

Batemans Bay Marina Community Update: December 2007

Welcome to the first in a series of regular columns to inform the local community about the new plans for the Batemans Bay Marina.

The NSW Department of Lands has granted Ariadne a long term lease to operate and redevelop the Marina. As a lease arrangement, the land occupied by the Marina remains in public ownership. Since the lease was finalised Ariadne has worked closely with the Batemans Bay Marina Cooperative to ensure a smooth transition in the management of the site.

Ariadne plans to redevelop the Marina into a leading recreational, tourism and lifestyle destination for the region. Significant improvements to public access along the foreshore and creation of a new park are key features of the scheme.

It is very early days for this exciting project and Ariadne is looking forward to working with the Batemans Bay community as plans for the Marina are progressed.

About Ariadne?

Ariadne Australia Limited is a leading owner, manager and operator of marine facilities along the eastern seaboard. The company aims to preserve and embrace the Australian water-based lifestyle that is the heart of coastal communities. Ariadne has strong links with the boating community and the maritime industry, and is highly regarded for its capability and experience in operating in sensitive coastal environments.

What is being proposed?

The redevelopment is to be undertaken by Ariadne's wholly owned subsidiary, Batemans Bay Marina Developments Pty Ltd. The proposal includes construction of a marina, marine village, a community and commercial precinct, as well as tourist accommodation. The current proposal is consistent with local controls for height, site coverage and density.

The new facilities will service a wide range of recreational and commercial users and deliver a number of significant benefits including:

- enhanced foreshore public access and amenity, with a landscaped waterfront pedestrian and cyclist boulevard
- improved environmental management adopting industry best practice
- increased capacity, with 240 wet berths and dry storage capacity for a further 250 vessels

- Creation of significant employment opportunities for local people.

Planning Process

In February 2007 Ariadne was selected to operate and redevelop the Batemans Bay Marina through an open tender process.

In November 2007 Ariadne lodged a Preliminary Environmental Assessment with the NSW Department of Planning, triggering the next phase of the planning process.

Ariadne will now refine their plans for the Marina and undertake a range of studies to finalise the Environmental Assessment. This phase will include consultation with the local community and other stakeholder groups.

It is anticipated the final application will be submitted to the Department of Planning for assessment in March 2008. The proposal will also be referred the Eurobodalla Shire Council and other NSW government agencies. Subject to approval, Ariadne expects to commence construction in late 2008.

Consultation Process

The redevelopment proposal has been informed by community consultation undertaken by NSW Department of Lands. Ariadne is committed to building upon this collaborative approach by engaging with the community and key stakeholders as the plans for the Marina are refined.

A project website www.batemansbaymarina.com.au has been established to ensure the community is informed about the project.

Over the next few months Ariadne will be meeting with community groups and key stakeholders. We will also be providing an opportunity for local residents to receive information and speak with the project team about the proposed redevelopment. Details of these events will be advised on the website and in local media.

NSW Department of Planning will also manage a formal public exhibition process once Adriane has completed and lodged its Environmental Assessment.

To register your interest in the community consultation process please contact Laura Giltrap at Elton Consulting on **1800 888 374**.

Information in this newsletter relates to plans that are in development and may change over time.