

## A pleasant Saturday afternoon with the Governor

RIGHT:  
Her Excellency  
Prof. Marie Bashir  
speaking at Eden  
Museum Saturday 17<sup>th</sup>  
January 2009

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Photos of the  
Governors visit to the  
Museum



From a casual chat between our president and Andrew Constance while at a school presentation in early December came the realisation that we would be hosting Her Excellency Prof. Marie Bashir AC, CVO at afternoon tea on 17<sup>th</sup> January 2009.

What a lovely surprise!

President Jack Dickenson spent many hours making detailed arrangements for the visit and the result was a very pleasant afternoon with a goodly gathering of townsfolk who all had a chance to meet the Governor and her husband Sir Nicholas Shehadie.

The Official party was taken on a guided tour of the museum galleries and

I think we may see the Governor and Sir Nicholas back to watch whales during the season later in the year, she was so taken with the exhibitions and story of Old Tom. As is her wish the formalities were kept to a minimum and a casual atmosphere prevailed. It was so refreshing to have someone of such standing mingle and speak in such a friendly manner. Some fantastic accompaniment was provided by a string quartet of young musicians including Tim Willis who we have had play at the Museum before, and the wonderful Sing Australia Choir. Monica Wood also kindly played keyboard during

the afternoon tea.

Officially presented to Her Excellency on arrival were; Mr. Fritz and Mrs. Jennifer Drenkhahn, Mrs. Margaret Sheaves, Mrs. Lexie Greg and Mrs. Leone Fairweather, Kayla Robbie and her mother Sandy Huff & Mr. Steve Huff, Mrs. Vera Mason and Mr. Daryl Mayton daughter Marion, Mr. Jeff and Mrs. Diane Swane, Mrs. Heidi Namensma and daughter Inga, and sister Elizabeth Elks, Mrs. Susan Cousens and Sean, Mr. Tim Willis, Miss Jessie Regan, Miss Thea Turnbull, Mr. Jack Hobbs, Major Kathie Crombie and Andrea Pearce, Salvation Army.

Museum Friends catered admirably with a delicious array of tasty morsels served under the sails.

On farewelling the Governor and Sir Nicholas, president Jack made a presentation of a framed sketch of the museum and a copy of *The Killers of Eden* by Tom Mead.

Her Excellency said they had been overwhelmed by the hospitality already shown to them in the few hours they had been in the area. They were hosted to a reception at Jigamy Keeping Place that morning and attended a dinner with school captains from the area on Saturday evening. On Sunday they attended the Wharf to Waves Classic at Tathra and the Candelo Show.



## A Telegram for the Governor

It seems that we are unable to be idle for long at our Morse position here. The period during December and the run up to Christmas seemed to be busier than

normal. Our many visitors during January are continuing to enjoy the "Morse experience", with both young and old still appreciating the demo and history of this early

means of communication.

It was an honour to have met her Excellency the Governor, Prof. Marie Bashir, who was very impressed with the exhibition. I received messages for her, from the morsecodian group at the Tamworth Country Music Festival. This group was in touch with us daily during their festival, transmitting from a marquee in Peel St. Tamworth.

Since then two journalists from the Daily Telegraph have visited the museum taking photos and making notes for an article which we await with interest.



Above; Morsecodian Phil McGrath types up a welcome telegram received for Governor of NSW Prof. Marie Bashir during her visit.

Cheers *Phil*

## Busy Summer Holiday Season

Visitation over the '08/'09 summer has been very good and volunteers have been on hand most days to add to the visitors' experience. Friends have manned the children's activities table, Phil and Kevin have been

demonstrating morse and guides have been in the lighthouse. As always our librarians have also been in the library to assist with research for those who tend to use holiday time to expand their knowledge of

their family tree or subjects they are studying.

On one day between Christmas and New Year admission figures were 553!!! That's one person through the door every minute!

## Heritage Week amongst the stars

The theme this year for NSW Heritage week (April 6-19) is "Our Place in Space- Under the Southern Cross". Plans are underway to hold some "stargazing" evenings with amateur astronomers who will guide us through the galaxies and share with us some of the wonders of space that they have been

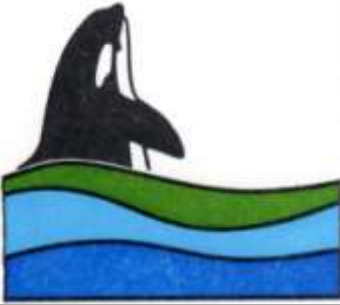
observing. Two chaps from Gippsland are keen to bring their telescopes to Eden for a weekend, 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> are the darkest nights which is best for seeing detail. Anyone who knows of people in this area with telescopes etc should give details to Jenny Drenkhahn (64962003).





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**Clockwise from top:** President Jack Dickenson and Andrew Constance with Prof. Marie Bashir in the Davidson Gallery; Kayla Robbie presenting a posy of flowers to Prof Marie Bashir; The Governor’s car at the Museum; Members of Sing Australia meeting the Governor; Fay Davidson, Eileen Cameron and Heidi Nerhus in deep conversation with the Governor; Tim Willis, Jessie Regan, Thea Turnbull and Jack Hobbs providing excellent chamber music at the afternoon tea.



**COMING EVENTS**

*GIRT BY SEA*  
 7<sup>TH</sup> FEB TO 13<sup>TH</sup> APR  
 Opening Sat 14<sup>th</sup> Feb 2pm  
 Exhibition of local Fishing  
 Photographs  
 by Ruth Maddison

**EASTER 2009**  
 10<sup>TH</sup> TO 13<sup>TH</sup> APRIL

**NSW SCHOOL HOLS**  
 10<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> April

**NSW HERITAGE  
 FESTIVAL**  
 4 – 19 APRIL 2009  
 ‘Our Place in Space:  
 Under the Southern Cross’

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**Australia Day 2009**

A slightly low key event this year but a pleasant ceremony just the same. Our biggest Australian Flag always looks the part and was flying well in the Southwest wind on Monday morning. Together with bunting and all the state and territory flags on the yardarm there was no mistaking that it was Australia’s National day.

Sing Australia led the gathering in the National Anthem for the flag raising and following with some Aussie numbers to sing along to. Recitals of prose and poetry rounded off the entertainment.

We look forward to a new committee being formed to “take up the baton” of arranging Eden’s Australia Day ceremonies in future.



**We were there to fly the flag**

Members Stephanie Rawlings and Jenny Drenkhahn, ably assisted by Chloe Fulton attended the community information day organised by Eden’s Community Action Group at Endeavour Park on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> January.

A fun lot of activities with sausage sizzle face painting and entertainment was underway and an opportunity for groups within our community to show what they have to offer and encourage people to become involved. This was the first time the event had been held with a good number of community groups represented. It’s hoped that there’s an even better response next time.



**EDEN KILLER WHALE MUSEUM SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS**

<b>Business Meeting</b>	Second Wednesday	7:30pm	Museum Theatre
<b>Curatorial Meeting</b>	First Monday	1pm	Museum Library
<b>Museum Friends Meeting</b>	Third Wednesday	9am	Museum Library

New members always welcome