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\$360,000 TO FIX THE NEWCASTLE BOGEY HOLE

The NSW Government has committed \$360,000 to the restoration of safe public access to the Newcastle Bogey Hole, Minister for Primary Industries, Katrina Hodgkinson said today.

“The Newcastle Bogey Hole is an iconic feature of Newcastle’s coastline and there is strong community support to keep it open to the public,” Ms Hodgkinson said.

“I’m pleased to announce that this NSW Government commitment has seen a tender to be awarded for the installation of a new stairway, pool access platform and safety netting.

“The tender for the project has been awarded to Wardrope and Carroll Engineering and materials for the new access features have been selected for their durability, to fit in with the site’s natural features and to allow interpretation of the historical elements.

“The work will also reinstate the historic post and chain fence surrounding the pool and include signage and other safety features.”

“The funds are provided from the Public Reserves Management Fund administered by the Crown Lands Branch of Primary Industries and approval for the restoration was recently granted by the NSW Heritage Council,” Ms Hodgkinson said.

The Bogey Hole is listed on the State’s Heritage Register as a State Significant Item and it was formed by convict labour around 1820 by the excavation of the coastal rock platform and has been open for public use for more than 150 years.

Member for Newcastle, Tim Owen welcomed the announcement saying it represents a significant step in the revitalisation of Newcastle’s coastline.

“Planning to restore safe access at the Bogey Hole commenced a year ago, involving specialist advice from local heritage architects, engineers and the views of the community of Newcastle and Newcastle City Council.

“This is a small but important step in the revitalisation of Newcastle’s coastline by providing safe access for locals and tourists.

“I would like to remind people that the safety warnings at the Bogey Hole should be obeyed.

“Work on the Bogey Hole is expected to be completed by March next year,” Mr Owen said.