

Soundings

NEWSLETTER of EDEN KILLER WHALE MUSEUM

Home of Old Tom

Established 1931

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BERYL MOVES TO THE MEZZEX GALLEY

Having been moored in the Davidson Gallery for about 40 years **BERYL** cast off on her first trip towards a new calling.

With the construction stage behind us (HOORAY!), our collective mind has merged towards exhibition. However, the post works hold ups, i.e. fire safety, final certificates, air con/dehumid., tumbling in on top of the administrative problems left by departing staff, time has taken its revenge of the Board and other volunteers.

Such is the accumulation of these events, one hard working wag suggested they might take time out to write a chronology of the events saying, "I'll bet the end result would be greater than "War and Peace". After being refused that lave of absence, they joined the serious discussion.

The need of relief for the people from the "jam" occurring at busy times, at the Beryl/Tom site, it was agreed that urgent action was calld for. After all, wasn't this one of the main reasons for the whole exercise?

Angela has been discussing plans for the permanent lay out of the gallery which achievement will, in all probability, not occur until after the next peak season. A decision was taken to transfer Beryl, immediately. With the associated re-siting of "Jill" and other skeletons, Jquite an effective display was produced. With the first cruise vessel being imminent, that too, increased the need for some swift footwork.

As what occurred four decades ago. when this fine vessel first began life at EKWM and needed some local grunt to achieve such, the local football club was sought to supply. Once again they joined our stalwart volunteers. The job was done without incident.



The view over my back fence at the an early stage of Beryl's building

Things That I Hear

The Cycling Phenomenon

And, we may well benefit from it.

If there is any doubt about the following of any "craze", it seems there is always someone down on the starting blocks, ready to reach for the cash register. And so it seems to be such, around cycling. If the amount of public money being invested in th two wheel sport is any guide.

There is a firm advertising cycle cruising itineraries. Fifteen days, ex Sydney. Melbourne, Port Phillip Bay Trail; Hobart, Eastern Foreshore Trail; Dunedin. Otago Central Trail; Christchurch, Little River Trail; Picton, Queen Charlotte/Link Parthway; Rotorua, Te Ara Ahi Cycle Trail; Auckland Rail Trail.

Possibilities abound for Eden... I wonder how the bikes would be stowed; and how relaxed would those with the 20,000 dollar jobs, be about parting with their treasures, to say, baggage handlers!

Time will tell.

More Cruising 2022

The words Covid and cruising are well and truly to the fore of our thinking. With the Australian ports being opened, including our own, we ar keen to be abreast of what is happening in that area. So far there has not been a huge amount of adverse publicity, though at a first stop at Brisbane for the Ocean Princess, it didn't bode well. However, with a huge number of its complement infected and some financial satisfaction passengers in similar circumstance, the ship left Brisbane bound for Eden.

The stokers must have shovelled some mighty, quick coal, for she powered along to tie up here on schedule.

PEOPLE

Kerrie Wilson, Retail Buyer /Supervisor is heading to Melbourne to the Reed Gift Fair at month's end.

With just a couple of months in the job, Kerrie has a plan she is following, to upgrade and improve the operation of the shop. She has been busy moving out quite a few shelf warmers, to make space available for items that will turn over more quickly.

It is not a simple task, with the last uninterrupted trading year, 2018/19, leaving virtually no precedent to act as a base guide and uncertainty still abroad. As well, buying patterns of the public (us!) change regularly and can be fashioned by the inculcation by modern media.

So fingers crossed, we can hope for a settled year from which we can shape an ongoing strategy

Safe travelling. Kerrie.

The value of guide contribution to, the organisation can never be underestimated. Our visitors certainly appreciate their efforts.

Our Volunteer Handbook has not been upgraded for some five years. Guides' leader, Tricia Lamacraft has undertaken the task of bringing it up to date. Tricia is inviting input and discussion on the undertaking. If you have any ideas that you think may improve the knowledge of the valuable, present and joining volunteers, please contact Tricia. It will serve to enhance our visitors enjoyment.



Thanks to those who were on hand to set up tea facilities for the local indigenous folk who held their opening and flag raising ceremony to herald NAIDOC Week, here in the town.

About thirty or so joined for the occasion. It was a very pleasant morning for which they brought a

plentiful supply of delicious food, drink and special items for the kids.

The weather held, which, it would seem is more than the pattern, during the past months. Alison Simpson gave the occasional address and was



joined in the flag raising by Marcus Arvidson, Debbie Thomas and grandchildren, Telham Thomas and Don Stewart. Allison emphasising the importance of the occasion and what it represents in her address.

While

If this beautiful scone, with its lashings of jam and cream was any bigger, this little bloke would have needed both hands to handle it!

Elders are rightly held in high regard, it was pleasing to see the representation of younger members the community.

Their involvement ensures that the baton of culture is grasped for passing on.

Our duty flag master ensured that the Aboriginal flag and that of the Torres Straight Islands, were hoisted on the town mast, over the NAIDOC week.

New Members,

Welcome and good wishes to our Newcomers

**Joanne Garton,
Jaqueline Guiffre.
Vicki Barber
Peter Ivors**

More from Trove

THE EDEN MAGNET 1939

Killer Museum Committee

At a meeting of the Eden Killer Museum Committee on Tuesday afternoon, there were present Messrs J. Turnbull, A.I. Nicholson, G. Strickland, and G.R. Phillipps, Hon. Sec. Mr. Turnbull was voted to the chair.

Following the confirmation of the minutes, it was resolved to place on record the Committee's regret at the loss of the President, Mr. J. R. Logan and convey to Mrs. Logan the committee's sympathy with them, in their bereavement. The motion was carried by members standing in silence.

The treasurer reported a credit balance in the Commonwealth Savings Bank of £77/6/1 and cash collections in the hands of the chairman amounted to 16/6, the total being £78/2/7.

It was considered that in order to provide for the removal and re-erection of the Killer's skeleton, a few pounds should be reserved and it was resolved to ask the Shire Council as trustees of the Museum reserve, to prepare plans for a building for which it would have available from another source the sum of £200 which, with £70 to be handed over by the committee, might be sufficient to enable the construction of a building large enough for initial requirements.

It was resolved that Mr. J. Turnbull be president in place of Mr. Logan, deceased and authorised to operate with the secretary, on the committee's banking account, the Commonwealth Bank to be notified accordingly.

It was decided to ask the Council to have the building plan, before final adoption, submitted to the committee for inspection and expression of its views and possible suggestion..... Thanks to Rob for the old newspaper cuttings.

For the younger ones, the decimal conversion of £77/6/1 is \$154. 61, 16/6 is \$1.65, £78/6/1 is \$156.61, £200 is \$400 and £70 is \$140. I hope my conversions are correct. I was working in retail on 14th Feb, 1966. No cards or pocket calculators then. You had to resort to that implement, not used so much today for small calculations; the old noggin. You needed to learn the conversions mighty quickly..... I found the cash conversions easy, but even now, all those years later, in many cases, when I hear a metric measurement, I convert it, in my mind, to imperial. I guess it's what you grew up with.

Building News

Safety

Another expensive, but necessary milepost is behind us with the receipt of the fire safety compliance certificate received.

With a much greater floorspace than ever and requirements (rightly) more stringent, the Board took the decision not to do the job just as being adequate, but to do a job that will see our clients as safe as we can foresee, for decades to come.

So fifteen thousand dollars later, we are well satisfied with the completed work carried out by local firm, Eden Glass.

When you are in the Museum, check the doors out. They are always unlocked from inside. Notwithstanding that, don't get caught and exit with the expectation that the lock being free inside, it will be so on the outside, because of necessity it will be secure from the outside.

Particularly familiarise yourself with the doors from Founders to the deck. It's early days and deck doors have been propped open. We have removed the propping articles. The doors are to be left in the self-closing mode.

You will also note that some are just infilled with white sheeting. These doors have been deliberately finished in this manner with both the reduction of light entry and the further bonus of being easy to find in the event of an emergency that might happen in a poor light situation, or one that creates its own cloud. A move to be appreciated by those with a sight disability.

It can be easy to not appreciate the disability of another. When time or circumstance changes your own abilities, you become particularly aware

The important thing is we can raise a glass to the effect that that completed section and its importance in the ultimate goal of release from the various bureaucracies, important though they may be.

First Aid

The Friends are still trying to arrange for a first aid session to be held including an introduction to the De-fib unit. Please remember if a circumstance arises and the de-bib is needed, don't wait, act. 3
The machine will talk you through it.

In the Galleries

While the quote from Greg Lissaman for the design of the Mezzex galley has arrived and needs to be considered by the C.M and the Board, work on the temporary display is beginning to take shape.

With Beryl in-situ, adding to its centrality is giving the empty gallery a taste of the atmosphere to come. It may seem a lot of work when its to be short lived, the year will be gone before the permanent feature evolves, in the meantime some tens of thousands will visit. Thanks a million to the team for the work so far completed.



The Davidson Gallery will have some attention in the near future to also get some temporary exhibits to fill some space.

This of course will take into consideration that the traffic choke, now relieved, won't be obstructed. The plan is to create a visual arts area, once Tom to moved. When that all happens this should produce a very friendly gathering and dispersal area for our visitors.

When the gallery plan is coming to fruition a handout guide for the building would be well worth considering. Apart from informing the visitor of what we have to offer, particularly that which is not that obvious. An amount of promotion would flow-on from the many who would take the brochure away with them.

Bureaucracy Triumphs

The sample removed from Tom, has been duly removed for genomic comparison with that of northern hemisphere orcas. All care was taken with respect to the skeleton and its ongoing care.

Those aspects were kept to front of mind and the minimum amount was removed, the total of which amounted to about a thimbleful.

So where is the sample at this moment? You may well ask. Well it is still in the custody of EKWM. While export to Europe has all been cleared for take-off, Tom's donation to science is waiting for clearance to enter Sth. Oz. before it can leave the country. I kid you not!

The Calendar

July

1st. NSW Schools break up
11th. Vic Schools return
12th. (Tues) Coral Princess.
14th. Regular Board meeting
18th. Curatorial meeting
19th. NSW Schools return
20th. Friends

August

7th. (Sun) Coral Princess
11th Board meeting 2Pm
13th SEHGI meeting... Bermagui
15th Curatorial meeting
17th Curatorial meeting

September

23rd Coral Princess

October

10th Coral Princess

November

12th Quantum of the Seas
13th Pacific Adventure

December

Dates to be decided.....

Official opening.

AGM.

Re-siting of exhibits.

It looks like I will have to admit defeat in being able to present Soundings with which easily openings of the attachments is offered. It hs, literally cost me hours trying to correct. I'll get Ben to continue to forward on the editions. Let me know if that fails. I'll try to organise a hard copy for you.

Cheers

Jack

