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Ginggin Shire Thanks Seabird Progress Association for Contribution to Extend Seawall

Following a decision to extend the Seabird seawall, the Shire of Ginggin would like to express its appreciation to the Seabird Progress Association who contributed \$20,000 toward funding the additional work.

At a Special Council Meeting on 3 June, Council resolved to extend the seawall currently under construction at Seabird to protect infrastructure on Reserve 51188. The reserve infrastructure in question consists of a car park, access road, boardwalk and informal boat/vehicle access ramp to the beach. While this infrastructure is currently in reasonable condition and fit for purpose, recent storm activity at Seabird has placed it under immediate threat requiring urgent action.

During the meeting, Council considered the option to remove the infrastructure for reinstatement at another location, with the remainder for decommissioning. However, the cost of this option would be in excess of \$350,000 (ex GST) whereas the estimated cost to extend the seawall is \$234,000 (ex GST).

"Taking both options into consideration, Council resolved to approve a variation to extend the seawall a further 91 metres to protect this infrastructure," said Shire President David Roe. "Council also approved the raising of a loan to cover the additional work, with the Seabird Progress Association providing \$20,000 toward the cost as well. This contribution is gratefully received and on behalf of the Shire of Ginggin we thank them very much."

The seawall is being constructed by NEO Infrastructure who are progressing well and are expected to have the project completed on time and on budget.

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