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Capital Works Feast For Lake Entrance Area

More than \$800,000 in capital works are planned for the entrance area of Lake Macquarie during 2003, as part of the environmental improvement program managed by The Office of the Lake Macquarie & Catchment Coordinator.

Projects either underway or awaiting approval in the area include rock groynes at Naru Point and Coon Island (\$160,000), foreshore stabilisation between Naru Point and Pelican Beach (\$250,000), rock-work along Swansea Channel (\$250,000) and the installation of a sediment trap and vegetated swale to improve the water quality in Black Ned's Bay (\$100,000).

Lake Macquarie and Catchment Coordinator, Jeff Jansson, said the works were part of an intensive program scheduled for 2003.

"The Project Management Committee has identified some high priority projects. The projects will limit bank erosion and improve water quality by treating the source of the problem."

"One example of this is the works being undertaken by consultants WBM Oceanics at Pelican. This area was identified as being in need of improved foreshore protection to minimise erosion in the Lake Macquarie Estuary Management Plan."

The Lake Macquarie Project Management Committee was formed in 1999 to implement the recommendations of the Premier's Taskforce Report on Lake Macquarie.

NSW Premier Bob Carr announced an extension of the program in May 2002, describing it as a "model partnership between the State and local governments, industry and the community".

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