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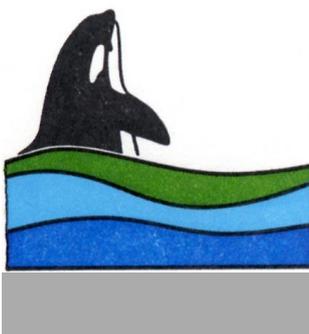
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## Great Endeavours

Escorted by a pod of dolphins HMB Endeavour cruised into Twofold Bay – a wonderful attraction for the Eden Whale Festival.

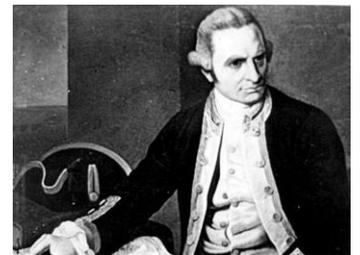
On board National Parks and Wildlife Service cetacean expert Geoff Ross had been busy with a national whale count on the four day voyage from Sydney. Mr. Ross shared his knowledge and visual material with all at the EKWM as a guest speaker. The original HMS Endeavour was commissioned as a Royal Navy Research vessel commanded by Lieutenant James Cook (pictured here) on his first voyage of discovery to Australia and New Zealand from 1769 – 1771 searching for the “unknown southern land”. She reached Tahiti to observe the Transit of Venus then sailed into uncharted ocean. To prevent her running aground on the Great Barrier Reef Cook threw



HMS Endeavour off the coast of New Holland, Samuel Atkins c. 1794



HMS Endeavour – Photo Rob Whiter



her guns overboard to lighten her. For three years she shipped Navy stores to the Falkland Islands and in 1775 was in service shipping troops during the American War of Independence and later. The ship was scuttled in a blockade of the port of Narragansett Bay, Rhode Island in 1778.

Marine Archeologist Dr Kathy Abbass has been working for years to find the Endeavour remains at the bottom of Rhode Island Harbour. With expert and financial assistance from the Australian National Maritime Museum she hopes to locate the wreck in time for the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations of Cook's voyage. Dr Abbass discovered that the Endeavour had been listed under a different name – the

Lord Sandwich. She is hoping that ships anchors haven't badly damaged the wreck.

The 44 metre square –rigged replica of the Endeavour is considered one of the most accurate historical reproductions in the world. Construction began in 1988 and took 5 years to complete. Since then she has sailed over 107,000 nautical miles and, as in the spirit of her namesake, is still aiding research of our coast and its marine creatures.

## EKWM launches the Whale Festival

The Whale Festival launch at EKWM was again well attended with Jan Aveyard as Ambassador and local schools providing entertainment. Captain Dikkenburg of HMB Endeavour and Peter Hendry our local member also spoke.

Blues duo 'Doggn It' gave their first performance of a song about Old Tom at the museum on the following Saturday with over fifty people attending.

Our Whale Museum float pictured here, based on the theme of “past and present”, featured the ESSCI boat with our ‘whale crew’ of EKWM Friends including Chris Bingham, a fine old whaler with his

harpoon, Barry Smith, Barb Reed and Val Barber.

The museum was flooded with visitors including a tour group. They were all rewarded with a sighting of a breaching whale clearly seen from our observation deck. A fitting start to the festival!



## In a League of their Own

Number 12 on our list of historic sites is situated where the jewelry shop now stands, and, with Jack Dickenson's help, I managed to unearth some interesting facts about the site of the Twofold Bay Development League building. The league formed by John R Logan envisaged the creation of a new state including the Monaro, North Gippsland and from Tathra to Wagga Wagga with Twofold Bay as its port. Logan's book – *The South East Gate – Twofold Bay* – contains details of their plans for Eden and area. Those for a railway and a paper mill were denied.

Their efforts foreshadowed the Snowy Mountain Scheme and JR Logan organized power generation to light Eden's streets and buildings using a generator in the tin shed at the

back of the building.

Old Tom was first displayed in this building in 1931 until the Eden Killer Whale Museum opened in 1939.

The site also housed Eden's first ambulance, a district nurse, baby health centre, girl guides, boys club, billiard saloon and barbers shop.

In the back shed a boy was working at a work bench when a .303 slug came through the corrugated iron wall passing through the adjacent wall. Luckily no-one was hurt and it's unsure if the culprit was ever found.

The rooms were demolished in 1979 when Imlay Furnishers was constructed. The Dickenson family took over the business in 1988.



QR codes on the signage link to the EKWM website helping everyone learn more about the history of Eden's historic buildings. Anyone interested in assisting in this project please contact Bob on 64962094.

## Behind the Scenes

Welcome to a new segment of our newsletter – a chance to meet the wonderful people behind the scenes at EKWM.

These are the people who donate their time and energies to enable our museum to keep ticking along.

It seems apt that our very first volunteer, Bert Egan, leads the way. Bert happily donated his time and energies raising \$10,000 in the 1970s to enable the museum to grow and come of age when admittance was just 40c.

Margaret Sheaves and Celia Hannan have been volunteers at the Museum for many years. As part of the Friends' group they have been involved with many events that have taken place at the Museum. Among many of the highlights were helping to organise and cater for the Colonial Ball held in 2001 to celebrate the opening of the

lighthouse, the visit of the Governor of NSW and the visit of Hazel Hawke. Exhibition openings and opening of the Whale Festivals have been staples of their volunteering.

The Museum gardens, in large part, have been created and cared for by Margaret and Celia and the new wall garden below the mosaics is being enjoyed by residents and visitors alike.

The South East History Group Inc is also supported by these volunteers, with Margaret having been Treasurer for the past few years.

It has been a delight to both to watch the Museum prosper over these years and both have been amply rewarded by knowledge gained and by friendships.

It is also important to note that many of our volunteers work hard for other Eden community organisations. Just ask a busy person if you need a job done!



Bert Egan with visitor in Sharks Jaw



Celia Hannan and Marg Sheaves

Bert Egan's final resting place at the Eden Cemetery has been beautifully restored thanks to EKWM. Bert left Rockton to serve in France. He worked in Balmain as a tram driver after the war then later returned to Eden.

## Links to our past

EKWM is working on a project to digitize the cemetery with QR codes, helping visitors find graves of relatives and access information on their lives.

This valuable information network will provide links to other museums and institutions – a great resource for researchers.

## Lest We Forget

Ted Beasley – pictured here – and Arthur Burton's names will be projected on the wall of the Canberra War Memorial on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> of November at 2.32am. To commemorate their service and Remembrance Day Jody White our curator has provided one of Ted's letters from the trenches.

France June 17th 1916 Dear Cousin, Just a few lines to you to let you see I have not forgotten you. You will have to forgive me this time Elsie, it's a case of better late than never. Well dear cousin, Since I last saw you I have done quite a lot of travelling and by jove I have seen sights which if I am lucky enough to go through this war I shall never forget. I did not think when I left Towamba that I would ever get this far away from home. But never the less here I am right amongst the din of shot and shell. Just at present as I write you this letter the guns are booming away for all they are worth. The noise would nearly deafen you. You can hear the shells screaming through the air in dozens right over our heads. The aeroplanes are very busy too. Fritz is shelling them for all he his worth but I have never saw one brought down yet. Talk about brave. It's no name for our airman. It's lovely to see them up in the air. They have got Fritz properly bluffed. By jove Elsie when the big high explosion shells start falling around about you they do shake you up. The nearest I have been to one yet was to get mud thrown all over me. I don't mind the mud, as long as I can duck the pieces of shell. It's quite a

dangerous place here Elsie, especially at night time when we are on fatigue duty. Rifle and machine gun bullets are flying everywhere. We have seen a fair bit of experience in the firing line but I expect it will be a mere trifle to what we will see before long if we are spared. It would do your eyes good to see the lovely grass. It looks beautiful after being so long on the sands of Egypt. I should reckon this a very pretty country in peace time. It would make you cry to see the lovely homes that have been destroyed where the fighting has been. Some people are still living in old ruins although the shells are falling round about almost daily. They take the risk of being killed sooner than leave the dear old home. They do pretty well out of the soldiers with eggs, bread, butter, beer wine and etc. I have seen brother Arthur several times since we came to France. He has got very fat but I have not seen Hampden since he left Tel el Kabir Egypt. They wasn't camped very far away either but then it's hard to find any one because there are so many. I hope the other three brothers get across safe. I was sorry to hear that Alf had enlisted because he was such a good help to his mother. By jove they must of missed them at home the Towamba boys responded to the call well. I never thought they would let George Dickie go being the only son. He must of talked his mother over somehow. Well Elsie, I hear that Lizzie beat you for first place. I wish them all good luck and prosperity on their achievement. I suppose you will be next, I don't know if you are

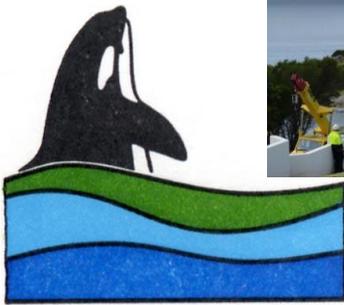


still at Bunblane, anyway I address it to there. If you ain't I know you will be sure and get it. I wrote a letter to your dear mother a few days ago also one to aunt Mary Targett. I asked them to be sure and remember me to all. I only hope they receive them. I would like you to remember me to one and all. I would be very pleased if you would remember me to aunty Agnes and poor old grandmother ? I quite forgot them in your mother's letter. I must drop them a few lines if I am spared. I receive my letters pretty regularly from Bertha, get back again someday sometimes a card from dear little Edna. She says that she is keeping all the kisses I send her until I come home. I would very much like one of her photos. I would give anything for one. I have one that was taken when we were out at Nungatta. I would like to see how she has been growing. Anyway I live in hopes of being able to. You never know your luck do you Elsie. I would of sent you a card but there ain't any to be got just here. I have received some nice letters from the Targetts at Lochiel and Tantawangalo also some from ? & Connie Dickie and a very nice one from Thelda Harneady. Well Elsie I will ring off for this time with love from Ted x x x Be sure and write soon-address- to 2555 pte E J Beasley A Company; 9th Battalion, 3rd Brigade France



Beasley Edward J  
9<sup>th</sup> Batt. A.I.F  
Born c1887  
Died 23<sup>rd</sup> Aug 1916  
Poziers France  
Eden and Towamba  
War Memorials

Burton Arthur Herbert  
Unit 55<sup>th</sup> Aus Inf Bn  
Born c1896  
Died 29<sup>th</sup> Sept 1917  
Flanders Belgium  
Eden War Memorial  
and Nethercote Roll of  
Honour



COMING EVENTS:

SEHGI MEETING  
MALLACOOTA 8<sup>TH</sup>  
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HISTORY WEEK  
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It's a Buoy!



On the 20<sup>th</sup> of October our newly refurbished red lateral marker buoy was installed with the help of ESSCI and Nik's cranes. It now sits proudly in front of our museum.

The buoy has been beautifully restored by Eden Slipway

Fashion and Fame

Janet Freeman, a familiar face behind the counter in the EKWM shop, also makes a mighty fine model seen here strutting her stuff at the fashion parade held on the 17<sup>th</sup> of October in the museum.

\$830 was raised on the night for the Wig Library at the Bega Oncology Unit with over 68 attending.

Our thanks to Val Barber for organizing and compering the

Service and is a striking addition to the EKWM collection. Standing over 10 metres tall it is clearly visible from the sea.

The buoy originally came from Munganno Point then was later in use on a more dangerous section of

the reef before being replaced with updated technology.

EKWM Curator Jody White snapped this step by step montage of shots beautifully documenting the installation.

event, Tribal Suzani and Sapphire Surprises for supplying the fashions and EKWM friends for organizing, staffing and modelling outfits throughout the night and to those who attended.

For many women suffering from cancer losing their hair can be the worst part of dealing with this terrible illness. Before the library was set up in Bega the closest wig library was in Canberra.

This is just one of the projects EKWM has planned this year.



Museum Visitors

The museum is a-buzz with vast numbers pouring through the door during the Whale Festival, including a group of five Buddhist Thai monks from Box Hill.

A list of bus tours for November promises to bring some big groups of visitors to the museum.

Barry Smith and his well-informed guides do a great



job providing a wonderful introduction to the museum.

Take note that Jody and Stephanie have been refreshing and changing displays with some of the glass cases enjoying a good spring-clean.



Mahachi meets Old Tom

EDEN KILLER WHALE MUSEUM

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS:

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