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## NEW WHARF STREET BOAT RAMP BOOST FOR RIVERLIFE AND BOATIES

The Ermington Wharf Road Boat Ramp has reopened after an \$831,000 refurbishment.

The old jetty has been replaced and the boat ramp widened to three lanes providing a first class boat launching facility for residents and river users.

The new wharf and boat ramp forms part of a growing number of river access points along the Ryde Riverwalk from Gladesville to Melrose Park (and on to Parramatta), linking foreshore parklands creating a regional commuter and recreational link.

### Access points include:

- **Boat Ramps and Recreational Jetties: Kissing Point and Wharf Rd, West Ryde (Ermington),**
- **Recreational Jetty - Ryde Wharf at Belmore Street**
- **Wharves - Cruise Boats: Banjo Patterson Park**
- **Wharves - Public Ferries - (owned by Ministry of Transport) - Kissing Point and Meadowbank**

### Pedestrian Access to River:

- **Beach at John Whitton Rail Bridge, Settlers Park, Bennelong Park, Kissing Point Park, Beach at Tennyson Park, Deeble Street staircase and Punt Road.**

The restoration of the wharf ensures this recreational facility, that has been part of Parramatta River's colourful history in various forms since early colonial times, will enjoy a working life well into the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

The Ermington Wharf road boat Ramp is located on the Council boundary between the cities of Ryde and Parramatta. Funds for the upgrade came from a joint Council submission to NSW Maritime under their Better Boating Program.