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## **LAKE IMPROVEMENT WORKS UNDERWAY AT SWANSEA**

Lake works are now underway at Swansea Flats, improving the area for residents, lake users and the environment.

Sediment and organic material will be removed along the foreshore near The Esplanade as part of the Lake Macquarie Improvement Project. The environmental improvement works carried out by The Office of the Lake Macquarie & Catchment Coordinator are estimated at \$280,000.

These works will be integrated with dredging works carried out underneath boat moorings to minimize the potential for future sediment disturbance and accumulation. This component of works is funded by the NSW Maritime Authority and Lake Macquarie City Council in accordance with the Swansea Flats Mooring Plan.

The removal of organic sediments will be carried out using a long reach excavator and a dredge, with material being transported to Stockyard Quarry. At the quarry, the material will undergo sorting and treatment, before being used for rehabilitation purposes.

Sands dredged from beneath the boat moorings will then be placed into the excavated area created by the removal of organic sediments and profiled to create a gently sloping sandy beach.

Chairman of the Lake Macquarie Project Management Committee, Mayor Greg Piper said the works would improve the area for residents and recreational users of the Lake.

"The creation of a sloping foreshore will help minimise organic sediment returning in the future," Cr Piper said.

Member for Swansea, Milton Orkopoulos said that the dredging would help limit the impact of boat propellers on bed sediments.

"The removal of the sediments will both improve boating access and safety for people wading in the near shore area," he said.

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