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on behalf of the
Eden Whale
Festival
Committee

Welcome

Eden is the home of the remarkable stories of the 'Killers of Eden' and 'Old Tom'.

Eden is where mighty ocean currents meet, stirring up the plankton and nutrients where the whales come to feed and play. Now, rather than hunting them, we watch them from both on and off shore, making Eden the destination hub of choice for whale watching on the Sapphire Coast, the heart of Australia's Coastal Wilderness.

Eden is where we live and, as a community at this time of the year, this is what we celebrate and share with you - the annual return of the whales.

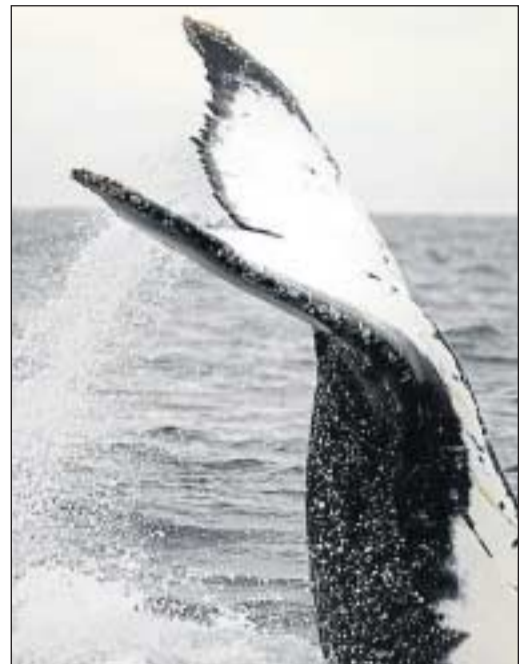
This year we have programmed two weekends. The first over the weekend of October 26 and 27, is a relaxed opportunity to explore our wonderful Open Gardens of Eden and our new Pop Up Exhibitions Program along Imlay Street.

The following Saturday is the big one, packed with something for everyone: the colourful street parade, the very best of local produce and product markets, food, education and competitions including the famous 'Capstan Pull' - culminating in our 'Whale Song' and the spectacular Sydney Ports Fireworks.

Sunday is laid back - a time to rest, go for a walk or a drive, pack a picnic lunch or brunch out in Eden. Go exploring - pick up one of our heritage maps from the Visitor Information Centre or check our web site.

We know you will be surprised! Don't rush. And don't forget: If you want to find out - ask a local. Gordon.

www.edenmagnet.com.au
www.visiteden.com.au
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Come to Eden this weekend and next to see the whale 'traffic' pull into Eden's natural lay-by - Twofold Bay - off Australia's remarkable Wilderness Coast. Photos: Rosalind Butt, Cat Balou Cruises.

Join the humpback highway

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Dive right in to our celebrations as Eden embraces the whales' southbound journey.

As the 2013 whale watching season continues, the focus is now on the South Coast of NSW where rich ocean currents combine to stimulate the whole food chain from tiny krill right up to the huge whales.

The nutrient rich waters attract not only whales and even orca but ensure our resident population of marine life thrives, including seals, dolphins and bird life.

Eden's position at the top of the Bass Strait, the next step in the whale's migration, makes it the perfect place for them to rest, feed and play.

It is not unusual to see whales breaching or slapping their tails and fins from shore but there are also whale watching charter vessels who will guarantee a close encounter with excellent commentary.

Each year we learn more about these majestic mammals, identifying individuals, welcoming calves, studying their social behaviours and keeping a watchful eye on their health.

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Sapphire Coast Tourism general manager Anthony Osborne said this year the festi-

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val welcomes new exhibitions, musicians and vendors along with a continuing focus on food, interactive education and entertainment.

"For one weekend each year, the rich maritime and whaling history of this port becomes the centrepiece for a weekend that links all things whale," he said.

"We'll have even more activities on the program than ever before with a spectacular street parade, vibrant markets and educational marine displays and presentations, the Wild About Whales inflatawhales, and of course the real whales.

"And this year, an extra special visitor is coming.

"The controversial Skywhale, a huge hot air balloon created for Canberra's Centenary celebrations, will float high in the sky above Eden.

"The 34 metre long, 23 metre high hot air balloon will be tethered to the ground offer-

ing mini rides to watch the whales from the air," Anthony continued.

The festival will also include great local food and wine, children's entertainment and live music, and it all takes place at a time when whales can be seen in large numbers in the town's stunning Twofold Bay.

The NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service will host shore based whale watching at Rotary Lookout in Eden, and, because of the town's historical links with whales, the festival will also include tours of the Davidson Whaling Station Historic Site.

You can learn more about our maritime obsession at open days at the Sapphire Coast Marine Discovery Centre, Marine Rescue Eden and Green Cape Lighthouse.

"If you're coming for the festival and staying on for a while, make sure you visit the Eden Visitor Information Center then head out on the Killer Whale Trail, the self-drive day tour that takes you to five historical sites around Eden which uncover the dramatic history of whaling from 1828 to 1930.

"Whether you're in a boat, up high in Skywhale, or watching from the shore, you're bound to catch sight of our resident marine mammals popping in for our annual celebrations in their honour," Anthony concluded.

Diary note...

Don't forget the Whale Festival official opening, Friday, October 25, 1.30pm at the Eden Killer Whale Museum...

** Check out Old Tom's skeleton while I'm there...

EDEN KILLER WHALE MUSEUM



Extensive range of books, gifts and souvenirs in our shop

Come and experience the life of the early whalers and visit 'Old Tom's' skeleton the most famous of the Killer Whales.

Don't miss our other exhibitions 'STRIKE' and 'Port for a Nation' OPEN 7 DAYS (except Christmas Day)

HOME OF OLD TOM

Current Exhibitions include: 'STRIKE' history of the tuna poling industry 'Port for a nation' how Twofold Bay almost became the national port of Australia.

- Mon - Sat 9.15am - 3.45pm
- Sun 11.15am - 3.45pm
- Extended hours Christmas and New Year.



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