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SUMMERLAND POINT BOAT HARBOUR DREDGING STARTS

Dredging is scheduled to start today at the entrance to the Summerland Point Boat Harbour on Lake Macquarie.

Minister for Lands, Tony Kelly, said Wyong Shire Council will conduct the work which is expected to be completed next month.

“The NSW Government has provided funding on a dollar-for-dollar basis towards the $187,500 cost of the dredging project, under its Waterways Program,” the Minister said.

Member for Swansea, Robert Coombs, welcomed the announcement.

“This is a good example of how Government and local councils can work together to improve safety and access to our waterways for recreational boat users,” Mr Coombs said.

“The dredging of the entrance to the Summerland Point Boat Harbour is consistent with the estuary management planning process and NSW State Plan.”

Wyong Shire Council’s Operations Manager of Open Space and Recreation, Luke Sulkowski, said the partnership with the NSW Government allowed Council to deliver on high priority maintenance dredging work.

“The Summerland Point Boat Harbour contains the only public boat ramp within this area of Lake Macquarie and the dredging of the harbour entrance will ensure the local recreational boating public continues to have safe access to the southern areas of the lake,” Mr Sulkowski said.