

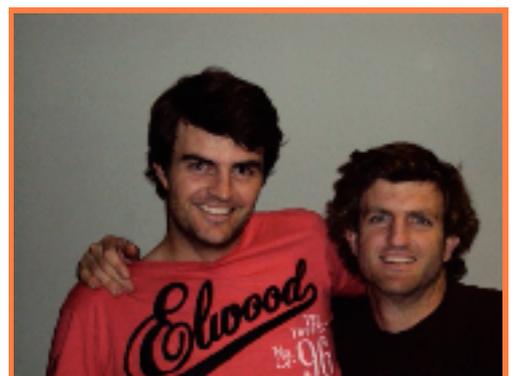
PUFFIN PADDLE

Originally planned to take 53 days, Martin's trip was cut down to 49 days as a result of some extremely gruelling paddles towards the end and the release of water through the weir system "which totally defines the water flow from Lock 26 down to Lock 1, only 270 kms from the mouth".

Martin tells us not to be disillusioned when we hear there's no water in the 'Mighty Murray'. He found it to be greatly healthier than one would gather from media and government reports. He cautions, however, that it's still a long way from being restored to its former glory.

Martin battled extremely trying conditions - 45 degree heat, intense rain, 20 knot winds, flies! He set out to confront the Murray in an effort to better appreciate his brother's daily challenges. He's come through the encounter a stronger person and has raised nearly \$18,000 for the Puffin Magic Foundation in the process.

Thank you for your support.



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