



Happy and safe boating

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Engels Wharf Rebuild – Stage 2

STAY WELL . . . STAY SAFE

Members may recall that a last minute change of plans was necessary at Engel's construction site in September when the unhealthy condition of the support bearers of the wharf platform was discovered.

The weekend of 21/22 November was targeted for Stage 2 of the wharf rebuild and the usual construction team was mobilised. The arrival of additional tallowwood into "Lyll Town" enabled the second phase of the project to begin.



The troops arrive to commence Stage 2 at Engels



It looks like Bec has done this before

Between Mal and Rebecca, Wendy and Paul, demolition of the wharf access ramp began on Friday afternoon. After another long trip from Carrington and Tea Gardens, the rest of the team arrived early on Saturday morning to finish this job.

Members should appreciate that this was a major project.

The demolition of the old structure and the planning, set-out and construction of the whole wharf and its access ramp were a significant undertaking.

At the end of a busy weekend, and as illustrated by the accompanying photos, the wharf re-build was almost completed with only a few tidy-up jobs left to finish off sometime in the near future. The MLAC construction team also established a termite barrier into the wharf's design to protect the structure well into the future.

MLAC, along with National Parks, have decided to make use of 21st century material for our future wharf upgrades.

On Engel's Wharf, rather than using timber as the decking material, a highly versatile recycled fibreglass mesh decking was installed. It is lightweight, strong and slip-resistant and is expected to provide a long-lasting, durable surface for the safety and enjoyment of all who use it for many years to come.



Commodore Rod has some suggestions



John Lyall's shiny, new oyster punt came in very handy



Mac and Mal doing some heavy lifting



It appears Mac and Linda are marooned on the mainland

Many thanks to all members who were able to contribute to this great and worthwhile project. We all had fun and at the same time, to our credit, got another big job knocked over. Well done to all involved, both directly and indirectly.



The worksite



A hardworking, happy team 😊
(Missing from the photo are John, Mac and Linda)

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A big thank you to Katrina Gray and the National Parks team for all their support and for the supply of all building materials.

By working together, we can achieve a great deal.



Paul tests the newly completed ramp



The Management Committee of Myall Lakes Aquatic Club wish all our members a happy and safe Christmas. We sincerely hope our boating outings can resume in the New Year.

