Work will begin in early February 2013 to:

- Make Marine Parade one-way for south-bound traffic.
- Provide additional car parking by utilising the reduced carriageway width.
- Realign the road to discourage speeding.
- Beautify the street with tree planting in the pedestrian walkways and islands.

Extensive community consultation in early 2011 to plan a proposed Kingscliff Central Park revealed Tweed Shire residents overwhelmingly believed there was a need to address a lack of car parking in Marine Parade. Parking has been a key issue in the Kingscliff community for many years.

The current state of the Marine Parade streetscape was also identified as a major concern during public consultation for Kingscliff Central Park.

More recently, pedestrian safety and vehicle speed in the Kingscliff central business district have been raised as issues by the Kingscliff and District Chamber of Commerce (KDCC) and the Kingscliff Ratepayers and Progress Association (KRPA).

Project details

The one-way design, developed in conjunction with the chamber of commerce, aims to provide additional car parking, while providing a safe and inviting environment to do business and engage with the local community.

Trees will be planted to replace existing pot plants, to create natural shade for pedestrians and a more vibrant streetscape which reinforces Kingscliff’s coastal village character.

Funding

Funding for the $600,000 project will be provided from a Developer Contribution Plan (CP33) for car parking in the Kingscliff commercial area.

Timeframe

Work is scheduled to start in the first week of February, with the removal of existing line marking and painting of new line marking to designate one-way traffic conditions for that section of Marine Parade.

Barriers will be erected and signs will be installed on adjacent roads to clearly show traffic flow will be south-bound only along Marine Parade, from Turnock Street to Seaview Road.

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Construction works will then begin on Monday 11 February and are expected to take 10 to 12 weeks, given favourable weather conditions.

Road works will be conducted in several stages, starting from Turnock Street, to minimise the impact on businesses along the street, their customers and other residents and visitors.

Landscaping and other streetscape works would be completed in conjunction with each stage of roadworks.

The section of road and footpath in front of the Kingscliff Beach Hotel is not part of the current project. The hotel has lodged its own development application for an upgrade and this portion of Marine Parade might be upgraded in the future, subject to development consent for the application being issued.

A better link to Kingscliff Central Park

Kingscliff Central Park has been designed to create an inviting physical link between Marine Parade and the ocean, and the proposed Marine Parade upgrade will further enhance this link.

Implementing the Marine Parade Concept plan will create up to 50 additional car parking spaces in the short term.

Completion of Kingscliff Central Park would provide extra car parking spaces, for a total of around 70 new public spaces.

Most of the additional parking created as part of the Marine Parade upgrade will be on the beach side of Marine Parade. On the other side, existing parallel parking will be retained to assist loading and unloading for adjacent businesses.

Project updates and further information

Further information about the upgrade, including updates on the project’s progress, is available on Council’s website at www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/RoadsTraffic/RoadsHome.aspx

To get more information about the upgrade, contact Council’s Construction Engineer Robert Hanby on (02) 6670 2474 or the Coordinator of Civil Engineering (Design), Warren Boyd, on (02) 6670 2400.