

**Tamboy is a small fishing village in the Myall Lakes National Park.** It is located on the lower Myall River, where the river meets the Bombah Broadwater. The Tamboy Boardwalks are an important link in the 22km Mungo Track, which forms part of the 220km walking trail known as the Tops to Myalls Heritage Trail.

**The Mungo Track** is an easy well graded, signposted walking track from Mungo Brush camping area in the Myall Lakes National Park to Hawks Nest Surf Club.

The boardwalks were officially opened by Minister for the Environment, Pam Allen on Monday 13th July 1998. The Lions Club organised 51 volunteers to build the boardwalks, supervised by the National Parks & Wildlife Service with donations of labour, material and equipment coming from local businesses and residents.

## FLORA

The track takes the walker through pockets of Cabbage Tree Palms, Swamp Mahogany and Paperbark interspersed with low open forest of Red Gum, Blackbutt and Coast Banksia. Other plants include a variety of Wattles, Tea Trees, Casuarinas, Fern, Vines, Tree Orchids, native flowering shrubs such as Eggs & Bacon, Glory Wedge Pea and the insectivorous Sundew (an insect eating plant).

## FAUNA

A variety of birds and animals live in the wetlands and surrounding forest. These include White Breasted Sea Eagles, B rush Turkeys, Rainbow Lorikeets, Rosella, Glossy Black Cockatoos,

Sulphur Crested Cockatoos, Cuckoos, Owls, Whipbirds, Kingfishers, Kookaburras, Bowerbirds, Finches and many other types of birds. An Ornithological guide for the area is printed in the booklet. *A Walkers Guide to the Mungo Track.*

Animals that you may encounter on the walk include wallabies, dingoes, echidnas, goannas, possums and koalas.

## ACCESS POINTS:

**FROM MUNGO BRUSH** walk to the southern end (left as you're looking at the lake) of camping area and follow track 100m, turn right and follow the fishermans road through the cabbage tree palm forests for approx. 3km.

The Mungo Track continues with a signposted gravel track off to the left, about 300m before reaching the helipad at Tamboy.

Tamboy is a lovely spot to stop for a rest before continuing on. (There are no facilities at Tamboy).

After following the gravel track for 200m you reach the first section of boardwalk. It is an elevated timber walkway enabling an easy access through the wetlands. There are a series of 4 timber boardwalks linked by a metal walkway which traverses the creek.

At the end of the boardwalks some walkers may choose to return to Mungo Brush by walking back on the same track, that is, at the end of the boardwalks, turn around and follow the boardwalks back to the gravel track near Tamboy then back on the fishermans road to Mungo Brush.

If continuing beyond the boardwalks, the track continues south through low open forest for approx. 3km to the old mill site Ripple Inn then on to Brambles Green. Follow track back to bar gate on Mungo Brush Road.

To return to Mungo Brush, cross over to the eastern side of Mungo Brush Road, cut through to the dunes and follow the beach back to Mungo Brush.

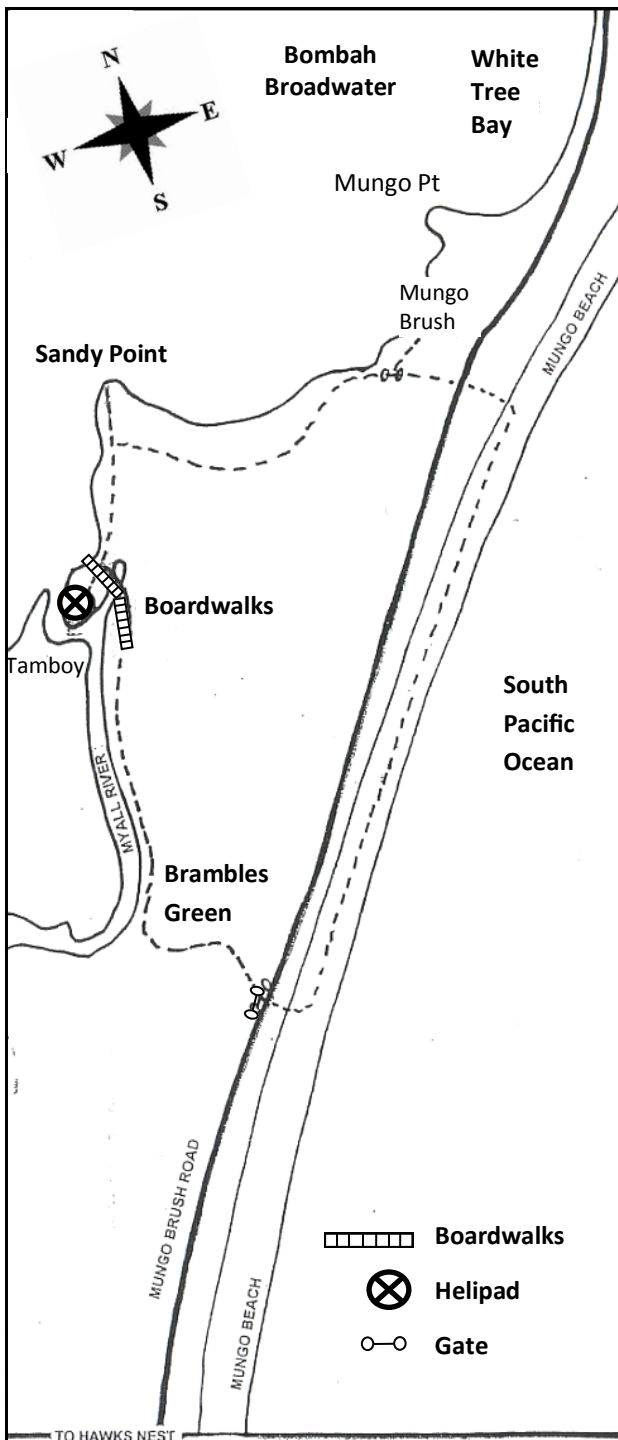
**FROM THE BRAMBLES GREEN** signpost on the western side of Mungo Brush Road, follow the track beyond the bar gate through low open forest to the old Bramble farm then onto the old saw mill site of Ripple Inn.

From there the track meanders through swamp forest and low open forest to the boardwalks. There are 4 timber boardwalks linked in the middle by a metal walkway which traverses the creek.

A gravel track is located at the northern end of the boardwalks. This 200m long track meets up with the fishermans road. Turn left and walk 300m, you will reach the helipad at the fishing village of Tamboy. This is a lovely spot to stop for a rest.

There are no facilities at Tamboy. If you turn right the road meanders through Cabbage Tree Palm forest for approx. 3km, taking you to Mungo Brush. Full facilities at Mungo Brush include toilets, free gas BBQ, picnic tables, lakeside camping.

To return to Brambles Green cross over to the eastern side of Mungo Brush Road, across the dunes and follow the beach south to Brambles Green.



### DISTANCES / DURATION

All walks are graded easy.

Mungo Brush to the end of Boardwalks

4.5km - 1 to 1.5 hours

Mungo Brush to the end of Boardwalks and return the same way

9km - 2 to 3 hours

Mungo Brush to Brambles Green bar gate

8.5km - 2 to 3 hours

Mungo Brush to Brambles Green and return the same way

17km - 5 to 6 hours

Mungo Brush to Brambles Green and return via the beach

15km - 4 to 6 hours

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Mungo Brush is 21km north of Hawks Nest.

Mungo Brush is 6.5km south of Bombah Point.

Brambles Green is 16km north of Hawks Nest

Brambles Green is 11.3km south of Bombah Point.

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# THE TAMBOY BOARDWALKS

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