a presence.

We have a lovely mix of international visitors and Aussies. Most are first time visitors and are so excited by the museum and the story of Old Tom.



Volunteers from Eden Visitors Centre enjoy a Harley ride helping them support this great way to see our town. Volunteer Stephanie Rawlings manning our marquee on the wharf.

## Experience this potpourri of local life

Our theme of new exhibitions at EKWM continues with this amazingly informative display of local vignettes.

This will be a step back in time for visitors where many of the objects may bring back memories of their childhood. In particular this relates to many Eden families.

To start with a wedding seems apt. The beautiful veil and headpiece on the right was selected to show the breadth of local items preserved in our storeroom.

For all who believe whaling and our maritime history is all we focus on this

exhibition will introduce you to history of Eden you may have thought was forgotten.

We remember and celebrate here the wedding of Hilda Alfred and Charles Ramsay on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of May 1916.

Our curator Jody White has given us an opportunity to enjoy a trip down memory lane in this well researched exhibition.

She has presented research details for me to share with readers of Soundings so I will pass on some of this in future editions.

**Potpourri of Local life – Feb 5<sup>th</sup> – Sept 23<sup>rd</sup> 2018**



## All aboard the Twofold Bay Motor Company

The Twofold Bay Motor Company was established in 1912 to provide a motor lorry service between Candelo, Bemboka, Numbugga, Pambula, Wyndham, Rocky Hall, southern Monaro and Eden. The company aimed to fulfil the need in getting butter to port more rapidly but also offered to transport all types of goods, including pigs, vealers, rabbits, maize, bark, wool and sleepers, as well as passengers.

The company earned £242 pounds in first year of operation, traveling 2,390 miles and made £92 profit for under six weeks work. Its first load of butter from Candelo factory was delivered to Eden on 9 December 1912. Until this time, transport was generally by bullock wagons. Other centres in NSW followed this company with the hope something may be established in their area.

Camperdown Cheese and Butter factory also began the same transport system in 1912, and found that the standard of the butter was higher due to the quick cartage of the cream, meaning that the cream was in a better condition when it arrived at the factory. It was kept cooler due to the draught circulating around storage containers, and less churning was experienced during transport.

The Commer lorry could carry 40 passengers and the new FIAT was able to seat 50 passengers. It took an hour to travel from Eden to Pambula and the fare was 5 shillings. The lorry took horse racing enthusiasts to Bega's annual races on New Year's Day, 1913. It left Eden at 5am and the journey from Eden to Bega (including stops at Pambula and South Pambula) took 3 hrs and 15 mins. A newspaper reported, 'All hands were pleased with the quick, pleasant and comfortable journey and the up-to-date manner

of travelling'. 'Mac' [McKenzie] the driver is a favourite with all...' The lorry conveyed about 180 passengers during the two day event. However the company blamed poor weather and road conditions and the unreliability of the new FIAT, on the fact they couldn't meet their contract obligations. The lorry was returned with a claim for compensation of £1,000 in lost income due to its unreliability.

Other excursions included a surfing trip to Tathra, leaving from Candelo in March 1913. The 11 mile trip from Bega to Tathra took 43 mins. They also provided transport to the Bemboka Catholic Church Ball in September 1913, as well as other district agricultural shows. There was also a special trip for the opening of the Federal Capital stopping at Nimmitabel, and via Queanbeyan, which left Bega on 10 March. The company went into liquidation and lapsed by June 1915.

*Material researched by Jody White EKWM Curator.*



Above Twofold Bay Motor Transport Co lorry outside the Hotel Australasia 1912. Mattson Collection. EKWM  
Below Bullock dray hauling a load at Towamba.



## Celebrations and Awards

Congratulations are in order to the 2017 recipients of the EKWM Leviathan Award – Gwen and Ross Dobbys. This award is set up to recognize and thank volunteers who have aided the museum and Eden.

Gwen and Ross have worked hard to support EKWM over many years and also

unstintingly given of their time to Nullica Lodge, Art on Imlay, Eden Men's Shed and the Coastal Patrol.

Museum President Jack Dickenson is seen here presenting the award to Ross Dobbys at our Friends Christmas Party.

Big congratulations to the

lovely Jenny Drenkhahn being awarded a certificate for her 40 years of service to EKWM.

Jenny is such a hard worker in so many organisations around Eden – SEHGI, Marine Rescue and Art on Imlay where here beautiful cross stitch art works are appreciated by all to name a few.



Photograph Jody White EKWM.

## Snug Cove Report

The 110 meter, 44 million extension of the Snug cove wharf is now well into the next stage of its development. Stage one of the project, dredging and fabricating and installing scour protection mattresses, has now been completed with a total of 172 mattresses laid on the seabed.

Stage two, marine structures, has commenced with

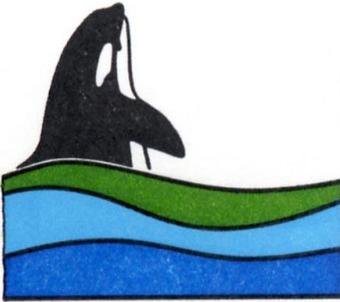
Waterway Constructions placing orders for long lead items including piles and dolphin steel jackets.

Offsite fabrication of piles commenced in January, with mobilisation of plant and equipment to site expected during March. Piling and associated activities are to commence in April 2018.

The project is scheduled to be completed by mid-2019,

weather permitting.

Roving reporter Rob Whiter supplied these photos – the last shows the mixing of cement & water to form a grout which is pumped underwater to fill sundry irregular spaces between the scour protection mats and the sheet piling of the breakwater wharf. Heron constructions are nearing the end of their contract to dredge & install scour protection with a handover to Waterways N.S.W. expected towards the end of March.



### COMING EVENTS:

18<sup>TH</sup>, 19<sup>TH</sup> & 24<sup>TH</sup> OF FEB – CRUISE SHIPS.

3<sup>RD</sup> MARCH – CRUISE SHIP

8<sup>TH</sup> MARCH – INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

4<sup>TH</sup> – 15<sup>TH</sup> APRIL – SENIORS WEEK

MAY 12<sup>TH</sup> SEHGI MEETING MERIMBULA



## Celebrating Australia Day

A crowd of locals and visitors gathered on each corner of the intersection at the Eden flag pole to celebrate Australia Day.

This event organized by EKWM MC Genevieve McGinnes introduced Jenny

Drenkhahn who the poem 'The Australian Sunrise.' The choir sang well known Australian songs before and after the flag was raised.

Susie Sarah gave the Australia Day address featuring how her family was made up of Dutch,

English and Aboriginal people – all Australians. At the end of the ceremony everyone enjoyed a sausage sizzle served by ESSCI.

Both Susie and Genevieve have been Australia Day Ambassadors. It was interesting to note that the event was both moving and well received by all.



## SEHGI Meeting at Bermagui

The meeting on Saturday the 10<sup>th</sup> of February was hosted by the Bermagui at the country club.

The first stop of the excursion was at the Blue Pool where members opted to view from the lookout, in preference to "dipping a toe" partly due to 95 steps to get back to the cliff top as it was a very hot

afternoon. They then drove to Horseshoe Bay where the beach was being enjoyed by many.

The next meeting will be held at the Merimbula Old School Museum where it is hoped the new historic CD featuring bridges in our area will be launched.

**Photo and story Rob Whiter.**



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### SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS:

EXEC PANEL MEETING  
CURATORIAL MEETING  
FRIENDS MEETING

1 PM 2<sup>ND</sup> WEDNESDAY  
1 PM 1<sup>ST</sup> MONDAY  
9.30AM 3<sup>RD</sup> WEDNESDAY

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