

As owner and operator of oyster leases in Moreton Bay, our business has a fleet of barges that have been custom built by Yamba Welding & Engineering Pty Ltd over the past 4 years for specific application to the shallow waters around the oyster banks, and also for crossing the rough waters of Moreton Bay.

All the orders have been handled in an expedient manner and completed within the time specified.

Bill Collingburn – the Managing Director of the Company, has assisted in the design requirements needed for the specific applications demanded and always finds a practical and cost effective solution to the various material handling problems that I present as a challenge.

The range of barges built by the Company extend from basic 6 metre punts powered by 60hp outboards for general purpose use through to a landing barge powered by two 90hp outboards, suitable for a small vehicle, and a 13 metre “Pallet Loading Barge” for loading oysters from the oyster banks and subsequent removal at the land base by a forklift.

This Pallet Barge required a high degree of engineering skill to ensure the pallets were able to slide off the bow of the barge without mechanical means for loading directly by the forklift.

The Company easily achieved the task and the result has exceeded our expectations.

Having had the opportunity to inspect the quality of workmanship performed by other boat builders on the east coast of Australia, the writer has no hesitation in being quoted in saying this firm’s quality is second to none - the strength of the craft as built is excellent, and therefore the longevity of the product is first class.

I would be happy to recommend Yamba Welding & Engineering Pty Ltd for this type of engineering project, and to discuss the above comments with any person who has an interest in quality workmanship and design.

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