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Huon Valley Council fights coastal erosion

Huon Valley Council has completed important repair works on Cygnet Coast Road, using an innovative method to protect against coastal erosion and keep the road safe for the community.

To stabilise the embankment where erosion was threatening the road, our Works team installed *Kyowa rock bags*—large, specially designed bags of rock made for coastal protection. This is the first time these bags have been used in the Huon Valley, and they are already showing promise as a strong new tool for managing erosion.

Acting Mayor Toby Thorpe said the project provided both an immediate benefit and a chance to learn. “These works are helping keep our community safe while also allowing us to trial a new technology. The lessons we learn here will guide us in tackling coastal erosion right across the Valley,” Acting Mayor Thorpe said.

Council recognises the serious challenges coastal hazards pose to our community, including erosion, inundation, and the impacts of sea level rise. These issues affect our roads, public infrastructure, and in many cases, private properties.

To support residents, Council has developed a fact sheet to help people living along the coast better understand these risks, make informed decisions, and learn more about Council’s role in managing coastal hazards.

Council is also taking a long-term approach by planning larger protection projects, applying for funding, and advocating for stronger coastal policies across the state. The effectiveness of the Kyowa rock bag installation will continue to be monitored to guide future projects across the Valley.

View the Managing Coastal Hazards factsheet: [Huon Valley Council fights coastal erosion - Huon Valley Council](#)

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