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## BLOCK BUSTER EXHIBITION ON SHOW

**“Between the Flags -100 years of Surf Lifesaving in Australia”** a touring exhibition from the National Museum of Australia was launched at Eden Killer Whale Museum on the evening of Friday 28<sup>th</sup> Nov by Donald Hay President of the Pambula Surf Life Saving Club.

This exhibition offers a very exciting display of memorabilia, artifacts and “tools of the trade” of lifesavers over the 100 years since the organisation’s inception. Including woollen swimsuits, old style boards and those distinctive caps there’s many surprises as you browse the intriguing collection, which makes up this exhibition. Colourful and complete with an interactive paddling challenge, this is a must see



*Left. Donald Hay, President Pambula Surf Life Saving Club with Jody White, Collection Manager and Jack Dickenson, Museum President at the opening*

for visitors and locals during its stay with us ending in February ‘09.

We congratulate Pambula Surf Life Saving Club as they are about to open their new clubhouse and community centre at Pambula Beach.

A very proud time for a wonderful club whose efforts in the training of adult and nipper members result in safe beaches in our shire for locals and visitors alike throughout summer.

### Special Interest Articles:

❖ EDEN AMBULANCE SERVICE

BY JIM HUNTER

❖ WHALE FESTIVAL FACTS

❖ NORSE GODIAN ACTIVITY

❖ NEW BOOKS

*Merry Christmas to All*

## It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas

*We wish everyone a happy and safe Festive Season to enjoy time with family and friends.*

*You & Yours  
Joy to Yours*



## R.A.H.S REWARDS VOLUNTEER



Eden Museum Librarian Aileen Bowles has been awarded a Certificate of Achievement by the Royal Australian Historical Society for her voluntary work over the past 16 years at the Eden Killer Whale Museum. Aileen has done everything from catering to conservation over time, but found her niche in the library where for many years she managed on her own. Upgrading the system from cards to computer Aileen and Carol now have the museum’s library collection ready to be added to the website.

*Congratulations Aileen and a BIG THANKYOU*

## Scenes at the 2008 Whale Festival opening ceremony



*Above: Eden Primary School Choir*

*Below: St. Joseph's School Choir*



*Top: Seniors Citizens Luncheon. Above: Sing Australia Choir*

## Morsecodian News -- ...

It has been encouraging to see traffic figures continuing to increase, with 80 more telegrams transmitted than for the same period last year. An event creating interest was the "Henty field days", whilst not particularly busy, it continued to help "Keep morse alive", and no doubt some spin off for our venue. The Jacaranda Festival at Grafton, again coincided with the Eden Whale Festival. Tom Collins from Sydney Morsecodians joined me again this year, for which I was grateful. We operated from the office of the Sapphire Coast Marine Discovery Centre, at Snug Cove Wharf and were also joined by our local assistant Kevin Barber. A total of 57 messages were sent and 44 received over the Whale Festival period, with a

special Museum poster displayed at the Grafton end, for which we thank them.

The event was quite successful, despite the builders hammering and drilling and the strong cold winds. The recent Greencape Lighthouse "Open Weekend" for their 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary, was surprisingly well supported, despite the gale force/cold winds. Transmission was organized to Bendigo, Beechworth, Albury and Canberra on a roster basis. A total of 101 telegrams were transmitted over the two day period. Kevin Barber also was there to assist on Saturday. All went pretty smoothly, except for one occasion,

when I sent 7 messages "to the wind". The line had dropped out, and I had to retransmit them. "OK" is normally sought after every ten messages. It was good to witness the re-lighting of the old lighthouse, bringing back memories of the sweeping beam we had been used to seeing many years ago. The new "Pop Up" Banner was displayed at both the Whale Festival and Green Cape and I'm sure caught the attention of many of the visitors. Thanks must be extended to the National Parks and Wildlife Service for their great hospitality and accommodation on the Saturday night.

Cheers *Phil*



WE MAY SOON HAVE TO UPGRADE THE LINES TO SOMETHING AS ABOVE THAT CAN HANDLE PHIL'S TRAFFIC!!!

## **Eden Ambulance Service..... as remembered by Jim Hunter** **the first Ambulance Officer appointed to the Eden Station**

The Service was conducted by a number of dedicated volunteers throughout the 1950's & 1960's. The vehicle used was a converted 1956 Bedford, which was sold in about 1969.

The names of the volunteers who come to mind are Allan & Jean Whiter, Neil & Kay Buckland, Kitch, Fred & Dora Lister, John Everingham, Rene Davidson, Marion Turnbull, Artie Veigel, Phyl Hepburn, Jack Phelan, John Whiter & I will offer apologies to those who have been omitted.

I was appointed to the Eden Ambulance Station as the first permanent Ambulance Officer in October 1968. On my first day I had a visit from the Superintendent at Bega, & he opened an account at the Bank of N.S.W. with a balance of \$800, & he stated the Eden Station was responsible for their own finances, & I say with some pride, we never had to borrow any money & the finances were always in the black. He also told me there wasn't any money to provide relief staff for the Eden Station & so I was on duty for the first two years without a day off, until the appointment of a second Officer in 1970.

Fund raising became a very great time consuming activity. Annual

Subscriptions were a regular source of finances, we soon had Bingo up & running every Friday night, Christmas Stockings, Easter Eggs, Art Unions, Chocolate Wheels, Lucky Envelopes & Mechanical Horse Racing, were just some of the ways we kept the Service financially strong.

An often asked question by the public-"Why were the Ambulance Officers constantly fund raising?" It wasn't a well known fact that the amount of Government subsidy received by the Ambulance Service was 8% of our needs, so it meant we had to raise 92% of the requirements to keep the Service viable.

With the assistance & generosity of Reneco Engineering I was able to build 4 Olympic size Trampolines, these were an instant hit with the young people of Eden & were an excellent fund raiser.

At this juncture I must mention the generosity of Whiter Bros., Allan & Arthur, who loaned us their Bedford truck over the December - January period each year. It was from this truck that we conducted our very successful Chocolate Wheels at the various venues in Eden, Pambula & Merimbula. I must mention also the generosity of the owners



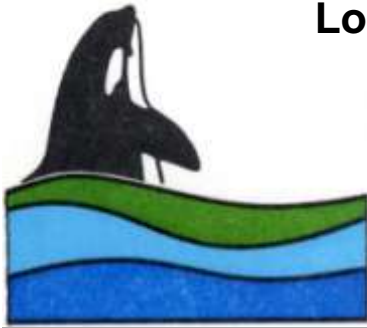
*Above: On the main wharf at Eden, Voluntary Ambulance officers Marion Turnbull and Col Friend attend a seriously ill crew member from a coastal steamer. Dr Floyd Masters lifting patient onto stretcher; Harbour Master Capt David Williamson standing behind and Bill Gordon fisherman, behind to the right.*

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of the Caravan Parks in the area who allowed us into their Parks on prime locations to do our fund raising.

The appointment of a Second Officer to the Eden Station in 1970 was a welcome move. Terry Friend, son of Superintendent Col Friend of Bega, was an experienced Officer & a very capable addition to the staff. Days off became a regular part of the roster.

.....to be continued



# Logan Descendant Launches Solar Power Installation

## COMING EVENTS

**BETWEEN THE FLAGS**  
27<sup>th</sup> Nov 08 to 1<sup>st</sup> Feb 09

**CHRISTMAS DAY**  
Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> December  
Museum Closed  
extended holiday opening  
hours commence  
9:15 to 4:45 daily  
to late January '09

**ANNUAL GET TOGETHER**  
Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> January '09 4pm  
Cocora Beach BBQ  
Please bring chair plate cup  
cutlery and salad or dessert  
(Meat and drinks provided)

**GIRT BY SEA**  
7<sup>th</sup> Feb to 13<sup>th</sup> April 09

**NATIONAL TRUST  
HERITAGE FESTIVAL**  
4-19 April 09

**EASTER 2009**  
Good Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April  
Easter Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April  
MUSEUM OPEN ALL W'END

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Jenine Grant officially launched the new solar power installation at the Museum during the opening ceremony for the 2008 Eden Whale Festival. As the great grand daughter of J.R. Logan it was appropriate that Jenine perform this launch because Eden's first power plant was established by Mr Logan in the mid 1930's to serve the township. The original plan of that grid is in the museum's collection and was on display after the function for guests to see.

Jack Dickenson explained the process by which we had jointly funded the project with the Federal Government and thanked Mike Kelly for assistance in achieving this goal.

Pyramid Power representative Natasha

Ferguson was also on hand to speak about the benefits of the installation and a competition to guess the power generated in the subsequent 24 hours was won by John Hadley.

An informative session for members and especially guides will enable us to educate our visitors about the finer points of solar

power generation while satisfying the requirements of the grant. All care in turning off lights and appliances when not in use will ensure the best efficiency of this new source of power for the museum.

*Below: Jack and Jenine at the launch of the solar power installation*



## A couple of books about the sea.....

**"Harvesting the Sea"** by Michael Puglisi and his sister Natalina Puglisi-Inglis was launched in Ulladulla recently. This 450 page book is an excellent record of the history of the fishing industry on Australia's South East Coast.

Told from the Puglisi family's perspective as Italian migrants arriving in Australia in 1920. Packed full of wonderful stories and pictures of fishing boats and methods throughout the

decades it has provided a much needed reference book which is also very entertaining.

EKWM has purchased a copy for the museum library and the book is also available for sale in the Museum shop.

Scott Cam of TV show Backyard Blitz launched the book. Scott is a descendant of the Caminiti fishing family who operated steam trawlers on this coast.

## "Bronze among the Breakers"

by John Liston on the history of Pambula, Merimbula and Eden Surf Lifesaving, will have it's second edition available from early December.

John wrote this significant history that was launched in 2007 "Year of the Lifesaver". This book is also available in the museum shop.

### EDEN KILLER WHALE MUSEUM

### SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

Business Meeting	7:30pm 2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday
Curatorial Meeting	1pm 1 <sup>st</sup> Monday
Friends Meeting	9am 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday

Museum Theatre
Museum Library
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