10am Sunday 27-Jan-19

VISION for EDEN & our *Unspoilt* SOUTH COAST ... Jobs, Wildlife & Heritage

We're enjoying our holiday Sunday 27-Jan-19. Welcome to Eden Fishermens Club, doors open 10am. 10.15 Forest Film. 12noon Q&A, understood if need to get away.

David Gallan's opening Understorey Film 'sets the scene' for 2019 & beyond.

Speakers on next

Ossie & BJ Cruse: Welcome to Country, Voice from Uluru & the iconic Alps-to-Coast Bundian Way project.

John Blay walks us through South East Forests from Snow-gums, Alpine & Mountain Ash, to Spotted Gums.

Mark McKenna flags an historic opportunity to recognise Australia's unique Natural & Aboriginal Heritage.

Mike Kelly's Vision for Eden-Monaro. Note Andrew Constance apology & 'his best wishes to all attendees'.

More on Discussion Topics

Local Jobs: Nature-based tourism is the emerging future for our 'Unspoilt SOUTH COAST'

Eden will be a 'must visit' for cruise ships as the only deep-water port between Sydney and Hobart (already welcoming 100 cruise ships per year). Tourism is booming in Tasmania with visitors attracted by World Heritage natural areas. Our NSW *Unspoilt* South Coast can offer many unique Natural & Aboriginal Heritage experiences.

Sapphire Coast Tourism (Bermagui to Victorian border) already attracts \$350 million per year, with Eden Killer Whale Museum (Heritage Tourism) & Kiah Wilderness Tours (Ecotourism) top 2018 tourism award winners.

Eurobodalla (Narooma to Batemans Bay) Mayor Liz Innes says "welcome to our unspoilt South Coast" and (BayPost 10-Oct-18) "We want to be a leading nature-based tourism destination. Each year we welcome 1.3 million visitors to our beautiful part of the world. Tourism supports 90% of local jobs (65% directly)".

Plantation Forestry supplies over 200 jobs in South East NSW & 85% of our timber. Plantation wood is good.

Native Forestry: 90% of logs are trucked directly to the Eden Woodchip Mill which has about 30 jobs. Eden's Saw-Mill became unsustainable as it ran out of large saw-logs. Smaller denser fire-prone 30-year-rotation trees go into *low-value* 'commodities' like woodchips and firewood, instead of saving our *high-value* wildlife habitat.

Will we enable our First Australians a 'Voice' to talk directly to our Australian Parliament?

All Australians are enriched as we recognise and celebrate Australia's ancient **Aboriginal Heritage** - the oldest continuous culture on Earth. Mature decisions on constitutional Aboriginal recognition, truth and justice await us. On the 26th of January 1788 First Fleet English 'boat-people' disembarked from eleven ships in present-day Sydney Harbour. Soon afterwards Aboriginal people started shouting 'wara wara wai', which means 'go away'! Understandably, unfortunately, many First Australians call the First Fleet landing of 730 convicts 'Invasion Day'.

