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We're going to have a Whale of a Time!

Whaling made Hobart rich, but protecting whales makes us all richer

Dates: Monday, 22 January: 10 am - 12 noon
Tuesday, 23 January: 10 am - 12 noon
Wednesday, 24 January: 10 am - 12 noon

Ages: 7-12 years

Cost: \$5.00 per family
(for this fee you gain entry to the whole Museum on the day)

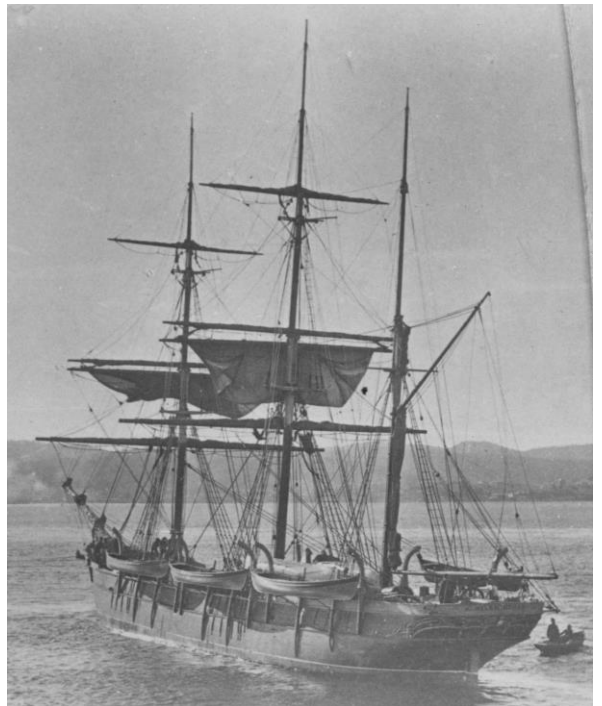
Many will have seen the recent media coverage of a whale enjoying a day off Kingston Beach. ***They are beautiful creatures, which rightly should be protected.*** Each spring and summer, we are seeing more whales coming back into Tasmanian waters. However, times weren't always so good for whales.

Did you know that when Europeans settlers first came to the River Derwent, there were so many whales that one man thought he could almost walk across the river on their backs! Have you ever wondered what was so special about whales that ***they were hunted almost to extinction*** 150 years ago? Some merchants and ships captains literally made their fortunes from the whaling industry. At one time there were ***over 30 whaling ships*** working out of Hobart. But, it was a dirty, smelly and disgusting business.

So, we will take you back in time to learn about the history of whaling in and around early Hobart. We will have some great ***smelly*** stories to tell about life on a whaling ship.

Then we will head off to the docks where you are going to make a whale. Yes, that's right (well, not a real one, but it's going to be **BIG**). And we are going to learn about ***whale conservation*** and what we can all do to ensure these great mammals keep coming back to Tasmanian waters.

NOTE: Places are limited, so please call or email us to make a booking very soon. We ask that a guardian accompany young children.



Above: the Helen, the last whaling sailing ship in Hobart

