

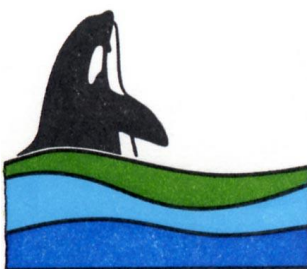
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## An Honorable Man

If you want a job done or a secret kept call on Jack Dickinson recently awarded an OAM for his significant contribution to the Eden community.

When notified of the award Jack was requested to “keep it under his hat until the public announcement” giving family, friends and colleagues a wonderful surprise.

Jack's talents are “spread like vegemite” though-out Eden. His work with the Lions and Apex Clubs, Chamber of Commerce, Visitors Information Centre, Eden Area Committee, Eden Service and Social Club Inc., Meals on Wheels, Eden's Men's Shed and Eden Singers is well documented but it's often the little “extra” jobs

that slip under the radar. He happily MC's at local events, book launches and any gig that requires a competent speaker with more than a little panache.

His involvement with EKWM began in 1977 where he was instrumental in striving for the development of the museum from the original single room it started with to the multi-levelled building we have today. This development included the lighthouse, theatrette, retail and office space, climate controlled archive, exhibition galleries and library and the landscaped grounds and car park.

Jack has been a President of EKWM for 18 years,



Treasurer for 14 and Secretary for 3 years. He was made a Life Member in 1997. To celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of EKWM he was involved in Back to Eden and Eden's Sesqui Centenary in 1993.

Our “Jack of all Trades” is a talented and appreciated master of every job he takes on.

## Phil McGrath's 80<sup>th</sup> Party

Our much loved master of the Telegraph – Phil McGrath has celebrated his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday in style at EKWM.

Looking fit and healthy he enjoyed a morning tea with friends and cut the beautiful

cake featuring a telegraph key designed by Sandy Huff.

Phil was presented with an OBE (Old But Everlasting) medal and certificate – a ceremony first started with EKWM's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday.

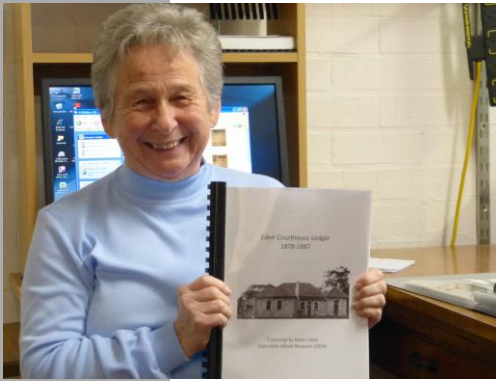


## Neil Oliver meets Tom

A rather fitting addition to our page of male celebrities is Neil Oliver well known for his historic and coastal documentaries.

He and his film crew filmed EKWM for the series featuring the Coast of Australia. It seems Tom was equally pleased to meet Neil. Watch your screens for this segment.





**Robin Unearths the Villains**

arduous task of transcribing the 1878-1887 Eden Courthouse ledger.

While working on some research I watched Robin wade through almost undecipherable handwritten notes in the language of the 1800s.

Robin’s patience and attention to detail has provided us with a priceless document now available in our library for researchers to access.

She has created an index of surnames and crimes to make it a relatively simple process to track down the ratbags and ruffians in your family.

The document paints a vivid picture of Eden in the late 1800s in minute detail.

Thank you Robin!

Sounds interesting? We have many more projects just like this. If you’d like to get involved telephone the museum on 6496 2094 during opening hours.

Most visitors to EKWM are unaware of the hard slog that goes on behind the scenes by our team of dedicated volunteers.

Robin Clark has finally completed the extremely

**International Women’s Day at EKWM**

Were you one of the 51 women and a handful of men enjoying breakfast under the sails at EKWM to celebrate International Women’s Day on the 8<sup>th</sup> of March where we raised \$500 for the Jane McGrath Foundation?

Trish Lamacraft, Tracey Chubb and Susie Sarah our entertaining guest speakers shared wonderful glimpses into their journeys though life.

The ESSCI blokes cooked a

very tasty breakfast, the EKWM friends set up platters of fresh fruit, cereal, and beverages and Jenny Drenkhahn was our mistress of ceremonies.

Margaret Sheaves led the singing of “I am Woman” followed by “Stand by Your Man”.

We thank all or the above for making this an enjoyable and very successful event.



**Indigenous History at Jigamy Farm**

On Friday 9<sup>th</sup> of May nine EKWM staff and volunteers responded to an invitation to visit the Keeping Place at Jigamy Farm.

Ossie Cruse, Sue Norman, Liddy Stewart and Shirley Aldridge hosted an informative introduction to collecting and archiving the indigenous history of our area.

The small but significant collection is catalogued and stored in a dedicated archive space within the building, and some artefacts make up a casual exhibition of tools, baskets and art. There is also a new

exhibit of art and text featuring the Bundian Way. Over tea and damper members from the Eden Local Aboriginal Land Council and the Twofold Bay Aboriginal Corporation explained their roles in administration of property and welfare for our indigenous community.

This dedicated group is encouraging younger members of their community to preserve their culture for future generations and for tourists visiting our area.



L-R EKWM - Jenny Drenkhahn, Celia Hannan, Trish Lamacraft, Anne Felton, Hellen Walder, Carole Edwards, Barry Smith, Amanda Midlam. Keeping Place colleagues – Liddy & Ossie Stewart, Osie Cruse, Shirley Stewart, Sue Norman.

## Welcome to the Hotel Australasia

It seems fitting that the next historic building featured in our walk through the streets of Eden is the newsworthy Hotel Australasia.

Mrs Sabina Pike purchased the one acre allotment for the hotel in 1904 for 500 pounds – the highest price paid for land in the township for a 40 year period. She appointed John Hines, a building contractor from Moss Vale to build the hotel using bricks made in his own kiln near the cemetery.

The outer walls are up to 18 inches thick and the inner wall 9 inches thick. The ceilings are made of pressed metal and the hotel was lit by acetylene gas fittings.

Opening for business in 1907 the hotel soon attracted notable clientele including politicians and the Australian Governor General Lord Northcote and his vice regal party.

The hotel had 44 rooms including 25

bedrooms, two large dining rooms, a roomy kitchen and scullery, two pantries, a kauri pine staircase, a back balcony overlooking the north bay, a front balcony looking onto Imlay street, two bathrooms, a smoking room, sitting room, two public parlours, a private parlour, store room, luggage room, tap room and bar with office attached.

A deep concrete and brick cellar was built under the bar and the rear garden was set out with vegetable beds and an aviary of Australian native birds. A 12 stall stables and offices were situated at the rear of the building with two rooms for commercial travelers and a servant's ironing room. Large water tanks were installed to service the hotel.

Last drinks at the Hotel Australia were called in May 2010 and a proposal to develop the site as a supermarket prompted a community campaign to preserve this historic building.

## EKWM Displays a Special Fishing Trophy

In 1929 Bondi's George Impey took on the Hotel Australasia and in the wake of American author Zane Grey's interest in big-game fishing at nearby Bermagui, started to explore the local potential.

He was keen to see the sport developed in Twofold Bay and made a standing offer to reward the master of the first fishing boat to bring a marlin into Eden.

The challenge was answered in 1936 when Sale angler Mr WA Borthwick landed a 249 pound Black Marlin from the deck of the Dorothea and boat owner and master Art Goulden collected the five pound reward.

Messrs W A Borthwick, A Goulden and R Avery of Victoria presented a block mounted hook and part of the line from this catch to Hotel Australasia licensee George Impey. The plaque is dated 23 – 1 – 36.

The Impey family was researching their family history online and found Peter Whiter's research regarding the Hotel Australasia and contacted Peter leading to a

visit with the family in Sydney and conducting oral history interviews. Vanessa Milton of ABC Open has been assisting with the project.

As a result Ted Impey has loaned this wonderful trophy to EKWM. Ted's grandfather George owned the "Straight 8" fishing launch manned by Robbie and Bob Warren Snr. As licensee of the Hotel Australasia, George offered guests fishing trips on the "Straight 8". A keen game fisherman himself, he finally landed his first marlin after he left Eden in 1939.

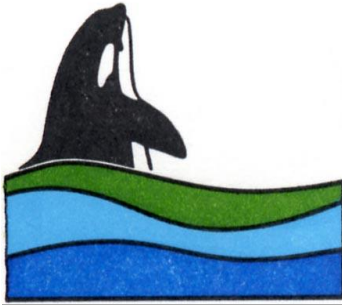
The memento will be on display in the fishing gallery at the end of May.

Top photo – Mr Borthwick's marlin  
Middle photo - Peter Whiter, Ted Impey and EKWM Collection Manager Jody White with the trophy.  
Below - the plaque on the trophy.  
Photo – Anna Warren.



Menu from the Hotel Australasia donated by John Tester





COMING EVENTS:

21<sup>ST</sup> JUNE  
BOOK LAUNCH  
SUSIE SARAH  
MUSEUM GENERAL  
MEETING 2PM

JULY - MOSAIC  
COURSE IN BEGA

9<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST  
SAPPHIRE COAST  
FAMILY HISTORY  
EXPO

9<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST  
SEGHI MEETING  
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## When the Boats Come In

Roving reporter Rob Whiter has kept an eye on the movement of shipping and sent Soundings this photo of a ship heavily laden with logs leaving for China.

Watch for "Rob's report" in each newsletter keeping us up to date with arrivals at the Navy wharf.

Two cruise ships, the Astor and Seabourn Sojourn, anchored in Twofold Bay in

February.

234 passengers from all around the world, including Joe and Caroline Hofe from Martinsburgh West Virginia USA pictured here, doubled our attendance figures enjoying guided tours of our world class EKWM.

The streets of Eden filled with happy visitors enjoying the beauty of our area.



## Listen for Our Whale Siren



The siren at EKWM is again announcing we have whales in our waters. Mick Lucas of Eden captured this photo and orca footage during the Eden Amateur Fishing Competition in March and kindly passed it on to us.

Four sightings of rare pygmy killer whales off the coast of Eden between February 2004 and March 2007 were recorded in a marine journal recently celebrating the diversity of sea life around Eden.

## SEGHI at Tathra



Six of our members attended the May SEGHI meeting at Tathra. This meeting was hosted by the Pig and Whistle Club Inc., the management committee for the museum at the historic Tathra Steamer Wharf. It was their first involvement with the South East History Group since the refurbishment of the wharf and its 150<sup>th</sup> celebrations in October 2012.

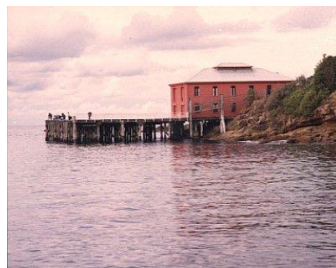
The Museum is in the upper level of the building on the wharf, and contains a collection of photographs and models to illustrate the history and restoration of the wharf.

The museum is open every weekend and on days where volunteers are available. It was pleasing to see the progress this committee has made and to include them in our schedule of meetings.

Local farmers jointly funded the building of the wharf with the Illawarra Steamship Company in 1860. All local produce and passengers were carried to Sydney in sailing ships then later in paddle steamers. In 1883 a screw steamer was put on the run.

A typical cargo comprised of bacon, bark, tallow, cheese butter, wool packs, store goods and farm implements. By 1912 the wharf was extended and a crane added. Cattle yards and races were built and a watering trough for stock. In 1914 crowds fare-welled local soldiers sailing from the Tathra wharf to war. The Illawarra Company suspended trading in 1958 as roads improved and the wharf was then used for timber boats.

It is now a mecca for fishermen and tourists.



## EDEN KILLER WHALE MUSEUM

### SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS:

EXEC PANEL MEETING  
CURATORIAL MEETING  
FRIENDS MEETING

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

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