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Building For the Future

Jack Dickenson, president of the Friends of Eden Killer Whale Museum, reports that the museum improvements which started in February of this year are coming along well.

"The bricklayers are finished, the cement render is to be done soon and roofers are due to do some cladding, which will then allow for us to increase the capacity of our solar system," Jack said.

"We are very happy

with the builders, they are very conscious and doing their best."

Weekly meetings have been taking place to discuss the timeframe for completion of the works. Accessibility will be greatly improved with the addition of a new lift to service three levels of the museum, though the delivery of the lift mechanism from overseas has been delayed.

"It probably won't arrive until the end of January, but that won't

stop us from completing anything else because it stands alone. We will still be able to move in and get started," Jack said.

Council unanimously agreed to act as guarantor for a building extension loan of \$600,000 on a principal and interest repayment loan over 15 years. The EKWM must provide detailed financials for the project, no later than October 31 each year to confirm that EKWM is in a financial position to meet repayments.



Photos – Joanne Korner

November 12th Opening

EKWM is planning to reopen on November the 12th all going well.

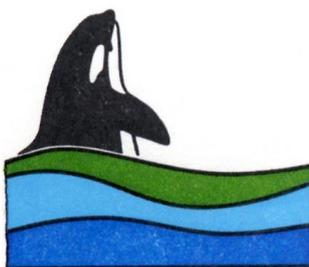
In these uncertain times it has been a hard time for most businesses with all the border closures and lock downs restricting travel both from other states and within NSW.

As a result the museum had to close due to very small visitor numbers making it hardly worth keeping the door open. Our web site clearly stated that we were closed to prevent any visitor confusion. Now that our state and others are relaxing borders and

allowing businesses to trade again we will be operating under the reduced hours of 10am – 3pm.

Visitors must be double vaccinated with proof of vaccination to enter the museum and staff likewise.

Normal Covid rules still apply.



Barry and Julie hard at work in the EKWM office

While our doors have been closed Julie Williams, our office guru, with the help of volunteer Barry Smith have been toiling away keeping our ship afloat.

Julie has taken on a huge role in our ever-busy office as well as running the Museum shop which has been an online presence while

the Covid restrictions have kept our doors closed.

With Barry's help and support Julie has been putting everything in order and both have gone far beyond and above their normal duties.

Our thanks to them both for all the effort they have put in over the last few months. A job well done and we appreciate all you are both doing.



Cruise Ships to Return next year

For all who love cruising on the high seas it seems that we may again see cruise ships in Eden.

It is expected in early March the Silver Muse and Norwegian Spirit will be berthing at our cruise ship wharf but with reduced passenger numbers due to covid regulations.

All passengers must be

double vaccinated and have passed a covid test before embarking.

Most of the cruise ships now have facilities to deal with Covid outbreaks on board – a big change from how they operated in the past.

I am sure all will welcome the influx of visitors to our area again.



All the Best Jody

All at EKWM were saddened to hear that our Collections Manager Jody White has decided to leave us. Jody has been a much appreciated, hard working member of the museum staff for 16 years doing extensive

research and making contact with consultants for future refurbishments of exhibitions and ensuring our collection was always well cared for and maintained. Through the museum she also protected family heirlooms during the bushfires for Eden locals.

We wish Jody well in her future endeavors.



The Most Artistic Toilet in the Universe

As we get a little older toilets become an important focus of our life. So much so that there now is an APP that maps all the toilets in our wide brown land. *A very subtle toilet joke!*

In our travels I love documenting toilet art – it's almost an obsession, so you can imagine my delight when we returned from one of our trips to find that local artist Ralph ?

had decorated the toilet block adjacent to his spectacular mural of the whale hunt in Twofold Bay. When I have to 'spend a penny' this is my favorite destination!

Check out more of his work at EKWM in the ? Gallery.



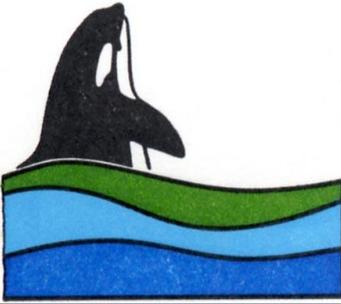
A bit Too Close For Comfort

Many local fishermen report close encounters with our migrating whales but this one was a bit too close! Nick Myhill, from Narooma aged 18, received severe head and neck injuries when a breaching whale fell onto the family boat off the south coast of New South Wales (NSW). Marine Rescue NSW received a mayday call, following the incident off the coast off Narooma. Nick's stepfather, the boat skipper, notified his "passenger had sustained a serious head injury." He told rescuers he was trying to

navigate back to the boat ramp despite the vessel taking on water. Paramedics met the vessel and treated both men before transferring them to the hospital, Nick was later airlifted to Canberra, where he remained in a critical but stable condition. His step-father, was treated in a local hospital for facial lacerations and concussion. Nick regularly went on fishing trips with his stepfather. The pair, were on an early morning fishing trip, "doing what they love", according to Carmen Bartley, a friend of the family.

The family said they had no warning, and no time to react. Matt was able to quickly get them back to shore, using the VHF (very high frequency marine radio) to make a mayday call on the way, to organize an ambulance to meet them on arrival at the boat ramp. Matt's actions no doubt saved Nick's life. Laws make it illegal for anyone approaching a whale in a vessel to get closer than 100 meters (328 feet) but whales seem unaware of these laws. Authorities thought this whale may have been injured and misjudged the distance to the boat.





COMING EVENTS:

12TH NOVEMBER —
EKWM OPENS



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Christmas Greetings to All

We all thought we were doing well recovering from the bush fires, only just managing to stay open for a while with the Covid outbreak, then bit by bit we had to lay low and wait out all the closures and shut downs.

With most gatherings cancelled we lost our Whale Festival with most events off the calendar this year.

We have also given our

Christmas gathering a miss and the SEHGI meetings have been on line.

So while we hibernated EKWM has managed to soldier on with a major building project which will give us the much needed space to showcase our wonderful collection, much of which has been in storage.

The lift will be a great asset as it helps all those

who struggle with stairs see the whole museum in comfort and ease.

Don't hesitate to call in when our doors open again and check out the exhibitions and do some Christmas shopping in our museum shop – or if its easier check out our range online.

All at EKWM wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season with fingers, toes and eyes crossed that all goes well for each and every one of us.

Zooming in for a Meeting

With all the Covid rules and lock downs it has been very difficult for all the museums in our area and particularly for SEHGI meetings, which have been impossible for the volunteers who run those museums to attend.

Thanks to Christy McBain, our local Federal Member, a zoom meeting to all in her electorate and has linked all the SEHGI members up again to discuss any issues they have had to deal with in these challenging times.

She has also helped to access grants available for any of their projects – often a difficult process for many of the museums to handle.

One issue some of the museums have had with the Bega Valley Council are that of raised rents on the premises they lease from the shire. Some museums faced huge increases which they were unable to meet with lack of visitors cutting back their incomes. The Pambula Court House Museum was also asked to perform building maintenance as well. Most are non-profit organizations and house and maintain local and family records and history of their area. A very valuable resource for families researching their family background and a necessary record for future generations.

The Bermagui Museum

which operates in just one small room in the local Council Centre had to relocate to a smaller room when the Information Centre expanded. This left them very little space to exhibit and store their collection. They too had increased rental issues while trying to work in a very limited space.



Federal Member Christy
McBain

EDEN KILLER WHALE MUSEUM

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS:

BUSINESS MEETING	3PM 2 ND WEDNESDAY	MUSEUM LIBRARY
CURATORIAL MEETING	2PM 1 ST MONDAY	MUSEUM LIBRARY
FRIENDS MEETING	9AM 3 RD WEDNESDAY	MUSEUM LIBRARY