

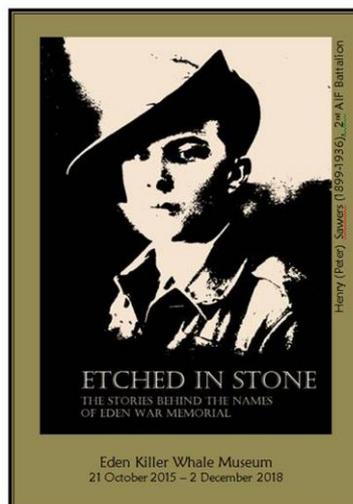
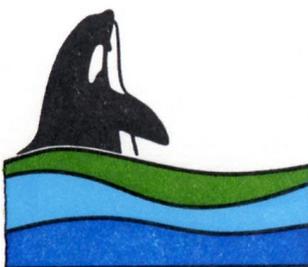
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Eden's Servicemen Etched in Stone

How fitting that our museum, to celebrate 100 years of ANZAC, is honoring local servicemen whose names are etched in stone on Eden's WW1 Memorial.

EKWM Curator Jody White has again excelled. Her meticulous research and skills of showcasing our collection have provided a stunning display of objects and information.

Stephanie Rawlings again assisted with the main displays and Richard Lamacraft set up an audio/visual slide show featuring photographs of servicemen.

The exhibition officially opened by Gary Berman of the 7th Light Horse Bemboka Troop on the 22nd of October was attended by close to 100.

Some of the gems in this exhibition include a writing exercise by 10 year old

Ettie Cock of Eden Public School in 1921, a collection of Albert (Brickie) Edwin Lonsdale Smith's medals and a domed display set up as a communications post with spotting scope, heliograph mirror and fuller phones.

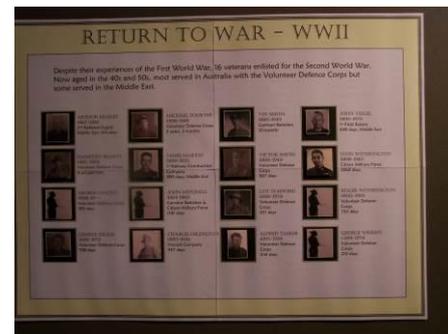
It's interesting to note 16 WW1 veterans signed up for WW11 – showing amazing determination to serve their country. Many were in their 40's and 50's.

A letter from Darcy Meek printed in the Goulburn Evening Penny Post in 1915 mentions the Turks being terrible undertakers – *They invariably leave a head, a foot or arm showing. Had an interesting chat with a German officer, and exchanged cigarettes and coins with the Turks.* All of this as part of a truce – then he adds – *I am having the time of my life here – would not have missed it for anything.*

For many of these young men

war was a huge adventure and often the first time they had been away from home.

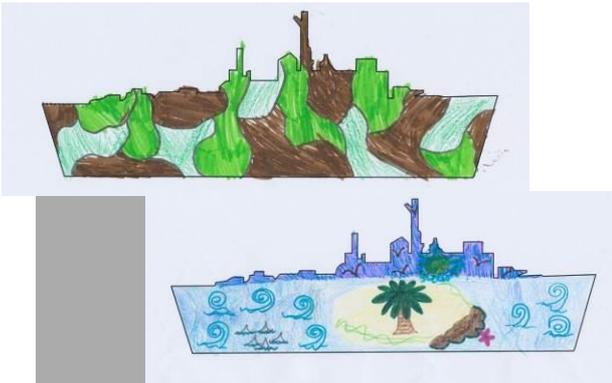
Do yourself a favour and explore this enlightening exhibition.



L-R – Curator Jody White, Steph Rawlings, Gary Berman Bemboka 7th Light Horse.



School Holiday Activities



The October school holidays again proved to be a busy five days at the Museum. Our thanks to Friends Barb, Jenny, June, Tricia, Marg, Norma, Val, Anne and Beryl who assisted at the holiday activity table.

The two beautifully decorated ships are an example of how talented and interested our young visitors are.

Around 99 children created their

own 'Dazzle camouflaged' warship over the 10 hours of the program.

The popular activity sheet was provided with the "War at Sea" exhibition which was again on display at the Eden RSL hall during the Whale Festival manned by the ever helpful Friends of EKWM.

Newmerella and Marlo schools visit.



Students Dylan and Taylam from Marlo and Brandon, Lliam and Mia from Newmerella.

What a lovely surprise, as a guide, to catch up with students from Newmerella after visiting them as an author during book week.

Teacher Megan Louth was very impressed with the museum and purchased a copy of our DVD to show students when they return to school.

The children were fascinated by Tom and whaling in Twofold Bay. They enjoyed the display of spermaceti whale objects –

especially the ambergris or whale vomit.

We incorporated a lighthouse tour which proved to be popular though sea mist partly obscured the view from the balcony.

This month has been a busy one for guides with buses and the whale festival stretching our resources.

We have 16 bookings for November including the cruise ships.

If you discover guiding is your passion contact Bob on 64962094.

Revitalised Kids Corner

New Friends volunteer Hilaire Albaladejo, after some consultation with our curator Jody White, has created this beautiful backdrop for our Children's Corner under the stairs.

Jeff Swane helped Hilaire, pictured here paintbrush in hand,

with the transport and installation of these wonderful panels depicting the rich sea-life of Eden.

The beauty of this area will encourage children to play while adults enjoy our museum.



Above Anne Hunt Below – Jan Allen.

New faces and talents

New volunteers are always a great benefit to EKWM and here are some lovely new faces offering their talents and help as Friends.

Jan Allen, an Eden girl, has an ancestor who came here as a sailmaker for Ben Boyd. Jan is keen to help out with catering and is a keen gardener.

She brings along her son in law Robert van den Helm and daughter Sandra Morrow.

Both are keen to do some guiding and help out with our displays. Sandra worked as a photographer at the Melbourne Museum and Robert has a passion for 19th Century photography. He is keen to set up a darkroom to work with tin types and ambrotype glass and metal plates.

Anne Hunt has been living in Eden for seven months after some time in Tasmania and Berrigan. A keen gardener Anne is also happy to help out when we have functions.



Robert van den Helm

Historic sites at Eden Public School

Historic sites 7 and 14 are found in the grounds of the Eden Public School and easy to see and read from the footpath.

The towering Morton Bay Fig tree is hard to miss and many would be amazed that it is an historic site as buildings seem to be the focus of the markers around the town.

Five of these trees were

planted in Imlay Street in 1906 to mark the Imlay Shire's first meeting and proved to be handy shade trees for people and animals.

This tree was moved to the school grounds to preserve it – the figs are small but still edible.

Nearby site 14 marks where the Eden National School was built for 500 pounds.

The school was opened in 1857 with an enrollment of 12 girls and 30 boys. In those days the average child spent around two years at school, then in the 1870's the state education act provided free compulsory and secular education for all children 6 to 14 years of age.

Eden Public School is the oldest in NSW outside the county of Cumberland.



The 7th Light Horse – continuing the tradition.



Photo Courtesy Mr Austin Holdworth. C Sqn. 7L.H. Bombala Troop. Taken at Bombala racecourse during a training exercise. 23rd February 1940.

Today, members of the Bemboka Troop 7th Light Horse still wear authentic World War 1 uniforms. Four members wear AIF uniforms, one dresses as a dispatch rider, there is one flag bearer and one nurse - while the rest wear militia uniforms. The troop could have chosen many names for their title, but settled on 7th Light Horse as the regiment drew from the Bega Valley.

The troop formed in 1999 and had their inaugural ride in 2002 with 20 riders, three non-riding members and one dispatch rider on a motorbike. Each ANZAC day these re-enactment groups ride to preserve the tradition of the legendary World War One mounted infantry.

The original 7th Light Horse formed in October 1914. It gathered riders from Young, Camden, Canberra, Goulburn,

Bombala and Bega. Riders carried a Hotchkiss light machine gun, a .303 rifle Mark II and a .303 bayonet.

The regiment fought against the forces of the Ottoman Empire, in Egypt, at Gallipoli, on the Sinai Peninsula, and in Palestine and Jordan. After the armistice the regiment eventually returned to Australia in March 1919.

The light horse were considered unsuitable for the initial operations at Gallipoli, but were subsequently deployed without their horses to reinforce the infantry. The 2nd Light Horse Brigade landed in late May 1915 and was attached to the 1st Australian Division. The 7th Light Horse became responsible for a sector on the far right of the ANZAC line, and played a defensive role until it finally left the peninsula on 20 December 1915.

Back in Egypt, the 7th was assigned to the 2nd Light Horse Brigade and became part of the ANZAC Mounted Division and, in April 1916, joined the forces defending the Suez Canal from a Turkish advance across the Sinai Desert. It fought at the battle of Romani on 4 August, at Katia the following day, and was involved in the advance that followed the Turks' retreat back across the desert.

The regiment spent late 1916 and early 1917 engaged on patrol work until the British advance into Palestine stalled before the Turkish bastion of Gaza. It was involved in the two abortive battles to capture Gaza directly (27 March and 19 April) and then the operation that ultimately led to its fall - the wide outflanking move via Beersheba that began on 31 October.

At the outbreak of the Second World War, the 7th Light Horse formed part of the 6th Cavalry Brigade, headquartered around Goulburn, New South Wales. On 14 March 1942, the 7th was converted into a motor regiment.



7th Light Horse Regiment Hat Badge



7th Light Horse Signaler



Light Horse Training, c.1915

Rush Oh! book launch

“Rush Oh!” originally written 10 years ago as a screen play, has now become the first novel for Shirley Barrett.

This talented, successful writer and director won the Camera D'or at Cannes for her first film. She later rejected offers to direct Erin Brokovich and American Beauty in the USA, preferring to work in Australia. As a youngster, Barrett was the lead singer of a band, the Fruit Pastilles, which appeared on Countdown.

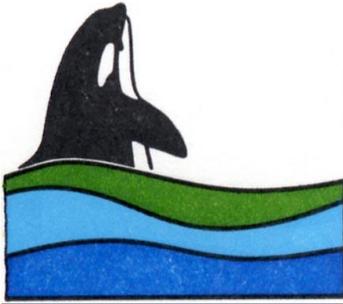
“Rush Oh!” based loosely, but not factually, on the Davidson family of whalers in Eden is

crafted around the story of the killer whales and Old Tom. Her research unearthed some interesting colourful characters and background material through reading reports in the Eden and South coast Advocate.

This romantic story captures the essence of the times and the drama of local whale hunts and events.

Call in to the EKWM bookshop or order your copy online.

Our bookshop has a great range of titles so add us to your Christmas wish list.



COMING EVENTS:

14TH NOV. SEHGI MEETING

ETCHED IN STONE EXHIBITION CONTINUES

CRUISE SHIPS VISIT 20TH AND 24TH NOV, 10TH JAN.

CHRISTMAS GET TOGETHER 27TH NOV.



This happy crew of sailors from the Chinese log ship “Cherry Point” happily posed for a photo while enjoying their shore leave with a visit to EKWM.

With visitor numbers up guides Trish Lamacraft and Jenny Drenkhahn pictured here, pass on information to museum visitors during the Whale Festival.



EKWM gets the Gold

Well done to all at EKWM for again picking up a well-earned award at the South Coast Tourism awards at Ulladulla.

The Gold award was for the ‘Heritage and Culture’ category.

It seems fitting as we celebrated the 85th anniversary of the death of Old Tom on the 17th of September that the museum continues to gain recognition for its work in our community.

SEHGI at the Cathcart Hall

On November the 14th SEHGI will be meeting at the Cathcart Hall at 9.30 where a talk about the history of the area will be given by Marion Giles followed by a walk around the village to view plaques erected to explain the history of the sites. After lunch, a visit is proposed to Woolungubrah Inn, a prefabricated building at the top of the Cow Bail Trail, one of the early routes from the coast to the Monaro. All are welcome and morning tea is provided.



Eileen Cameron of the museum shop was fare-welled with a morning tea by EKWM Friends. We wish her well with her retirement.

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SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS:

EXEC PANEL MEETING	1 PM 2 ND WEDNESDAY	MUSEUM LIBRARY
CURATORIAL MEETING	1 PM 1 ST MONDAY	MUSEUM LIBRARY
FRIENDS MEETING	9AM 3 RD WEDNESDAY	MUSEUM THEATRETTE

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