

**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 wares to a minimum and watch out for other craft on the river.

**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.

Keep to the centre of the river on the straights. Look to the outside of the curves and pass on-coming boats port to port (Keep to the right-hand side of the channel). When leaving Tambo for the Broadwater beware of the submerged rock training walls to port and starboard of the channel.

**Tree Warning.** Many of the larger paperbark trees in the Myall Lakes National Park are estimated to be between 200 and 300 years old and are in the process of gradual decline. They contain extensive rot, damage and decay which results in sudden physical failure with branches or whole trees falling to the ground. It can be dangerous to camp, sit or stand under some trees in this park.

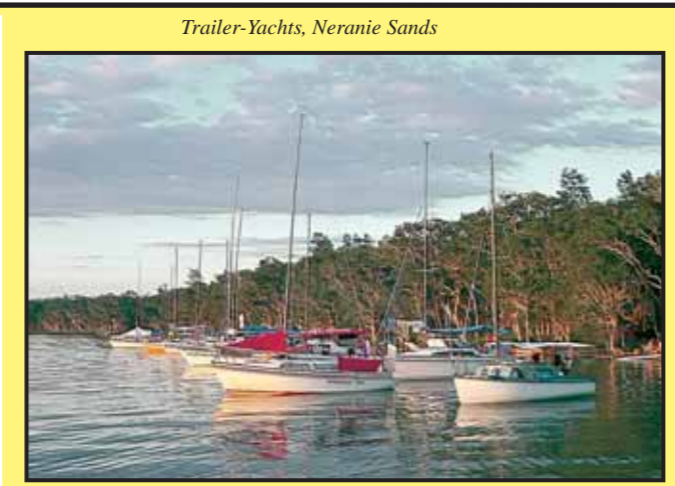
**CAMPING.** Camp only in designated areas. Individual camp sites are numbered, check the information boards to see what is permitted at a particular campsite. A fee is charged to camp at all campsites in the National Park. Boats anchored adjacent to campsites may be deemed to be using the facilities. Garbage Bins are provided at Mungo Brush, Korsmans, Myall Shores, Neranie Bay and Violet Hill. Camping, boating and swimming in the Myall Lakes are first class. The Lake system is fragile and cannot withstand abuse. **Algae Alert.** High levels of blue-green algae can occur in the lake system under certain conditions. People should avoid contact with blue-green algae. It can occur within the water and as surface scums. Warning signs will be displayed when algae levels in the water are high. Algae also exist in shallow, muddy bays and sediment disturbance should be avoided at all times. Phone NPWS on 6591 0300 or 4984 8200 for details. 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 gannets. They will chew through canvas, paper, cardboard, and plastic bags to get at your biscuits, bread and fruit.

**CANOEING** 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. 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.

**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. There are a number of short walks at Nerong.

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

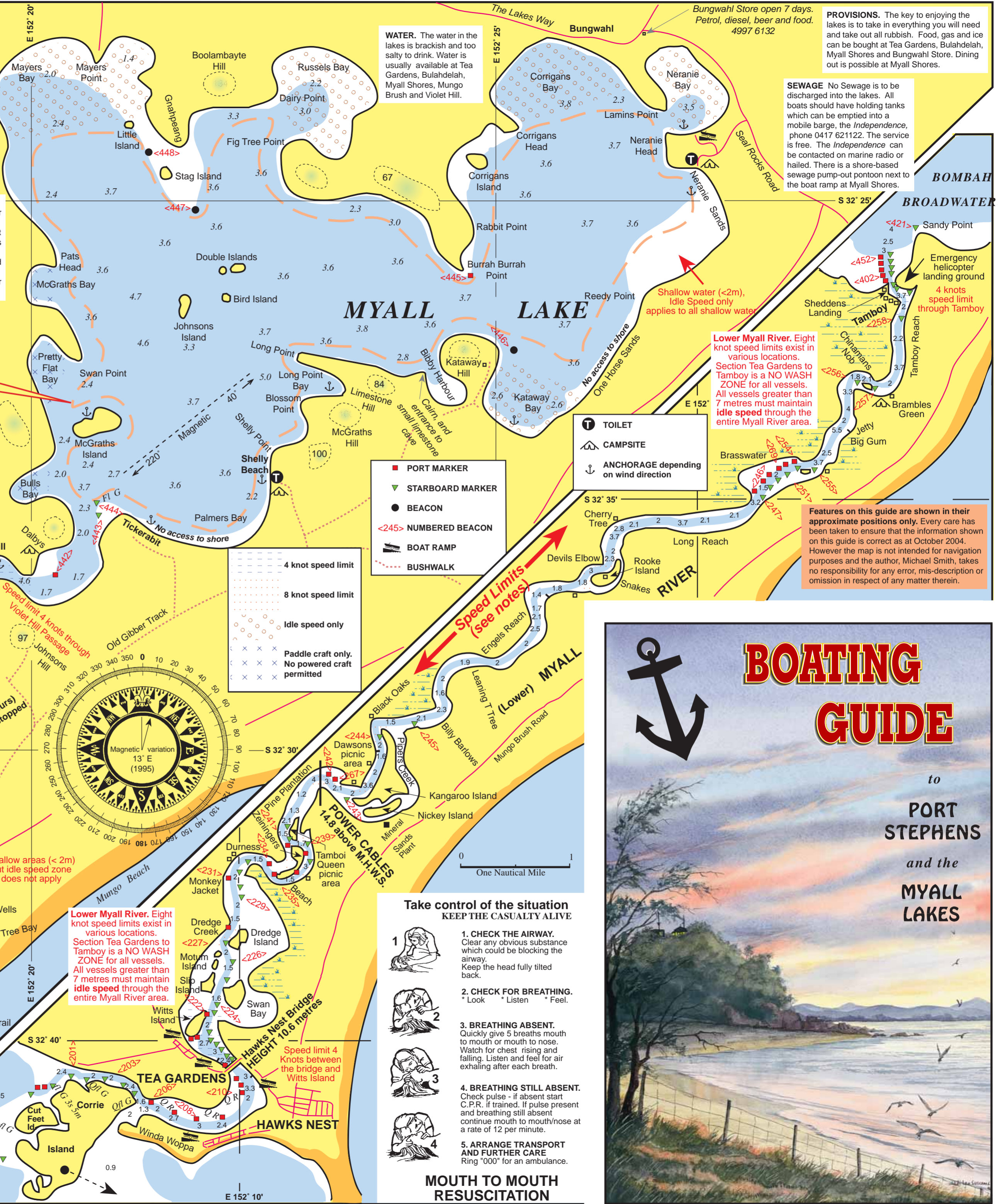
**COURTESY MOORINGS** are marked with a large beehive orange buoy and are provided at the following locations in the Myall Lakes system:  
 Professors Cove 5  
 Violet Hill 6  
 Long Point Bay 5  
 Kataway Bay 4  
 Nerong Creek 1



**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 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 usually 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

No irregular riding of Personal Water Craft or riding parallel to shore between shore and dashed line.



**WATER.** The water in the lakes is brackish and too salty to drink. Water is usually available at Tea Gardens, Bulahdelah, Myall Shores, Mungo Brush and Violet Hill.

Bungwahl Store open 7 days. Petrol, diesel, beer and food. 4997 6132

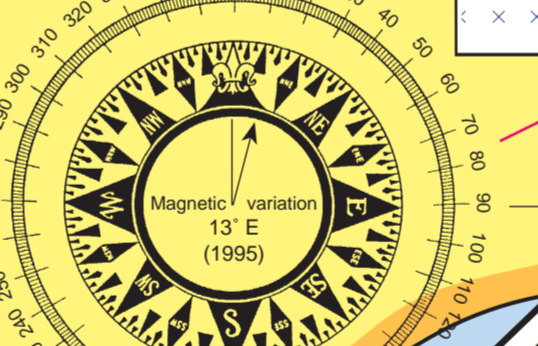
**SEWAGE** No Sewage is to be discharged into the lakes. All boats should have holding tanks which can be emptied into a mobile barge, the *Independence*, phone 0417 621122. The service is free. The *Independence* can be contacted on marine radio or hailed. There is a shore-based sewage pump-out pontoon next to the boat ramp at Myall Shores.

**Lower Myall River.** Eight knot speed limits exist in various locations. Section Tea Gardens to Tambo is a NO WASH ZONE for all vessels. All vessels greater than 7 metres must maintain idle speed through the entire Myall River area.

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- STARBOARD MARKER
- BEACON
- <245> NUMBERED BEACON
- BOAT RAMP
- BUSHWALK

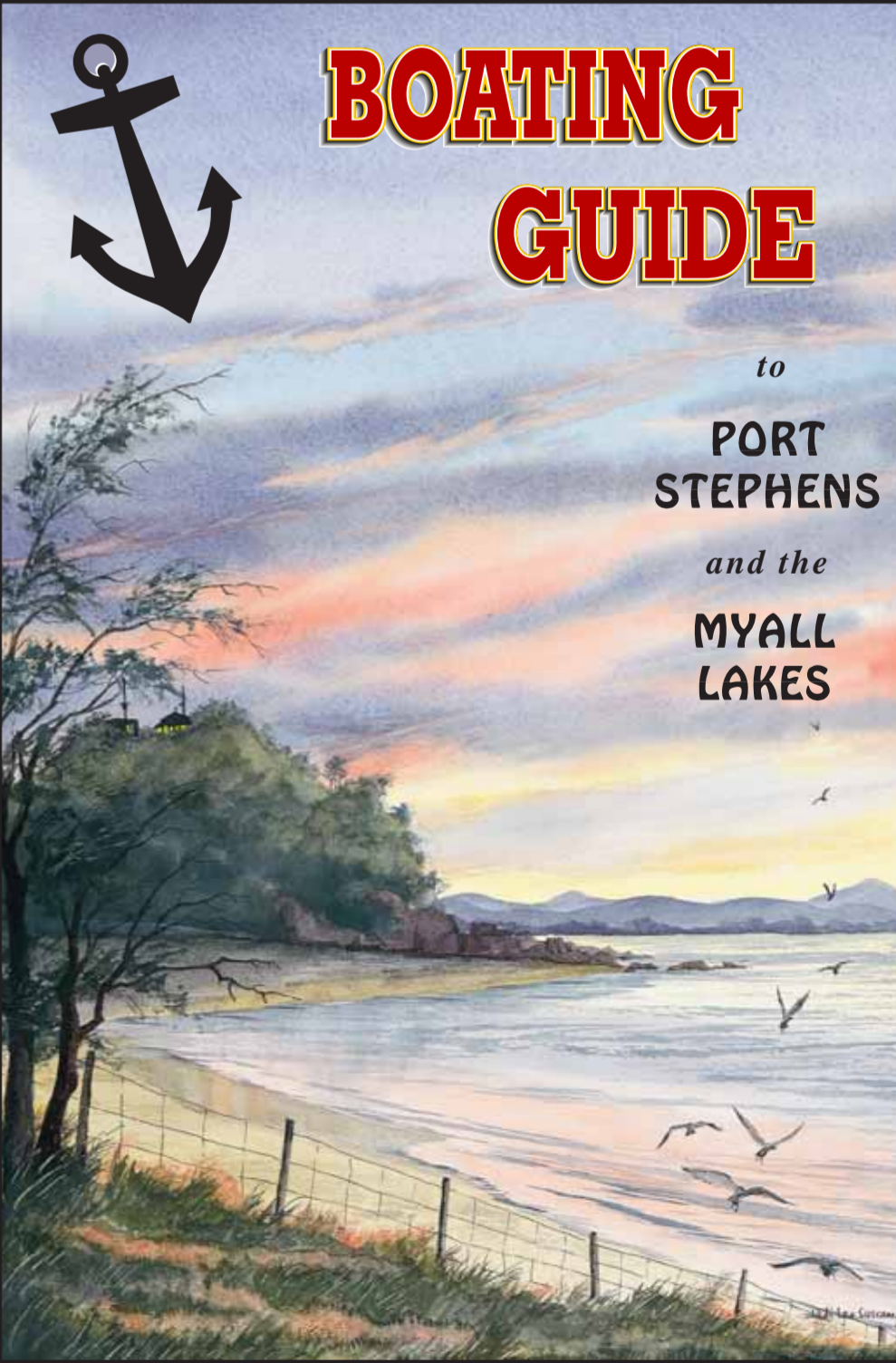
- 4 knot speed limit
- 8 knot speed limit
- Idle speed only
- Paddle craft only. No powered craft permitted



**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.

**MOUTH TO MOUTH RESUSCITATION**



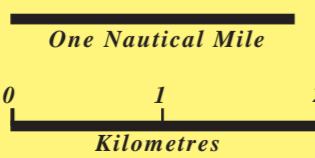
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to  
**PORT STEPHENS**  
and the  
**MYALL LAKES**



Fishing hut, Myall River

**DEPTHS and HEIGHTS are in METRES**



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