

Beauty on the border

Joint council project set to rejuvenate our borderline area

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IT WILL be mid-March before Tweed residents get a detailed idea of what is planned for the former Border Caravan Park site.

The plans will outline Stage One of a rejuvenation plan of the entire precinct around Jack Evans Boatharbour and the Tweed Heads central business district.

Work has already begun on the Queensland section of a foreshore rejuvenation scheme which will link Tweed Heads with a 36Km-long beachfront promenade reaching all the way to Southport.

Even before granting final Masterplan approval, Gold Coast City Council has begun widening of parkland along the Coolangatta foreshore in preparation for the beautification project.

The joint council plan for the southernmost section of the scheme involves the creation of walking and cycleways along the waterfront from Bilinga to Point Danger and along Hill and Boundary streets into Tweed Heads.

The proposal will ultimately link a rejuvenated Tweed CBD with the multi-million dollar Gold Coast Oceanways program extending from Point Danger to Southport.

In Tweed Heads the rejuvenation plan will include transforming the old Border Caravan Park into cultural gardens, an entertainment area, underwater observatory, water park, tourist centre and riverwalk.

While Tweed is yet to finalise a start date, Gold Coast City Council has allowed work to start on the northern side of the border despite the Mas-



AN artist's impression of how the new promenade at Coolangatta will look when built, part of a 36Km-long beachfront strip meandering all the way to Southport.

terplan still awaiting final approval.

Southern Gold Coast (Div.14) councillor Chris Robbins said some changes had been made

to the Masterplan following the public consultation period, but it could be next month before it came before council.

"Work has begun widening

parkland along the Coolangatta beachfront, making use of sand pumped from the sand bypass project," Cr Robbins said.