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Bring on Those Rainy Days!

They were queued up right out the EKWM entrance door on Friday 3rd of January, breaking our attendance records.

592 visitors crowded the museum dodging summer showers to enjoy our museum displays. 407 adults, 169 children and 16 concession

holders streamed in our door.

Bob our number cruncher reported we were 596 visitors up for the Christmas period.

Well done to Jan in the shop who coped with the deluge of visitors with her usual calm efficiency and



Little Khaeyden Tan loved the whale bones.



EKWM Guide Leone Fairweather with Bega primary school students.



to all our guides as well.

The following photos celebrate our holiday bonanza.



Zac, Gigi, Anna, Finlay and baby Leni.

Walking down History Lane

In the next few issues of Soundings we will walk you around the streets of Eden re-visiting historic buildings of the past and present. If you have time follow the Historic Markers yourself.

The seed of the Historic Marker project was sown by the late Jim Tuit who was actively involved in promoting tourism in our area.

EKWM in Collaboration with the Eden Chamber of Commerce, who provided \$1,000 to get the project off the ground, finally brought the project to fruition.

Jeff Swane discovered the skills of sign writer Alex McKenzie and introduced him to the EKWM committee and Jack Dickenson discussed the

project with him.

Using a shield shape for the signage a trial period ensued with some prototypes not quite up to scratch. Using Weathertex for the text boards a handful of volunteers made the signs. Rob Whiter and Jack put in long hours with Kevin Turnbull shaping the shields and Alex completing the hand lettering of the text.

A Nowra firm who stocked period fittings supplied the lace brackets.

The need to replace lace brackets and posts seemed to have been due to misadventure though several shields have been stolen.

The next step now in the project is to produce etched plates featuring



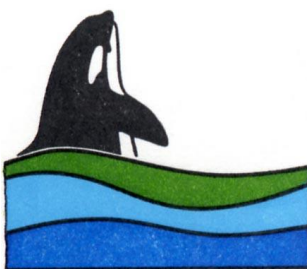
drawings of the buildings which will be added to the information on the plaques.

Start your historic walk at Lot 1 Number 1 at the end of the road from EKWM's front door. This land was first purchased by Benjamin Boyd in 1843 – the first block sold in the Twofold Bay area. At the sale he also bought 640 acres to develop Boyd Town.

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Old Tom's First Home

The Twofold Bay Development League building in Imlay Street pictured below, was the first home of Old Tom's skeleton.

John Logan angered by the neglect and determined boycott of the South Coast was instrumental, with a number of others, in forming the Twofold Bay Development League around 1922. He was elected President and retained that position until his death.

The organization published the *Southern Eastern Gate* in 1926 to promote everything

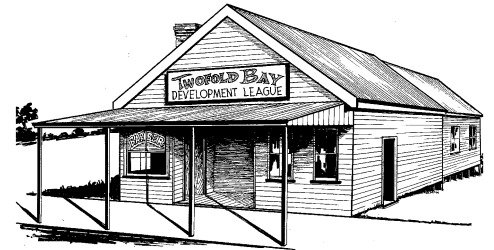
the district had to offer. Copies were sent to people in influential positions around the country.

John Logan paid George Davidson for his time and expenses in preparing the skeleton of Old Tom, then in January 1931 advertised a meeting in the local newspaper the Magnet to discuss how to preserve and house the skeleton.

The Sydney Museum was interested in securing the skeleton but John Logan felt it should remain in Eden.

The skeleton was assembled and placed on display at the Twofold Bay Development League Rooms. Mr. Logan had collected four pounds and fourteen shillings as admission to the rooms to view the skeleton then opened a bank account for the funds.

His dream of opening a museum was to be the next step – but that's another story!



This photo from the Ena Terrill Collection shows boy scouts holding a street stall at the Twofold Bay Development Building. The sign in the right hand side window is about Old Toms skeleton being on display. This drawing of the building will be etched on plate for the Historic Marker.

Snug Safe and Sound

The Sydney to Hobart yacht race often experiences some challenging sailing. Two yachts tied up in Snug Cove, retiring from the race.

Black Adder and Canute were spotted by roving reporter Rob Whiter who provided this image.

James Packer was also spotted when he tied up.

Our next visitors to Eden were the surf life boats racing in the George Bass marathon.

The race follows part of the journey undertaken by explorer Surgeon George

Bass in 1797. Surgeon Bass with a crew of six naval oarsmen rowed a longboat from Port Phillip down the NSW coast and around the southern end of Victoria mapping the coastline.

Crews from all over Australia competed in the grueling 190 kilometer race across open seas from Batemans Bay to Eden.

All competitors are members of Surf Life Saving Australia and can be found patrolling our beaches keeping swimmers safe.



Clawdeen Enjoys Our Holiday Activities

We had a rather unusual visitor to our school holidays activity table this summer.

Clawdeen, a travelling doll has been rather busy in Eden. Autism Speaks have set up a blog for the doll after she was lost by Delilah, an autistic child from Brooklyn USA.

Since then Clawdeen has travelled through three continents, her journey starting in Australia and finally ending back in Brooklyn to celebrate Delilah's birthday at the

end of February.

To follow Clawdeen's journey and learn more about Autism log onto <http://heytheredelilah226.worldpress.com> and you can check out her Eden visit.

We again had a busy time with our school holiday program. Our thanks to all the volunteers who manned the table while 208 children and quite a number of adults coloured in reef fish which the EKWM helpers attached

to a drinking straw fishing rod.

We give due credit to our Curator Jodie White, *the brains of the outfit*, who created this popular activity to echo our exhibit *Strike*, which celebrates the Eden tuna fishing industry.

An article featuring Jody and the Dick Jolly collection was published in the December 26th edition of the *Eden Magnet*.



Moutrey's Controversial Cottage

William Moutrey arrived in Twofold Bay from Sydney in 1847 to act as Superintendent for Benjamin Boyd during the completion of the Seahorse Inn at Boyd town on the South Western Shore of Twofold Bay.

Building of the Inn began early in 1845 and continued for over a five year period.

Local historian H.P. Wellings in his booklet "*Benjamin Boyd in Australia*" claimed that the inn was never completed. There is much conjecture surrounding the activities of William Moutrey and the building of this "cottage" quite removed from the task given him from Boyd.



Moutrey's Cottage, Twofold Bay, 1903

Mr William S. Moutrey was engaged in Sydney by Benjamin Boyd to proceed with Boulton and to assume the superintendency of various works being carried out at the settlement. He had no instructions in the whaling or the building of the lighthouse at South Head. He arrived in April 1847. Undoubtedly the site chosen for his residence is one of the finest surrounding Twofold Bay.

Our thanks to Faye Davidson for providing the use of this image.

FRIEND'S BRUNCH



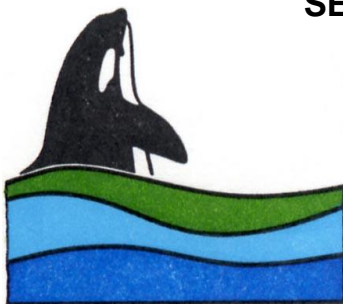
L-R – Margaret Sheaves, Beryl Gamble, Celia Hannan, Jenny Drenkhahn Valma Barker and Amanda Midlam.

Celebrating another successful year EKWM Friends were not put off by stormy weather and enjoyed brunch at Cocora Beach.

Over cereal and plates of bacon, eggs, fruit and breakfast muffins they enjoyed the best of company and conversation.

They look forward to this next busy year of challenging hard work. Where would EKWM be without this energetic group of volunteers!

SEGHI visit to Buckajo



COMING EVENTS:

8TH MARCH
INTERNATIONAL
WOMEN'S DAY

17TH MARCH
SENIOR'S WEEK

16TH – 19TH MAY
MUSEUMS AUSTRALIA
NATIONAL
CONFERENCE

9TH AUGUST
SAPPHIRE COAST
FAMILY HISTORY EXPO



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Bega Pioneers Museum hosted the November meeting with an excursion through the Buckajo area north west of Bega: Buckago with a population of 404 still has many of the families mentioned by museum members living in the area. See if any of these names ring a bell – Bateman, Johnston, Heffernan, Rheinburger, Howard, Tarlinton, Hukins and McNamara

The SEGHI itinerary for

Tugboat Annie – Jean C Whiter

She was known as *tugboat Annie* and she moved here at age of nine

Snug cove became her playground that is true

Her dad was a shipping agent so the wharf to her was fine

Even more when a ship “came into view”

Jean had determination and she kept up with the boys

She soon became proficient in a boat

Now rowing in the harbor soon took over from her toys

Drifting ‘round on anything that floats

Old Charlie had the run of things and livestock was his game

McMahon & Harris sent him mobs of pigs

But soon some of Harris's they weren't so good to tame

To get them on the ship was quite a jig.

2014 is as follows –

February – Bega Valley Genealogy Society (Pambula)

May – Tathra Wharf, Tathra

August – Sapphire Coast Family History Expo Merimbula

November – Mallacoota

February – (2015) Bermagui.

The August Sapphire Coast Family History Expo organisers have successfully applied to the Mumbulla Foundation for a grant to

assist with costs. The State Archive and Australian War Memorial have offered speakers so it is shaping up to be a great event.

Historical Museums and Societies are welcome to set up a stall to demonstrate the research facilities and resources they have to offer. SEGHI members have an opportunity to showcase their institutions, sell publications they have produced and sign up volunteers.

A tribute by Robert Whiter

Pigs can't fly, but they can swim, as off the wharf they'd dive

So Charlie with a grin would look

And Jean aboard the dinghy vowed to “bring em back alive.”

To straighten out his tally book

For eighty years or more Jean watched for folk at sea

She helped where help was needed most

To speak with her seafaring friends wherever they might be

She stayed stuck there to her listening post



EDEN KILLER WHALE MUSEUM

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS:

EXEC PANEL MEETING	1 PM 2 ND THURSDAY	MUSEUM LIBRARY
CURATORIAL MEETING	1 PM 1 ST MONDAY	MUSEUM LIBRARY
FRIENDS MEETING	9.30AM 3 RD WEDNESDAY	MUSEUM LIBRARY