

MYALL RIVER Boats travelling up the Myall River need to be able to clear the Hawks Nest Bridge 10.6m. More clearance can be gained by waiting for low tide which occurs 75 minutes after Fort Denison.

Boats with a draught of less than a metre can expect not to touch bottom at any state of the tide. With a draught of 1.5m going around a few times on the trip would be normal. Boats with a draught of up to 2 metres will need to travel at optimum times and will need some determination to make it to Tambo. The river bottom is soft mud and sand with weed. There are plenty of snags, particularly near the banks of the river. Keep your wash to a minimum and watch out for other craft on the river.

Keep to the centre of the river on the straights. Keep to the outside of the curves and pass on-coming boats port to port (keep to the right-hand side of the channel). There is an 8 knot speed limit in the Myall River between Witts Island and Tambo.

CAMPING Some camping sites have toilets and garbage facilities. A fee is charged to camp at all campsites in the National Park. This fee is currently about \$12.50 for 2 persons and \$2 for each extra person per night. Boats anchored adjacent to campsites may be deemed to be using the facilities. Garbage Bins are provided at Bungwahl, Mungo Brush, Korsmans, Myall Shores and Violet Hill. Camping, boating and swimming in the Myall Lakes are first class. The Lake system is fragile and cannot withstand abuse. Visitors are advised to practice minimum impact camping by using stoves. No wood fires are allowed at Mungo Brush or White Tree Bay. The collection of firewood is banned in the Myall Lake National Park (bring your own). No domestic pets. Most camp-sites have resident possums and goannas. They will chew through canvas, paper, cardboard, and plastic bags to get at your biscuits, bread and fruit.

BUSHWALKING The publication "A Walkers Guide to the Mungo Track" by H. Pacy, M. Rowe and P. Pritchard describes a walk from Mungo Brush to Hawks Nest. At Mungo Brush there are short walks to the Ocean, Tambo, and Rainforest. Violet Hill can be climbed from the camping area. A track from Johnsons Beach leads to Johnsons Hill. There is a track linking Tickerabit, Shelly Beach, Johnsons Beach and Mungo Brush. A track from the "haunted house" in Kataway Bay ascends Kataway Hill. There are a number of short walks at Nerong (details from Annies).

CANOING Open stretches of water are to be avoided in windy weather. The most sheltered areas are The Myall River, Nerong Creek and Boolambayte Creek. By keeping close to the shore, the whole of the Myall Lakes system can be explored in minute detail. Canoes can be rented from Myall Shores (049) 97-4495, and Annies (049) 97-4194. The best sections of the Myall River for canoeing are Tambo to Brasswater and Tea Gardens to the Pine Plantation. The upper Myall River between Bulahdelah and River Mouth is very quiet, the greatest danger being fast boats.

SEWAGE No Sewage is to be discharged into the lakes. All boats should have holding tanks which can be emptied into a mobile barge, the *Independence*. The service is free. The *Independence* can be contacted on marine radio or hailed. There is a shore-based sewage pump-out pontoon next to the boat ramp at Myall Shores. It is self-serve and free.

Location	When full range is 1.5m	Time lag (later)
Tea Gardens	1.43m	1 hour
Durness	1.2m	1.5 hours
Pine Plantation	1.07m	2 hours
Brasswater	0.3m	4.5 hours
Tambo	0.05m	5 hours

COURTESY MOORINGS are marked with a large beehive orange buoy and are provided at the following locations in the Myall Lakes system: Myall Shores 5, Professors Cove 2, Violet Hill 5, Long Point Bay 3, Kataway Bay 2.

BULAHDELAH The water is muddy with visibility of about 0.6m. The rise and fall of the tide is the full amount at Hawks Nest tapering to almost nil at Tambo. Near Tambo the current may not change direction in which case it always flows down river. Dolphins can be seen as far up the river as Bombah Broadwater.

POWER CABLES 12.2m ABOVE M.H.W.

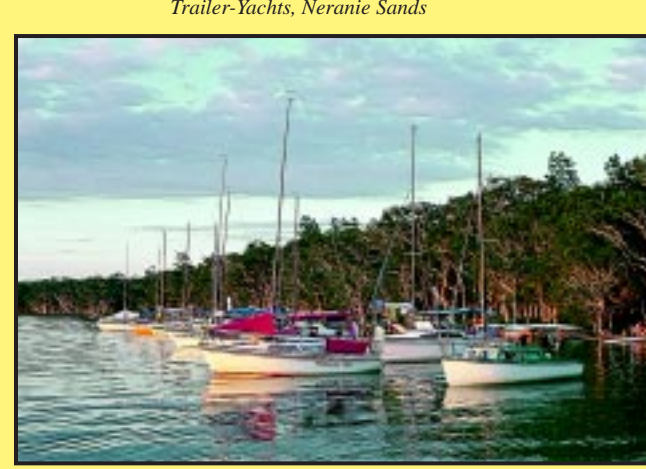
- No speed limits apply on this section of the Myall River.
- Caution, the river is narrow and winding, sight distance is poor on sharp bends.
- Vessels should travel at such a speed as to create minimum wash.
- Underwater snags are a hazard to anchoring.
- Vessels drawing less than 1.5m should be able to navigate to Bulahdelah.

ANNIES eatery and shop. Bushwalking and canoe hire. Tie up next to the boat ramp.

FUEL is available at Tea Gardens and Bulahdelah. A container will have to be taken ashore at Myall Shores to get petrol. Petrol and diesel are available from the Bungwahl General Store, but it will have to be carried in a container one kilometre each way along the road. Travelling from Nelson Bay to Bungwahl and return will require fuel for about one hundred nautical miles.



Fishing hut, Myall River

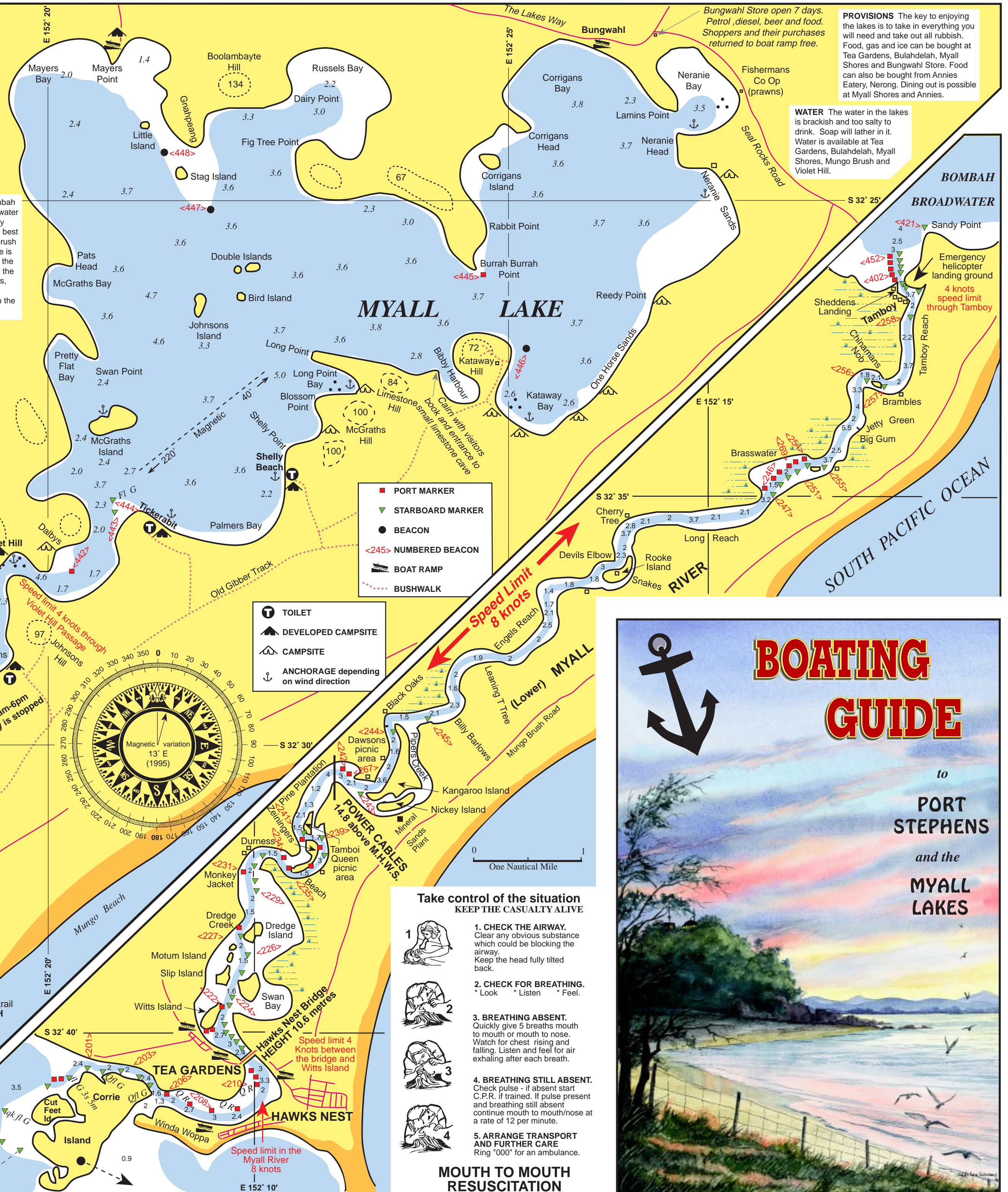


Trailer-Yachts, Neranie Sands

MYALL LAKES SYSTEM Facilities are minimal and primitive. Bombah Broadwater supports the most number of campers and boats. The water is cloudy with visibility of about 1.5m. The water level is governed by rainfall and there is no tidal rise and fall. Bombah Broadwater is the best lake for catching prawns. The "Mungo Regatta" is held off Mungo Brush for 3 days starting Boxing Day. This area is then restricted and there is considerable noise from fast boats. The whole of the lakes is within the Myall Lakes National Park and the waterways are also controlled by the Waterways authority who police such things as speed limits, licences, regulations and safety equipment. The water clears through Boolambayte Lake and is perfectly clear in the Myall Lake. After floods the level of the lakes may rise 0.9m.

Vessels drawing less than 1.5m may be able to enter this creek for a quiet anchorage. Beware of its snags and overhanging Sunnyside.

POWER LINES 15.5m Safe clearance
CABLE FERRY Daily 7am-6pm
Speed 4 knots
Speed limit 4 knots through Violet Hill Passage



- PORT MARKER
- STARBOARD MARKER
- BEACON
- NUMBERED BEACON
- BOAT RAMP
- BUSHWALK

- TOILET
- DEVELOPED CAMPSITE
- CAMPSITE
- ANCHORAGE depending on wind direction

Take control of the situation
KEEP THE CASUALTY ALIVE

- CHECK THE AIRWAY.** Clear any obvious substance which could be blocking the airway. Keep the head fully tilted back.
- CHECK FOR BREATHING.** * Look * Listen * Feel.
- BREATHING ABSENT.** Quickly give 5 breaths mouth to mouth or mouth to nose. Watch for chest rising and falling. Listen and feel for air exhaling after each breath.
- BREATHING STILL ABSENT.** Check pulse - if absent start C.P.R. if trained. If pulse present and breathing still absent continue mouth to mouth/nose at a rate of 12 per minute.
- ARRANGE TRANSPORT AND FURTHER CARE** Ring "000" for an ambulance.

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BOATING GUIDE

to
PORT STEPHENS
and the
MYALL LAKES