

1857

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

1898

Lighthouse converted to run on paraffin.

1960

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

1963

Maxwell buys the Lighthouse cottages.

1968

January, Maxwell comes to live on the island permanently.

1969

September, Maxwell dies.

1992

Construction of Skye road bridge begins.

1995

Completion of the bridge on 16th October.

1998

Eilean Bàn Trust formed in partnership with Born Free Foundation.

2003

Bright Water Centre awarded 3* tourist attraction rating.

2004

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

2006

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

2011

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

2012

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