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Council welcomes funding to improve Tuggerah Lakes

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Wyong Shire Council has welcomed \$3.25 million funding from the Australian Government's National Landcare Programme to help improve the health of Tuggerah Lakes.

Minister for the Environment, the Honourable Greg Hunt MP, launched the Coastal River Recovery Initiative this morning at Canton Beach.

This initiative is funded under the National Landcare Programme, which is providing \$9.3 million over four years to improve the environmental health of five targeted urban and peri urban coastal waterways around Australia.

Council will spread the project funding across a number of activities over the next three years.

Council's Director of Infrastructure and Operations, Mr Andrew Pearce, said the first priority is an upgrade of Canton Beach.

"We will spend \$350,000 renourishing 400 metres of Canton Beach foreshore along Beach Parade from Bellbowrie Street to Crossingham Street," Mr Pearce said.

"The works will allow for a better mixing of waters near the shoreline at Canton Beach and easier removal of wrack," Mr Pearce said.

"This will help improve the water quality and health of these near shore areas of the estuary.

"The funding will help us with a number of other major projects around the lakes including new Gross Pollutant Traps, foreshore enhancements, streambank stabilisations and so much more."

"We are committed to improving the quality of our lakes and this funding will allow us to continue our important work in this regard."

Wyong Shire Council's Mayor, Doug Eaton, said the funding is a welcome boost to Council's plans to Improve the quality of our lakes system and provide more recreational facilities for the Shire.

"Canton Beach will be returned to its former glory, thanks to this funding," Mayor Eaton said.

"Once again Canton Beach will be safe for swimming and will become a popular sandy beach again for the enjoyment of locals and visitors alike.

"This builds on the success of the Lake Mummurah beach rebuild and next year we will begin work at Long Jetty.

"Our Lakes Improvement Program is clearly working resulting in cleaner water, sandy beaches and enhanced foreshores.

"It is pleasing to know that the Federal Government is on board and willing to work with Council to one of our greatest natural assets."

Canton Beach will be open for swimming in time for the summer holidays.

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