



Something for everyone...

Whether you love a great street parade, fresh, mouth-watering local food and produce, fireworks reflected in the water at night, art of every persuasion, competitions and fun for the kids, history at your fingertips and on your doorstep, there is something for everyone at this year's Eden Whale Festival. Here are just some of the 'must see' highlights...

EDEN KILLER WHALE MUSEUM

184 Imlay Street.
Monday to Saturday 9am to 4pm.
Sunday 11am to 4pm.
The award-winning Eden Killer Whale Museum was built to house the skeleton of Old Tom the Killer Whale and bears testament to local maritime, timber and cultural history.

The current exhibition Strike, showcases Eden's former tuna poling days and is complete with fishing gear, images, video and text.

Whales are frequently sighted from the museum's expansive deck, making it the perfect place for a whale siren, which sounds whenever a whale is sighted in Twofold Bay.

The location, history, gift shop and special exhibitions make the museum a place worth visiting time and time again.

EDEN VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE

Corner of Mitchell Street and Imlay Street (Princes Highway).
Open daily 9am to 5pm.

One of the state's most highly ranked visitor centres, the Eden Visitor Information Centre is 'information central' for all things Whale Festival.

Sitting at the gateway between New South Wales and Victoria and set in the heart of Ben Boyd National Park, this is the place to go for local adventures as well as travel across the region.

The centre's friendly staff have extensive local knowledge and can tell you the best places to go for whale watching, forest walks, drive or walking tours. See www.visiteden.com.au for online resources.

EDEN OPEN GARDENS

Presented by Eden Lionesses and Eden Mitre 10.

Scout Hall, Princes Highway, Eden.
Saturday, October 26 and Sunday October 27.

10am to 4pm Cost \$10.

Ten local gardens, plus the historic Edrom Lodge on the southern side of Twofold



Need help? Look out for the staff in yellow t-shirts.

Bay, will be on show from Saturday, October 26 to Sunday October 27.

Each garden has a different theme with monies raised supporting the festival, and key Lioness projects such as the Snowy Hydro Careflight helicopter and local families.

To take part, visit the Eden Lioness tent on the Princes Highway Eden (opposite the Eden Gateway Holiday Park) to collect your map on Saturday, October 26.

STREET PARADE

Imlay Street, Eden
Saturday, November 2
10am to 11am

The high energy street parade travels through the heart of town and down to Snug Cove which will be a hub of activity all day Saturday, finishing with the region's best fireworks lighting up the night sky.

The parade draws out floats and marchers of all descriptions, from hot rods to tall chefs on stilts, a whale that helps you keep cool(!), boating clubs, local schools, community groups and much more.

SKYWHALE

Presented by Global Ballooning Australia.

Snug Cove.
Saturday (weather permitting) 9am.

Look upward during this year's Eden Whale Festival and you will see an unusual sight.

Skywhale, a 23m-high, 34m-wide specialty hot air balloon resembling a whale-like creature with pendulous breasts, will be tethered at Snug Cove.

The length of her stay, and whether festival goers can enjoy the view from her basket, will depend on the weather.

Skywhale was commissioned for the Canberra centenary, a public art project that took Canberra's Museum and Art Gallery artist Patricia Piccinini two years to create.

Her appearances are always met with much discussion, some of it negative, but pilot Steve Ireland loves showing her off. "Skywhale is a bit different as far as specialty balloons go."

"It was a political football to start with but when I took her to Tassie they took it as an object of art, and talked about whether they liked it or not," he said.

"As a public artwork, people get involved, they love to touch it and kids love to help to deflate it."

Look for Skywhale at Snug Cove, or Eden Sportsground, from around 8am on Saturday morning.

DAVIDSON WHALING STATION HISTORIC SITE TOURS

Presented by the National Parks and Wildlife Service and Merimbula Divers Lodge

Saturday, November 2 and Sunday, November 3

From 10am to 4pm

Explore the history of shore based whaling at Davidson's Whaling Station on the southern side of Twofold Bay.

Be guided through what remains of the try works where whales were hauled ashore and processed for their oil after being hunted by teams of men in rowing boats and often, orca.

The Davidson's homestead will also be open and you might get to enjoy a light lunch if you time it right.

There are two ways to visit this historic site, which is now a place of beauty and peace.

The first is to drive around Twofold Bay, around a 40 kilometre trip, but one that plants you on the whale trail of shore based whale watching and other historic sites.

Or for \$20 per head, catch the Divers Lodge high speed inflatable boat from Eden wharf and cut your travel time to 10 minutes each way.

You might also see some whales. Be prepared to get wet feet to get on and off the boat and trips will be governed by weather on the days.

FIREWORKS

Snug Cove.
Saturday, November 2.
8pm to 8.15pm.

Saturday's fireworks show is a spectacular event that takes place in the sky above Snug Cove just after dusk.

Presented by Sydney Ports, the show is put together by our very own pyrotechnics expert, David Hanshaw of Burragate.

It will follow hours of music for Whale Song, which will be based this year on the former fishing co-operative jetty on the eastern side of the harbour.

APPRAISAL DAY

Presented by Eden Killer Whale Museum, Georgies Fine Jewellery, Applegum Quality Collectables, Sapphire Coast Stamp & Coin Club, Susan Flannery, Clive Cocum.
184 Imlay Street Sunday, November 3
11am to 3pm

Gather the family heirlooms and collectables and have them valued for a modest fee at the Eden Killer Whale Museum on Sunday.

This event was launched only last year and was very popular with history loving residents who brought along over 1200 items, including some that had been caught in fishing nets by local fishermen.

This year the museum has introduced coffee and cake on the museum's spacious deck which is one of the port's best land based whale watching hot spots.

There will be experts on hand in the fields of art, glass, pottery, jewellery, stamps and coins.



Eden Killer Whale Museum



Tour Davidson Whaling Station



Street parade



Fresh, local food



Explore our maritime, timber BS cultural heritage.



Fireworks



Skywhale

FESTIVAL TIPS

Use the shuttle bus

Parking at Snug Cove will be in high demand. Deane's Buses will run a shuttle bus between Imlay Street and Snug Cove on Saturday from noon to 5pm.

Parking is available in public car parks behind Imlay Street's central business district.

Take a walk

Park in the central business district and use the pedestrian friendly Warren's Walk, (just keep the Eden Killer Whale Museum on

your left as you head to the wharf). Although hilly, there are plenty of rest stops and a great view of the harbour and garden.

Be ready for rain, hail and shine

No matter what the weather, exposure to the elements can be exhausting.

Sun cream, water, a hat, small umbrella, sturdy shoes and a good all-weather jacket are recommended.

St John's Ambulance Service will be setup at Snug Cove.

Plan your own adventure

Along with the festival, there are a great many things to do in and around Eden.

Our beautiful coastline offers excellent bushwalking and sight-seeing and onshore whale watching and there is also excellent golfing, bowls and accommodation.

The Eden Visitor Information Centre can assist you with all enquiries and bookings at www.visiteden.com.au or by phoning 6496 1953.



The Eden Chamber of Commerce and Tourism is a proud supporter of the 2013 Eden Whale Festival.

Visit the Eden Visitor Information Centre, your information hub for all things Whale Festival, on the corner of Princes Highway and Mitchell Street, open 9am to 5pm daily.

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