

**1857**

[Lighthouse, built by the Stevenson's](#) and fuelled by Sperm whale oil, completed on Eilean Bàn.

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**1898**

Lighthouse converted to run on paraffin.

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**1960**

Lighthouse automation ends the need for Keepers to live on island.

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**1963**

Maxwell buys the Lighthouse cottages.

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**1968**

January, Maxwell comes to live on the island permanently.

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**1969**

September, Maxwell dies.

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**1992**

Construction of Skye road bridge begins.

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**1995**

Completion of the bridge on 16th October.

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**1998**

Eilean Bàn Trust formed in partnership with Born Free Foundation.

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**2003**

Bright Water Centre awarded 3\* tourist attraction rating.

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**2004**

December 21st, Skye bridge brought back under public ownership and bridge tolls removed.

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**2006**

January 25th, [John MacRae](#) , founding member and former chairman of the Eilean Bàn Trust, died of a heart attack.

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**2011**

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January 19th, Ownership of the Stevenson Lighthouse transferred to the Eilean Bàn Trust.

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### **2012**

September 28th, Ownership of the island transferred from Transport Scotland to Forestry Commission Scotland.