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STORMWATER TREATMENT PROJECT STARTS AT EDGEWORTH

Work has begun on the construction of a series of riffle ponds to treat storm water run-off at Edgeworth.

The project is the first of its type undertaken by The Office of the Lake Macquarie & Catchment Coordinator, worth over \$159,000.

Situated off Minmi Road at Edgeworth, the project is more than 150 meters in length.

"The works will treat storm water run-off by creating a series of shallow vegetated ponds (riffle ponds) and will also prevent erosion by placing rock work and vegetation along the creek bank," Lake Macquarie & Catchment Coordinator Jeff Jansson said.

The watercourse from this area currently feeds into Cocked Hat Creek, just upstream from where it joins Cockle Creek.

The riffle ponds together with the planting of vegetation have been designed to collect sediment and reduce nutrients from the catchment's storm water flows. They will also filter out other impurities and elements, preventing them from entering the Lake.

"In creating the riffle ponds we are trying to mimic a natural watercourse," Mr Jansson said.

It is anticipated that the project will be completed by February 2005.

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