

Eden Breakwater Wharf Extension Project

Final community update

Jointly funded by the Australian Government, NSW Government and Bega Valley Shire Council, the \$44 million Eden Breakwater Wharf Extension Project is an important multi-government initiative to drive economic growth in the region.

Project completion

The Eden Breakwater Wharf Extension Project comprised deepening the berth pocket and approach channel, disposing the dredge material at an offshore disposal site, extending the existing Breakwater Wharf by 110 metres, constructing and installing mooring and berthing dolphins, and upgrading existing services such as lighting, power and potable water and emergency fire-fighting water, and installing navigation aids. This is to allow cruise ships up to 325m in length to berth alongside the upgraded Breakwater Wharf so that passengers can embark/disembark via a gangway onto the wharf. Previously, ships were only able to be moored in Snug Cove with passengers being tendered to the Port of Eden.

Construction commenced in mid-2017 and was completed by mid-2019 with the first cruise ship scheduled to berth at the new wharf extension in early September 2019, the start of the 2019/2020 cruise season.

Community event

To celebrate project completion an official wharf opening will be held on Sunday 4 August 2019 from 11am to 1pm with the public invited to attend. This is a special event to thank the local community for their ongoing patience and support throughout all stages of construction and to commemorate this milestone for Eden.

Project achievements

The project was viewed as highly successful with key achievements including:

- over \$7 million being spent on equipment or labour hire with local small and medium enterprises. This included personal protective equipment, site sheds and fencing, cleaning, catering, small tools and equipment from indigenous businesses
- a project wide Aboriginal Participation in Construction spend of over 2% of the project value for which was in excess of the mandatory pre-July 2018 minimum target of 1.5% for NSW Government projects. This involved:
 - 19 workers from the Eden Local Aboriginal Council and Twofold Aboriginal Corporation being engaged and trained in the areas of carpentry and concrete pouring for the fabrication of scour protection systems, four workers completing the Licence to Perform Dogging Course and other workers trained as Marine Mammal Observers. Cultural awareness training for project personnel was also provided
 - provision of a vehicle and trailer to Twofold Aboriginal Corporation's construction company, Mundabaa Constructions
 - sponsorship of the construction of a viewing platform on the Bundian Way
 - sponsorship of the Giyyong Festival which helped provide employment and training opportunities in the local community
- no environmental issues occurring which was significant as construction was undertaken during two whale migration seasons
- no complaints being received although there was 24 hour/7 days per week dredging, and piling works undertaken.



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The project has provided significant opportunities for Eden and the wider region and is expected to economically benefit the community by:

- increasing economic activity during construction of the wharf
- creating around 86 ongoing jobs in tourism, hospitality and stevedoring
- increasing visitation of cruise vessels and opportunities to local businesses
- increasing visitations to local attractions such as the Eden Whale Museum and the Sapphire Coast Marine Discovery Centre.



Installed and completed dolphin structures



Aerial view of the completed project

Change in contact details

The Eden Breakwater Wharf Extension has been transferred to Port Authority of New South Wales for the commencement of operations. New contact details are as follows:

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