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$345,000 FOR CORRIE CHANNEL AND PIPERS CREEK DREDGING

Dredging works in the Corrie Channel (lower Myall River) and Pipers Creek (Wallis Lake) will begin next month.

Minister for Lands, Tony Kelly, today announced National Dredging Services will undertake the work.

“Great Lakes Council is project manager and will supervise the dredging which is expected to be completed by the end of June,” the Minister said.

“The NSW Government and Great Lakes Council have agreed to jointly fund the dredging projects and I look forward to strengthening our existing partnership to improve access for recreational boat users.

“By working together we can achieve a whole lot more in terms of the health of our rivers, driving coastal economies and maintaining safer waterways.

“The dredging of the lower Myall River near Tea Gardens/Hawks Nest and Pipers Creek is consistent with the estuary management planning process.

“The Keneally Government remains committed to investing in regional coastal communities as outlined in the NSW State Plan.”

Great Lakes Council Director of Planning and Environmental Services, Glenn Handford, said the partnership with the NSW Government allowed council to deliver on high priority maintenance dredging works within the Great Lakes.

“Particular benefits will be seen from the dredging of Corrie Channel at Tea Gardens,” Mr Handford said.