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Government Grant for Lady Robinsons Beach

Bayside Council has agreed to match a \$245,000 grant from NSW Office of Environment and Heritage dollar for dollar in order to combat beach erosion near the Ramsgate Baths.

The condition of the grant money was that council match it \$ for \$ by contributing an additional \$245,000 and at the last council meeting the decision to accept the grant terms was unanimous.

“Erosion of our beaches is an ongoing struggle and all levels of government must work together to ensure they are preserved for future generations,” Bayside Mayor Bill Saravinovski said, “particularly our beaches surrounding the birth place of our nation, Botany Bay.”

The \$490,000 will fund *beach nourishment works* at Ramsgate Beach to help maintain and improve access to the beach area. It will also protect and improve the coastal dune ecosystem.

Bayside Council is not obligated to provide funds for works such as beach nourishment as this is the responsibility of the land owner which is the NSW State Government. Council has care and control.

However, Mayor Saravinovski said the council had from time to time supported such works with a financial contribution to maintain public access and the amenity of the beach front.

“This is such a time. It is in our community’s interest that we support the grant \$ for \$ to get vital works done to rectify the hazards of exposed rocks and a large step down from the ramp on to the beach caused by on-going erosion.”

“Work is expected to begin over the 2019 Autumn/Winter period and be completed by November in time for the summer,” Mayor Saravinovski said.

Council has also applied for grant funds for planning and design works to address the erosion issue between Solander Street, Monterey and O’Neill Street, Brighton-Le-Sands.

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