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## EKWM VOLUNTEERS GO FOR GOLD

Members of the Museum were both thrilled and delighted to receive the 'Community Choice Award for Outstanding Voluntary Community Involvement or Service' during the Excellence in Eden Business Awards.

Life member Jenny Drenkhahn accepted the award and said *"it was a great honor, particularly in a town like this where there's so much voluntary work done. It was a real thrill for the museum and really nice of Jan and John Aveyard to sponsor the award, because in a town that has so much voluntary work it should be recognized along with the business awards."*

The trophy will be displayed with pride and we congratulate all the other nominees of this and other categories covered on the night for their work and commitment to make Eden's business shine.



Shown here accepting the award is Jenny Drenkhahn with L to R ; Gold and Bronze Olympic medalist Kerri Polthurst and sponsors Jan and John Aveyard.

## Our Experienced Worker Jemma



Jemma Danvers at work with Janet Freeman and Eileen Cameron in our Museum Shop.

Jemma Danvers from Eden Marine High School recently spent a week with us on work experience.

During her week she worked with staff in Retail, Administration and Collection Management.

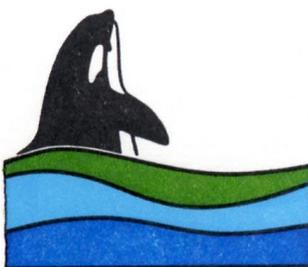
All staff were impressed with the commitment, motivation and enthusiasm she displayed during her short time with us.

We wish her all the best with her future studies.

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Did anyone Google and find this whale logo recently - it seems very apt with all the recent whale sightings. Listen for our siren then see if you can spot a whale in the bay.



## Eden Whale Festival Launched at EKWM

On Friday November the 2<sup>nd</sup> Mike Gandon, grandson of photographer W.T.Hall officially launched the Eden Whale Festival during a ceremony at the Museum.

With a theme of reminiscing Mike and John Aveyard spoke of times gone by in our town after which Vanessa Milton from ABC OPEN introduced the 'Now and Then' exhibition of photographs. This project has created a window into the past using historical photos, some of which were sourced from our EKWM archives, placing them alongside their current settings. Volunteers Stephanie Rawlings and Bruce Clark with Collections Manager Jodie White prepared the theatre for the exhibition.

A musical interlude by the Eden High School choir, followed by a

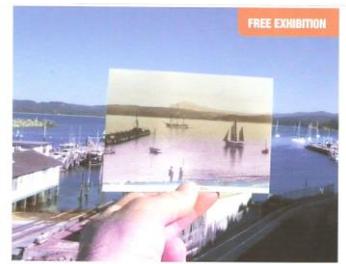
sumptuous afternoon tea by the EKWM volunteers was enjoyed by all present.

'Reflections' featuring photographs by William Hall documenting the lives of Eden residents in the 1<sup>st</sup> half of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century is on exhibition and runs through till the 10<sup>th</sup> of December.

Jenny showed the 'Eden Remembers' Facebook page in the theatre throughout the weekend.

Some of the Festival highlights included - 'Meet Wally the Whale' hosted by the Sapphire Coast Marine Centre, Shore based whale watching with NPWS Geoff Ross, Eden Antics, Geology Walk with Dr. Anne Fenton.

This year's festival theme was 'Reuse and Re-cycle' as is evident by photos below of the street parade.



**Now and Then: the Bega Valley photo & video exhibition**  
 Explore the Bega Valley's past and present at the Eden Kilar Whale Museum.  
 'Now and Then' is a photography project with a twist. An old photo is re-photographed at its original location, making a story of the past and how times have changed.  
 The exhibition features photographs by community members alongside video profiling people with fascinating connections to the South Coast. It also showcases the rich history, heritage and culture of the Bega Valley.  
 Where: Eden Kilar Whale Museum Head Office  
 When: Saturday 3 November 8:15am - 2:45pm and Sunday 4 November 11:15am - 2:45pm  
 Free entry via Theatre's doors next to the main Whale Museum entry on King Street.

ABC OPEN ABC Open allows artists to represent Australia across the ABC. To find out how you can be a part of projects like Now and Then, visit [www.abc.com.au/abcopen](http://www.abc.com.au/abcopen)



Jenny Drenkhahn and Vanessa Milton at the launch of 'Now and Then'.



Have you checked out our smart new noticeboard at IGA in Imlay Street?

Up to date information on Museum activities, exhibitions and related projects will be on the board. Keep an eye on it while doing your shopping.

## Watch this Space



## BEEN TO A BOOK LAUNCH RECENTLY?

A launch of 'The Edrom Booklet' written by Heather Wembridge was held at the Eden Library on September 30<sup>th</sup>.

'People of the Lake - Stories of Merimbula' by Helen Swinbourne and Olwen Morris was launched by Chappie Munn on October 13<sup>th</sup> in Merimbula.

We have copies of both books in our library and on the shelves for sale in our shop.



'PEOPLE OF THE LAKE'

## Much Needed Storage Space

Work began during the 1<sup>st</sup> week of October on the new collection and storage room and Collection Managers and Curatorial Volunteers office, relocating all closer to the library and research collections.

In doing so Jodie White our Collection Manager has secured a new home for the vast collection of journals and printed amendments relating to the museum's collection of N.S.W Statutes, Regulations and By-Laws.

The Library of the Law Society of N.S.W will be taking over ownership of the collection that once belonged to the Eden Courthouse. The majority of the collection contains amendments of a general legislative nature, but some volumes do contain information relevant to the local area and will be retained by EKWM. A lengthy process that continues, it has revealed some interesting local references which need

further study, such as the *Bega & Wilborforce Labour Settlement Act*.

The volume contains several years worth of Colonial Budgets for 1860-70s and include expenses associated with the Eden Goal: Gabo Island Lighthouse jetty crane and tramway, maintenance and telegraph connection: the Cooma-Bombala Telegraph Line: Eden Cemetary fencing: road repairs after floods in Cooma and Twofold Bay: Bega Hospital & Benevolent Society: Bombala Hospital: Wolumla-Bega Telegraph Line: Bega School of Arts: Tathra Wharf: Eden Wharf maintenance: erection of the O'Grady Memorial at Nerrigundah: Eden-Bega, Pambula-Merimbula and Eden-Gabo Island Telegraph Lines. Gratuities were also paid out to three Eden Pilot Station boatmen (a month's salary for each year of service), which also needs further investigation.

For more highlights visit the museum's Facebook page which is updated regularly.



## We Welcome our New Committee

Many of us forget that there are faces behind all the positions held on the committee which keeps our wonderful museum afloat and functioning in ship shape form.



We all thank the following hard working people –

**Jack Dickenson** – President.  
**Jeff Swane** – 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President  
**Robert Whiter** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President  
**Jenny Drenkhahn** – Secretary  
**Jeff Swane** – Treasurer  
**Stephanie Rawlings** – Exhibitions Director

**Jeff Swane** – Promotions Director

**Carole Edwards** – Library Documents Manager

**June Whalley** – Deputy Library Documents Manager

**June Whalley** – Photographic Manager

**Margaret Sheaves** – Volunteer Co-ordinator

**Robert Whiter** – Safety Security & Buildings Director

**Phil McGrath** – EKW Morsecodian

**Susie Sarah** – Soundings Editor

**Kellow Parbery & Assoc.** - Auditor

**Barry Smith** – Guides Co-ordinator

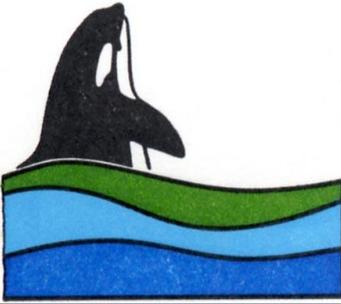
**Stevia Goldworthy** – Membership Recruitment Officer.



**Last but not least we have an executive panel of the following 7 members –**

**Jack Dickenson**  
**Jeff Swane**  
**Keith Crook**  
**Jenny Drenkhahn**  
**Robert Whiter**  
**Barry Smith**  
**Margaret Sheaves**

Many of you may now note that some of these fine folk take on more than one position so hats off to these hard working few and all our fine volunteers as well.



## COMING EVENTS:

**SEGHI MEETING  
NOVEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup>  
HOSTED BY  
MERIMBULA IMLAY  
HISTORICAL SOCIETY.**

**EXTENDED EKWM  
HOURS FROM  
27<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER –  
13<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY ARE  
9.15AM – 4.45PM**

**SUMMER HOLIDAY  
CHILDRENS  
ACTIVITIES**



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## SEGHI MEETING AT EKWM

The SEGHI meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> of August followed a 'Managing your Collections' workshop co-hosted by NSW Government State Records and the Royal Australian Historical Society at the theatre in the EKWM.

The session was well attended with 48 keen participants who took in information relating to –

compiling and managing databases : digitising records and photographs : paper collection indexing, housing, storage and temperature control : providing access to records : arranging and describing collections : accessioning procedures and do's and don'ts of storage.

The information gathered was of great help to all who attended.

Getting down to business the SEGHI members are hard at it working on a combined brochure with logos of each museum, opening times and admission fees clearly detailed.

Reports were given by Tom Kennedy from Bombala, Ursula Hunt from Bega Valley Genealogy, Sandra Florence from Bega Museum, Garry Moorehead from Merimbula Imlay Historical Society, Jo Grant from Mallacoota Historical Society and Jack Dickenson from the Eden Killer Whale Museum.

Garry Moorhead let everyone know that the Tathra Wharf Museum was re-opened on 30<sup>th</sup> of September and by now should be receiving many visitors. The Gabo Island 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary was marked by the Mallacoota Historical Society on 21<sup>st</sup> of August with a special display. Parks Victoria plan to hold a function later this year.

Work is still progressing on the 'Bridges Project'



***A studious audience gathers information at the 'Managing your Collections' workshop at the EKWM.***

With work completed for the EKWM contribution by Jenny Drenkhahn and Carole Edwards. This is quite a comprehensive project with much discussion around the number of bridges and amount of information to be included. The meeting gave permission to Melanie Sykes and Collette Moorhead to use their discretion about what is to be included and the general format of the DVD.

Chappy Munn has discovered some timbers which are believed to be from the Ly ee Moon and further study will be done to verify this.

Arthur Lee is wondering if anyone has any knowledge of the whereabouts of the "25 pounder" cannon that was part of the Merimbula War Memorial. There has been some earthworks done in the vicinity recently and the cannon has been removed.

The next meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> November will be held at 'Eureka House' Wolumla, hosted by the Merimbula Imlay H/S.

## THE LAST WORD

..-.-.-.- I hope this little nonsense morse code message got your interest. Phil McGrath reminded me that on 13<sup>th</sup> of December at 11am there will be a re-enactment at Bombala of the last morse code message sent from this area in 1962. There is hope of a hook up to the G.P.O in Sydney – contact Phil for more information.



We are constantly adding to our collection and this wonderful item caught my eye – a Sash for the 'Smelliest Otto Bin' created by Alex MacKenzie for Jack Dickinson at a time when council was limiting its refuse disposal to once a week. The Sash decorated the smelliest bin of the week in Imlay Street, and did lead to action by Council.

## EDEN KILLER WHALE MUSEUM

### SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS:

BUSINESS MEETING	7PM 2 <sup>ND</sup> WEDNESDAY	MUSEUM THEATRETTE
CURATORIAL MEETING	1PM 1 <sup>ST</sup> MONDAY	MUSEUM LIBRARY
FRIENDS MEETING	9.30AM 3 <sup>RD</sup> WEDNESDAY	MUSEUM LIBRARY