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CROWDY HEAD HARBOUR AND JETTY WORKS TO COMMENCE

Work will start next month on maintenance, dredging and jetty works at Crowdy Head Harbour.

Minister for Lands, Mr Tony Kelly, said $400,000 has now been allocated for the project, $150,000 more than originally announced due to an increase in the scope of works.

“Repairs to the northern mooring jetty will be undertaken by P Geddes Constructions and take around three months to complete,” the Minister said.

“The work also involves removing 10,000 cubic metres of accumulated marine sand adjacent to the mooring jetty which is currently restricting vessel access.

“This work will improve safety for professional fishermen and the public.”

Some of the boats moored to the jetty will need to be temporarily re-located within the harbour for short periods during the work, to allow some new hardwood piles to be installed and to deepen the harbour within the mooring areas. Boats will be relocated in small groups to minimise any disruption to users.

Duty MLC for Port Macquarie, Kayee Griffin, welcomed the announcement.

“This project is another example of the NSW Government maintaining and investing in regional infrastructure for local communities, fulfilling the priorities in the NSW State Plan,” Ms Griffin said.

Crowdy Head is one of 25 coastal harbours along the NSW coast managed by the Land and Property Management Authority.