

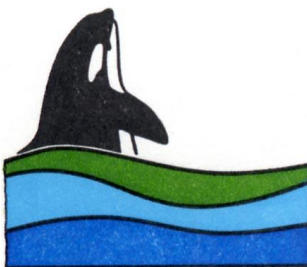
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Bonjour Old Tom

The EKWM marquee on the Eden wharf was set up to welcome passengers from the cruise ship L'Austral on January the 5th. Manned by Jack Dickenson, Jenny Drenkhahn and Susie Sarah, the mainly French speaking visitors were encouraged to visit the museum by handing out French translations of the story of Old Tom.

Many had booked a museum tour after hearing about us on board ship. They were fascinated by the story of Old Tom and the captain requested a personal tour.

Our 'man on the spot' Jack, was able to escort the captain to the museum. The response from passengers, who were only in port for the afternoon, was very encouraging. Over 200 visitors enjoyed their time in Eden.

The Pacific Pearl is due on the 22nd of February, returning on the 6th of March. Our museum again will be busy with guides giving tours on both days.

This ship will have full days in port and we expect to see around 1,900 visitors from each ship fill our town and museum.



Hats off to Project Beanie



This delightfully creative photo by Peter Whiter is our logo for EKWM Australia's Biggest Beanie – the brainchild of Jack Dickenson – our ideas man.

We now have a busy program of events starting in February and culminating on the day the beanie is hoisted onto the EKWM lighthouse – Saturday June 6th – the Queen's Birthday weekend.

There will be a market under the sails at EKWM on that day with knitted and

crocheted goods for sale.

Local schools are invited to participate by knitting squares, decorating beanies and, we hope, documenting the project on film.

March is mad hatters month with our local paper, the Magnet, printing photos taken around the town of unusual beanies.

On the 4th of April, Easter Saturday, the Eden shopping center will come alive with a hat parade at the Post Office and buskers providing music.

On May the 6th a beanie knitting workshop will be held by the spinners and weavers and the Eden knitting group – all passing on valuable skills in preparation of a chilly winter.

Writers are also invited to showcase their skills in a

poetry and short story competition. 'Keep it Under Your Hat' invites writers of all ages to create a special piece.

Competitions to guess the number of squares and sponsor a square will form part of fund-raising for our special cause – the Bega wig library and Look Good Feel Better, who help local cancer patients regain their self-esteem.

So far we have raised considerable amounts from the fashion parade and Cabaret night.

By June we will have a sizeable cheque to hand over.

The huge beanie will be sent to Alice Springs for their beanie festival then returned to be made into rugs for Wrap With Love.



Pictured here are Beverley Smith, Enid Walter, Marion Hopkins and Helen Gray of the Edens Spinners.

A Visit to the Log Cabin

It's well worth a visit to the Log Cabin – number 11 in our list of Eden's historic sites, just a hop skip and jump from the main street.

JR Logan bought the land it stands on from the Presbyterian Church in 1935. The building was constructed through working bees organized by Logan and the families of Eden girl guides. Logan's youngest daughter was a girl guide. The guides previously had been paying rent at Begaville House for their meetings.

John Logan made a scale model of the building from dowel and wooden match boxes to convince the Guides Association of Sydney that the project had merit.

The cost of the building was 1,500 pounds, the guides provided 500 pounds, with JR Logan putting up the remainder.

The building, completed and opened on the 29th of February 1936, was constructed to a Canadian design using local stringy

bark poles. The poles were caulked with oakum. Local stone and Queensland black slate form a feature of this amazing building. Sadly JR Logan died in 1937.

The memorial stone to JR Logan and his wife Mary, pictured here, can be seen in the Log Cabins gardens.

The girl guides ceased around the time of the second world war due to lack of leaders.

Mrs Logan then sold Edrom Lodge on the south side of Twofold Bay and bought the Log Cabin from the Girl Guide Association. She lived there until shortly before her death in 1963. The property was then acquired by a succession of private owners who made a number of structural changes.

In 1979 the Imlay Shire purchased the building to house the Eden Library. Many locals will remember how cosy it was in winter to sit near the wood fire reading a book. The Library re-located in 2003.

In 1990 the building was heritage listed and in 2004 the Bega Valley Shire Council appointed the Eden Log Cabin Management Committee and restored the building.

The main room features a wall hanging system which is ideal for art and craft displays and the Eden Spinners and the Eden Quilters Craft Groups both meet weekly in the cabin. When I called in they were hard at work creating beautiful yarns as they allowed me to explore the building.

The floor is beautifully polished and a renovated kitchen and toilet provide up to date facilities. The stone fireplace is still a focal point of this amazing building that has adapted to the times. It is often rented out for functions.

JR Logan's scale model of the Log Cabin is on display at EKWM as part of the JR Logan exhibition.

School Holiday Fun

Visitor numbers were up by 800 since Christmas Eve, with Sunday 11th of January our busiest day with 484 visitors.

204 children enjoyed the school holiday program being very creative with colorful fish. There were 30 children on some days having fun. Our thanks to our volunteers who ensure this program is a very

popular event.

Our guides put in some solid hours over the holidays, providing tours and opening the lighthouse to give our visitors a chance to see our very fragile lighthouse equipment.

Pictured here is young Eden an aptly named visitor.



An Excellent Museum

This year the museum again was in the winner's circle at the Excellence in Eden Business Awards.

We were runners up in the Tourism Award for 2014 which was won by the Eden Visitors Centre. Congratulations to Jack Dickenson, runner up to Gail Ward who won the Volunteer award.

Thanks to all who work diligently to make our museum a world class tourist attraction.



A Very Social EKWM

Life is really a Cabaret when the Eden Singers fill the museum with happy locals enjoying great entertainment. Proceeds from this event went to the Bega wig library and Look Good Feel Better. I must admit the singers look amazing when they 'frock up'!

Our new re-furbished kitchen is proving to be a winner giving us more scope to host special events.

A relaxed Christmas get together of EKWM friends under the sails at the museum wound up a busy year for all involved. Thank-you to Amanda Midlam for suggesting we use our own facilities, and also to the Lady Lionesses who did the catering. The food was amazing. The company sublime!

Then there were some big birthdays and anniversaries in the Rawlings house-hold – now 30 years married, and Steph turning 60 is telling us she's a senior!



When the Boats Come In

While waiting for passengers at our marquee on the wharf, we were excited to see Wild Oats X1 slip in and tie up next to Southern Excellence. Both were heading home from Hobart after some speedy sailing in the Sydney to Hobart yacht race.

We now understand what they mean by a 'maxi yacht'!

Another speedy, but smaller boat, was out on the water showing her fine form. 'Silver Spoon', lovingly restored and re-built by Rob Whiter, with help from family and friends, is now ship-shape and ready for some sailing adventures.



Putting On the Ritz

Get in quick to book your tickets for this International Women's Year event at EKWM on March 8th.

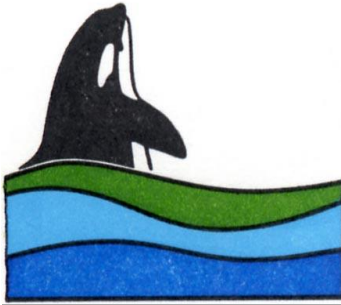
The dress code is 'Ritzy', be prepared to enjoy a sumptuous High Tea catered by the Lady Lionesses.

Guest speaker Helena Katarinka of Look Good Feel Better will give an insight into her rewarding work.

Call Margaret Sheaves for tickets now, they're selling like hot scones! 64961924



LET'S HEAR IT FOR THE GIRLS!



COMING EVENTS:
3RD AND 4TH FEBRUARY
VISIT TO FLEET ARM AIR
MUSEUM

22ND FEB AND 6TH MARCH
CRUISE SHIPS

MARCH 8TH
INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S
DAY

SEHGI MEETING
BERMAGUI

SENIORS WEEK 16TH –
22ND MARCH

4TH APRIL BEANIE
PARADE

11TH APRIL BOOK
LAUNCH

6TH MAY BEANIE KNITTING
WORKSHOP

6TH JUNE BEANIE LAUNCH
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Meet June Whalley on the left and Stephanie Rawlings on the right, two very active and supportive friends of EKWM.

June and her husband moved to Eden 16 years ago, and Marg Sheaves encouraged June to join the museum as a volunteer in 1999. June was given the task of researching articles in old Magnet newspapers, where her love of local history and her keen attention to detail came to the fore as she unearthed valuable information for our archives.

June worked to preserve editions of Magnet, including the years 1947 to 1983. She now records names to go with the photos in the mosaic program, and enjoys catering for EKWM gatherings. June recalls the Federation Ball at EKWM, listening to the lone piper playing at midnight from the lighthouse balcony, as her fondest memory.

Stephanie Rawlings joined the committee in 1992. Her first task was to record the progress of the new building extension. She also worked in the museum shop, did the banking, worked as the office assistant, and found her niche as an invaluable helper to our curators, installing and running exhibitions.



Steph with husband Wally installed new cabinets throughout the museum, painted panels, constructed the children's area – just look around the museum and you will see Steph's magic touch everywhere – including the submarine, our Whale Festival floats and the kid's activities.

Lately she has been working with our curator Jody auditing the storeroom, matching items with the written and digital record. With Wally she has doubled the shelf space in the storeroom, and removed all the old shelving to make way for our new kitchen. Steph organized the work room, drilling holes, putting up brackets and installing new shelving.

Where would EKWM be without these two dynamic ladies?

SEHGI at Mallacoota – Rob Whiter

We met at the Mud Brick Pavilion, shaded by a magnificent Mallacoota Gum. The Mallacoota Historical Society has found a home in the World War II bunker at the Mallacoota Aerodrome, and recently this energetic band has acquired a frail lifeboat that survived the wreck of the ship RIVERINA near Gabo Island in 1927. This lifeboat is now housed undercover in a purpose built Colorbond Shed adjacent to the Bunker. They plan to carefully remove the non-original superstructure, to bring the "Lively Lady" back to her 1927 appearance. Not only is this vessel an important relic of the local maritime history, but there is a claim that this lifeboat was constructed by the same boat-builders that built the boats used on TITANIC!



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