

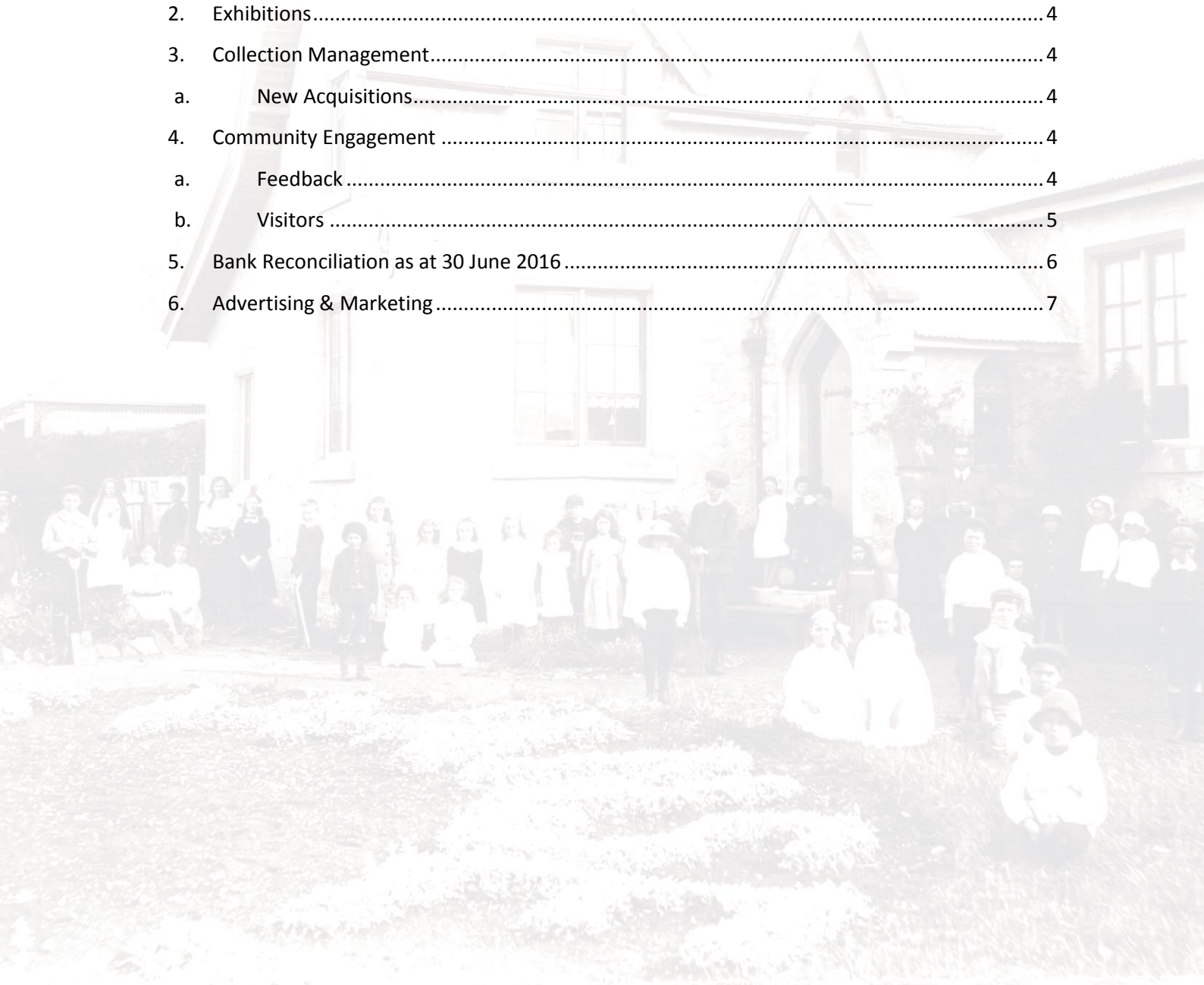


2015-2016 Report to Glamorgan Spring Bay Council

East Coast Heritage Museum

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1. From the Curator

The East Coast Heritage Museum (the Museum) is a significant community facility within the municipality that commemorates the history of the area and the involvement of local people in Australia's military conflicts. It is the Museum's function to retain its collection for the Glamorgan Spring Bay Community and to make visitors aware of the unique heritage of the area through interpretive displays and an exchange of information – *'Preserving the past for the future'*.

This document has been prepared for the Glamorgan Spring Bay Council to highlight the major activities and events that have occurred at the Museum during the period June 2015 – July 2016.

The Museum applied for an Arts Tasmania grant for a 'Disaster Preparedness Workshop' to assist staff and volunteers learn how to further protect the museum against any sudden occurrences which may place the collection at risk. This application was successful and the curator has now attended a Collection Response and Recovery for Museum Collections Workshop held at the Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery, Launceston. An onsite workshop for all museum staff is to be scheduled.

In August 2015 the curator attended a 'Digitization Workshop' in Launceston. This enabled the photographing of our collection to commence late 2015. This is a large project and whilst many hours of work have been undertaken only a small percentage has been completed.

The Museum provided its annual 'Enquiring Mind' award of a \$50 book voucher for a Swansea Primary School student. The 2015 award was presented to Clea Hallam.

The curator has been compiling a database and photographic record of all Glamorgan Spring Bay WW1 & WWII service personnel for the ANZAC exhibition scheduled 2016. This work has now been extended to include Boer War service personnel.

The museum assisted the Glamorgan Spring Bay Historical Society's successful launch at *Malunnah*, Orford of their new publication of Louisa Anne Meredith's book 'Some of my Bush friends in Tasmania'.

Research of photographs held in the Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery has resulted in the curator discovering a photograph of Louisa Anne Meredith wearing a costume held in our collection. This is an amazing find and is, without doubt, the best provenance.

This year Arts Tasmania requested an object from the Museum's collection to appear in their '10 objects 10 stories' exhibition - celebrating community collections. Our whale's ear bone was selected due to its unusual nature as well as its connection to the Meredith family.

The curator and assistant were invited to attend Museum's Australia gathering at the Anglesea Military Barracks in Hobart, this included a tour of the facility and to meet other curators.

The Maritime Museum in Hobart held a talk about whaling in Tasmania, the Curator attended and gained further insight into its history.

Historian Mr Reg Watson invited the curator to talk on his weekend ABC Radio show about the museum and the Glamorgan Spring Bay area. The talk received many compliments and resulted in a number of further enquiries being received.

Visiting groups including historical societies, schools groups and professionals have complimented favourably on the museum and its set up. We are leading Tasmania with our state of the art facility, information and rotating exhibitions.

Two curators from Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery, Caroline Heine and Cindy Tattersall volunteered their time and services to work with us on specific projects including mending our Louisa Anne Meredith costume and sketching some of our archaeological artefacts. We also had a student undertake a period of work experience with us.

The curator is currently working with Council and archaeologist Brad Williams on the interpretation of the Paradise Probation Station at Orford, this is an ongoing project.

The curator has also assisted with recent research undertaken on the property 'Cambria'.

Our next exhibition in September will be about Sarah E E Mitchell and the Mitchell family from *Lisdillon*. We will be collaborating with the University of Tasmania to showcase our Mitchell collections.

August is 'family history' month throughout Australia and the museum will be joining in by offering assistance to those researching their family history.

The Curator was proud to receive a Tidy Towns award for Heritage and Culture, for her contribution to the ANZAC Day Billiard tournament in 2015.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the Glamorgan Spring Bay Council and General Manager for placing their faith in me. I look forward showcasing our wonderful collection to the public for years to come.

Maureen Marin Ferris

2. Exhibitions

The exhibitions at the Museum for 2015 - 2016 were:

War Room:	World War I (2014-2018)
Main Gallery:	Louisa Ann Meredith (ends March 2017) Static Convict exhibition Static Swansea Diorama and buildings Static Aboriginal Paperbark Canoe
School Room:	Static School Display and small display of "Olden Day School Items", Thylacine, Baudin's Expedition, Shells and Eggs.
Heritage Room:	Tools of Trades and Henry Hokes

New exhibitions opening in 2016-2017 are:

Heritage Room:	Mitchell family of Lisdillon (September 2016)
Main Gallery:	Wedding Gowns (March 2017)

3. Collection Management

The Museum collection now stands at 3,425 objects of historical relevance and importance to the Glamorgan Spring Bay Municipality.

a. New Acquisitions

Between July 2015 and June 2016, 128 objects have been received by the museum. Some of these items have been loaned for us to copy or photograph.

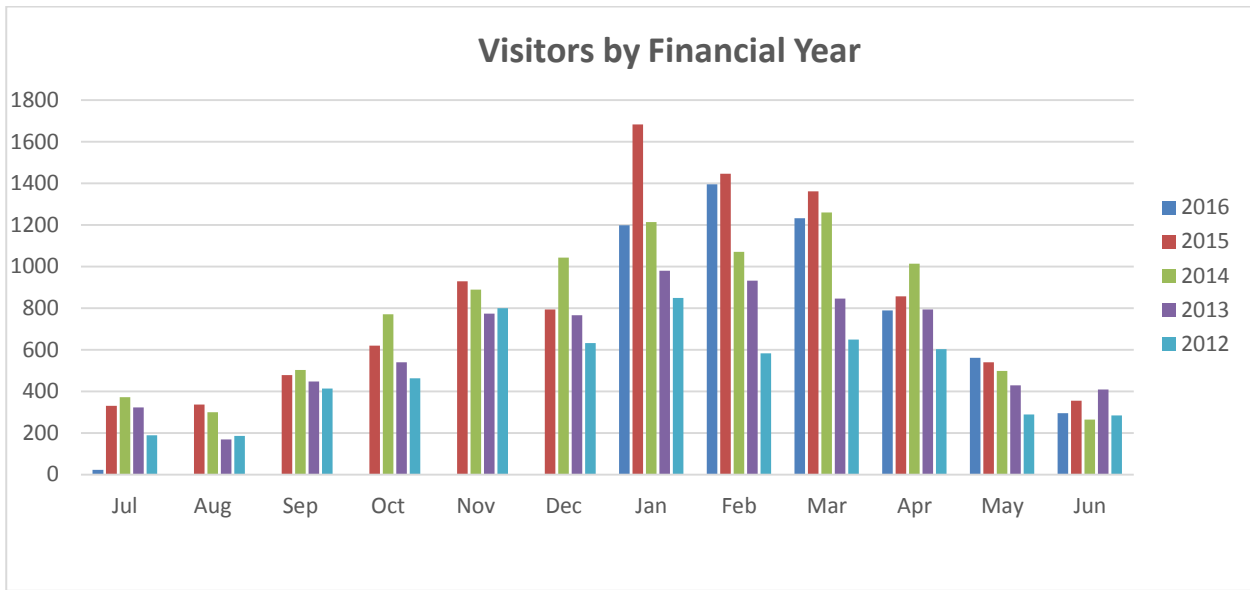
4. Community Engagement

a. Feedback

Highlights from Visitor Feedback:

- "Good to see history being preserved"
- "Fantastic"
- "Wonderful experience"
- "Credit to all involved in the content display & information included in this wonderful museum"
- "Awesome, thank you!"
- "Very interesting, lovely collection"
- "A most interesting & educational display"
- "wow best museum ever"

b. Visitors



Total visitors for the Financial Year July 2015 - June 2016 **8,966**

Total visitors for the Financial Year July 2014 - June 2015 10,124

A decrease of -13%

Closures for 2015 - 2016: 19 July 2015, Volunteer Sick
 25 December 2015, Christmas Day
 3 January 2016, Volunteer Sick
 25 June 2016, Volunteer Sick

5. Bank Reconciliation as at 30 June 2016

Name	For	Amount	Cheque No	Date Paid
TBSA (Billiards)	Exhibition fee & travel	\$500.00	000216	23 Apr 2015
Swansea Motor Inn	TSBA accommodation	\$330.00	000219	26 Apr 2015
Museums Australia	Renew Membership	\$143.00	000229	19 Aug 2015
Swansea Hardware	Boards & screws	\$10.50	000230	19 Aug 2015
Morris Store	Coffee, tea, sugar, cleaning	\$129.20	000231	19 Aug 2015
ArtsTasmania	Digitization Workshop	\$20.00	000232	19 Aug 2015
GSBHS Inc	Back up Drive	\$219.00	000233	25 Aug 2015
Swansea Hardware	Garden Bits	\$72.19	000234	16 Nov 2016
Morris Store	Coffee, tea, sugar, cleaning	\$50.33	000235	19 Nov 2015
Another Computer Store	Toner	\$678.00	000236	25 Nov 2015
Another Computer Store	Projector & Hub	\$539.00	000237	25 Nov 2015
Cancelled Cheque		\$0.00	000238	
Di Bricknell	Graphic Design	\$300.00	000239	27 Nov 2015
Swansea RSL	ANZAC Day Wreath	\$50.00	000240	16 Dec 2015
Pumpkin Prints	4xbanners, LA Meredith	\$600.00	000241	01 Dec 2015
Swansea Primary School	\$50. gift voucher	\$50.00	000242	17 Dec 2015
Cancelled Cheque		\$0.00	000243	
Morris Store	Coffee, tea, sugar, cleaning	\$128.35	000244	05 Feb 2016
Swansea News & Post	Stationery	\$70.90	000245	05 Feb 2016
Another Computer Store	Domain Registration	\$168.00	000246	05 Feb 2016
Lyell Wells	Advertising	\$90.00	000247	05 Apr 2016
Morris Store	Coffee, tea, sugar, cleaning	\$128.51	000248	05 Apr 2016
ArtsTasmania	Disaster Prep Workshop	\$75.00	000249	05 Apr 2016
Another Computer Store	Oki, Toner & Drum	\$446.00	000250	19 Apr 2016
Officeworks	Nurses Banner	\$139.00	000251	19 Apr 2016
Diane Bricknell	Graphic Design	\$50.00	000252	19 Apr 2016
Un-presented Cheques 2015	Total	\$4,986.98		

Banking details for 01 July 2015 - 30 June 2016

Date Banked	Amount Banked
17 Aug 2015	\$241.45
29 Sep 2015	\$354.60
04 Nov 2015	\$527.65
02 Dec 2015	\$510.15
06 Jan 2016	\$511.65
01 Feb 2016	\$515.55
07 Mar 2016	\$1,092.45
06 Apr 2016	\$624.60
04 May 2016	\$485.15
08 Jun 2016	\$294.25
29 Jun 2016	\$109.65
Total	\$5,267.15
Bank Balance as @ 30 Jun 2015	\$3,382.71
Total	\$8,649.86
Bank balance as @ 30 June 2016	\$3,662.88
Accounts paid as @ 30 Jun 2016	\$4,986.98
Total	\$8,649.86

6. Advertising & Marketing

Print

- Tasmanian Arts Guide
- Tasmanian Museums Guide
- Letsgokids – “The no. 1 family guide to Tasmania July 2016 – June 2017”
- Tasmania: Island of Treasures
- Great Oyster Bay News

Online

Website: www.eastcoastheritage.org.au

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/eastcoastheritagemuseum>

Flickr <https://www.flickr.com/photos/131055573@N07/>

Blog: <https://echmuseum.wordpress.com>

Twitter: East Coast Heritage @MoeFerris

Online: <http://www.discovertasmania.com.au/attraction/eastcoastheritagemuseum>

<http://www.tripadvisor.com.au>

<http://monumentaaustralia.org.au>

<http://www.eastcoasttasmania.com>

<http://www.tasmaniaseastcoast.com.au>

<http://www.about-australia.com/attractions/east-coast-heritage-museum/>