

PORT OF EDEN MARINA inc.

A safe yacht friendly harbour for the South East

NSW Budget: Eden Safe Harbour Development

The President of Port of Eden Marina Inc (POEM), Fritz Drenkhahn today welcomed the announcement by the NSW Treasurer and Member for Bega, Andrew Constance that \$10 million has been committed in the State Budget for a safe harbour development in Snug Cove, Eden.

“Mr Constance has been a long term supporter of new projects in Eden and the safe harbour/marina project in particular. The Eden community owes him a big vote of thanks”

Fritz Drenkhahn said.

Thanks also go to the Minister for Roads and Freight, Duncan Gay whose support for the port development has been vital.

The need for a safe small boat harbour in Snug Cove has been recognised for many years but, with the growth in recreational and charter boating, amateur fishing, whale watching and scuba diving, the perfect strategic position of Eden as the small boat hub and yachting destination for south east Australia has become glaringly apparent. Also the potential for development of the Snug Cove onshore precinct in conjunction with a marina is now being recognised.

Many individuals and organisations have contributed to this outcome and deserve our thanks. They include:

- The Bega Valley Shire Council for funding the preliminary studies that have been the key to the project.
- Phillip Cox architect for the vision and concept plan at no cost.
- POEM Vice President, Glenn Brunette, and his firm Eden Realty for a meeting room, printing and enthusiastic support.
- Neil Rankin and Don Hassan from Rankin Builders for expert advice and support.
- Councillor Russell Fitzpatrick for wise counsel at every stage.
- Assistant Minister for Regional Development and member for Monaro, John Barilaro for his support from the outset.
- The 40 plus locals who have joined POEM and provided the funds for the association to develop and advocate for the safe harbour

This project will be complemented by the extension of the main wharf and the strong synergy between cruise liner visits and the tourist attraction of a marina with onshore development. No doubt some passengers will come back to Eden, perhaps permanently, and enjoy the boating facilities.

In the medium term the Eden economy will get a substantial boost from \$25 million in construction spending in Snug Cove

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