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IMPROVED ACCESS FOR BOATING ON WALLIS LAKE

A new pontoon and jetty extension has been completed and is available for those wishing to access Wallis Lake.

When opening the new facility today Member for Myall Lakes, Stephen Bromhead said the NSW Government provided \$50,250 through the Better Boating Program (BBP) to improve boating facilities at Coomba Aquatic Gardens.

"Improvements to the popular entry point into Wallis Lake include extending the existing jetty by installing a new pontoon and gangway to provide public access and tie-up for the local Aquatic Club activities," Mr Bromhead said.

"The existing jetty was extended by about 24 metres, providing access to deeper water and improving safety at low tide

"The pontoon facility also allows safer loading at all tides and the larger facility provides berthing for more vessels including Coomba Aquatic Club's fleet of sailing craft.

"The Club conducts a sailing program for juniors and the new pontoon provides far safer conditions and access for them.

"The project was managed by the Club, which provided nearly 2,000 hours of volunteer labour for the project and Great Lakes Council provided invaluable assistance through the project.

"I am pleased to note that in the 2012/13 round of BBP grants, the Club was the only voluntary group out of 61 to receive a grant.

"The opening of the pontoon is a testimony to the work and determination of the Club to use the funding provide in the best possible way and with a long-term outcome," Mr Bromhead said.

The BBP provides grant funding for new and improved recreational boating facilities in NSW.

In 2013-14, more than \$5.4 million in BBP grants were awarded by Roads and Maritime to local councils and boating groups state-wide for new and improved boating facilities. Projects including public wharves and jetties, boat ramps and car/trailer parking, sewage pump-out facilities and dinghy storage were included in the grants.

Roads and Maritime Services uses revenue from registration and licence fees to fund the grants program.

For more information on the BBP see www.rms.nsw.gov.au/maritime

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Image attached: Mayor Jan McWilliams and Stephen Bromhead MP unveiling the brass plaque at Coomba Aquatic Club.

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