

Eden

that will take this region – and the rest of Australia – into the future.

Eden is a stunning location with a host of waterways, forest and mountain attractions, first visited by George Bass in 1797 as he carried out his survey down the east coast.

It was he who named Twofold Bay, doing so for its two bights – Calle Calle Bay in the north, and Nullica Bay in the south – and he also named the harbour area Snug Cove when he sheltered there on his way back from Van Diemen's Land (Tasmania) in 1798.

The heart and soul of Eden – and its history – is Twofold Bay. It was home to shore-based whaling stations and Old Tom, the legendary killer whale whose story can be discovered at the Eden Killer Whale Museum.

It was the centre of operations for entrepreneur and pioneer Benjamin Boyd who built Boyd's Tower, Boydtown and the Seahorse Inn as part of an extraordinary empire, before the vision crumbled.

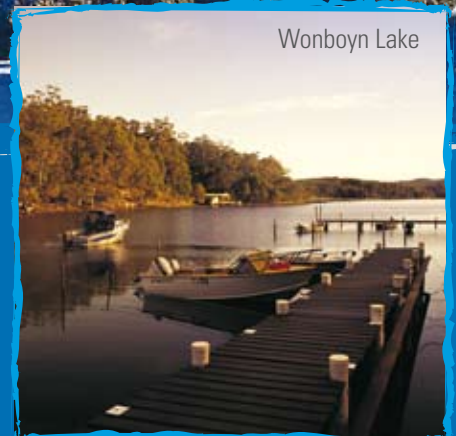
The magnificent Twofold Bay – the third deepest natural harbour in the southern hemisphere – is it any wonder Eden was once considered a site for Australia's national capital?

Visit Boyd's legacies, along with the Davidson Whaling Station, and feel yourself gripped by the adventure and danger that were part of life in this isolated coastal town in days gone by. And while you're in the section of the national park named for this grand schemer, take time to see the Green Cape Light Station, marvel at the wilderness and beauty that surrounds it, hike all or part of the 'Light to Light' walk and muse on the area's connection to Australia's new saint, Mary MacKillop.

Eden is very much a town where olden days and modern times cross over. It's a town whose history was bound with timber



Twofold Bay



Wonboyn Lake

cutting – and still is. Where hunters came in search of the world's largest mammals – and still do. Nowadays, though, they come armed with cameras, not spears and harpoons, but they are just as richly rewarded.

This still is a working port, so drive down in the early morning and watch 'those who go down to the sea in ships' bring home their catch. Chances are you will catch a glimpse of your dinner before it meets your plate! You'll probably never eat fresher.

If you hanker for even more tranquillity than offered by Eden, Wonboyn could be the

answer. Tucked between Ben Boyd National Park and Nadgee Nature Reserve, the lake empties into the stunning Disaster Bay.

Wonboyn Lake has been declared a recreational fishing haven, which means it's off-limits to commercial fishing activity. There's a quiet camping area, a selection of beaches which run the length of Disaster Bay, or you can swim or relax in the lake and rock pools of the Merrica River.

Nearby Nadgee Nature Reserve is one of a handful of truly natural world wilderness areas.