

Spirit of Mystery visits our shores on a calm winter weekend.

This brave little vessel has an enormous voyage behind her already and many nautical miles to go, she sailed into Snug Cove on Friday 12th June.

A replica of the "Mystery", an open Mounts Bay Lugger that 7 Cornishmen had sailed from Newlyn in Cornwall to Melbourne Australia in 1854. They were to try their luck in the Victorian gold fields. This voyage of about 11,800 nautical miles in 116 days saw them arriving in Melbourne on 14 March 1855. The only break in the voyage was a week in Cape Town for repairs and replenishment. They had made such good progress to South Africa they were commissioned by the Royal Mail to take the post on to Australia. "Mystery" measured just 37 feet in length, had a beam of 11 feet 6 inches and weighed 16 tons.

Peter Goss took on the project of building the



replica and re enacting the voyage. The keel, stem and stern were made from a tough hardwood called Ekki. Fallen Cornish Oak makes up the frames, with Larch for the planking and Ash for the tiller and sweeps.

"Spirit of Mystery" was launched on Saturday 21st June and set sail for Australia on 20th October 2008, arriving in Williamstown on 9th

March 2009.

An amazing achievement in either century it was a privilege to host the vessel and crew for their stay in Twofold Bay. Some locals were fortunate enough to join "Spirit of Mystery" on Wednesday 17th June for the leg to Bermagui, and she was bound for Jervis Bay where the Cornish community there were looking forward to her visit.

The chart below shows the voyage of the Mystery 1854/55



Peter Goss's brother Andy was skippering on this leg of the voyage, and he gave a presentation in the Museum theatre on Sunday 14th afternoon, which was most informative and well attended.

After a well earned rest in Snug Cove, and settled weather conditions, Spirit of Mystery was bound for Sydney where she will be a feature of the Sydney Boat Show in late July.

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Individual Highlights:

NETHERLANDS DAY

STARGAZING

SPIRIT OF MYSTERY

BIG VESSELS IN SNUG

COVE

IT WORKSHOP



Local Family participate in Netherlands Day April 30th

Flag monitors Jack and Rob try to involve the community where they can in the operations of the Flagmast in Imlay St.

On the morning of 30th April, Netherlands National Day, Jacoba Boulter and her two boys Jamie and Sean were on hand to hoist the flag. Jacoba was born in Holland and she with husband Steve and family have been resident in



Eden for some years now. Jacoba also loaned the orange "ribbon" to be flown with the flag, which can only be done on

this day, which celebrates Queen's birthday. In September 1948 Queen Juliana ascended to the Dutch throne and from 1949 onwards Queen's Day was on her birthday on 30 April. When Queen Beatrix succeeded her mother, Queen Juliana on 30 April 1980, she decided to keep the holiday on 30 April as a tribute to her mother.



**UNUSUAL
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There have been a variety of vessels mostly connected with the oil and gas industry visiting Twofold Bay recently. Two of the larger ones were:

"portable camp" Aussie 1 which came in for some decommissioning and was alongside the breakwater wharf for several days. She dwarfed everything around her with dimensions like:

- Length: 112m(341ft)
- Beam: 32m (98ft)
- Depth moulded: 9m
- Draft: 4.8m

Similarly

Maersk Responder is a high bollard pull, dynamically positioned, multi-role, subsea construction vessel.

- Length 105.8m
- Breadth 20.0m
- Max. Draft 9.1m



Above: Aussie 1 being towed into Snug Cove with tugs attending and Log ship in the background.

Below: Maersk Responder alongside the Breakwater Wharf in Snug Cove.



Below: Allan Whiter on ladder, Ian Whiter (Rt) and Barry Neumann behind, on the stargazing night.



A stargazing night was held to mark Heritage week in May and we were fortunate to have a very enthusiastic group from Gippsland bring their astronomical telescopes and set them up for us at

the sports ground on two consecutive nights. A pleasing response from the public saw about 40 people each night take advantage of this opportunity to have a closer look at our

heavens with some experienced eyes to guide us. A big thankyou to Barry, Mike and John for their efforts. We may do it again sometime when it's a bit warmer!!

Functions planned at the museum in the near future are a pre dinner drinks and exhibition viewing on Friday 10th July for guests at the reunion of Eden Cannery staff on the occasion of the 10th anniversary of the closure of the cannery.

“Canned” developed by Collection Manager Jody White details some of the staff members’ stories, photos and film footage from their former work place.

Former cannery workers will be dining afterwards at the Eden Fishermen’s Club.



Above: Women on the oiling table at the Eden Cannery 1951.



Commencing the 24th August Book Week will be celebrated throughout the Shire. Eden’s venue will be Art on Imlay. Eden Killer Whale Museum Library open on the Monday and Thursday, will join in the activities encouraging people to come and inspect our comprehensive maritime library and research resources. Our Librarians Aileen and Carol will help patrons with any queries they have, and there is a possibility of some special book sales being organized to coincide with this event.

Below: Pictures from Aston Station Excursion May ‘09



Clockwise from Top Left:

- ◆ Inspection of the Aston Cemetery
- ◆ Aston Homestead (Original Building to the left; addition on the right with deck)
- ◆ Tack room
- ▲ Stables at Aston



COMING EVENTS

EXHIBITIONS

**Men of Timber - Edén's
Timber Workers
Memorial**

15th April to 2nd Dec

**Heinz Cannery Closure -
10th Anniversary**

15th April to 2nd Dec

11th July

**IT Workshop for Museum
Volunteers**

10:15 EKWM Theatrette
(details opposite)

Book Week:

Commence 24th August

**International Lighthouse
Weekend 15-16 August**

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Regional Museum's visit to Aston Station: formerly owned by J.R. Logan

Museum members in our district were received very warmly by the Payten family, current owners of Aston Station just west of Bombala on our recent excursion. Prior to inspecting the homestead and out buildings, we visited the nearby cemetery, which is being refurbished. There are

graves of the Nicholson, Elton and ?? families from 18?? to the present. Surrounded now by pine plantation Aston Station has diminished in size somewhat and the homestead has been added to over the years. However, the original building is tastefully incorporated into the

current home and Kerry Payten gave us an overview of the various additions and uses of the building and an "open house" opportunity to see the entire property. Thanks to Kerry her sisters and the Bombala Society for a most interesting outing. *Pictures previous page.*

FREE I.T. WORKSHOP for Museum Volunteers

With funds remaining from the South East Chapter group it was resolved to hold a workshop on computer programmes to assist volunteers from the participating museums in the area. This workshop will be free of charge to members from museums in the Chapter and will be held at the Edén Killer Whale Museum theatrette on the 11th July next, with a 10.15 am start. Please come at 9.30 or so, for a cuppa and chat beforehand. It will be a general workshop. There will be no hands on computer work for the participants; demonstration and instruction only.

E.K.W.M. will be catering for morning tea, lunch and a pre-departure cuppa. Participants need to bring note taking materials and a backing on which to do so, as the seating is that normally in the theatrette (no tables). We will need to know number attending from your group by the 8th July, to facilitate our preparation and catering. Please email, phone or fax

this information direct to the Museum. In view of the time of year and the distance that some may need to travel, we have kept the length of the programme within comfortable limits. Looking forward to seeing members from all museums in the chapter at this workshop which will be the last co operative project.



WORKSHOP PROGRAMME SATURDAY 11TH JULY

10:15 to 12:30 "Powerpoint" & "Powerpoint in the Museum"
12:30 to 1:15 Lunch
1:15 to 3:00 "Museum and the Web"

Numbers to Edén Killer Whale Museum by 8th July please.

EDEN KILLER WHALE MUSEUM

Schedule of meetings

Monthly Business Meeting	7:30pm	2 nd Wednesday each month	Museum Theatrette
Curatorial Meeting	1:00pm	1 st Monday each month	Museum Library
Museum Friends Meeting	9:00am	2 rd Wednesday (commence 2008)	Museum Library