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Work starts on river viewing platforms

THE redevelopment of the Maclean riverside precinct takes a major step forward today as contractors start preparing for the installation of two river viewing platforms, similar to one constructed at the nearby McLachlan Park.

The first step in that process will be to knock out a section of levee wall behind the Maclean Hotel to allow pile driving equipment to enter the site. That work is being done today (Thurs).

Clarence Valley Council project manager, Justin Menzies, said the redevelopment – from MacNaughton Place to the rear of the Maclean Hotel – would include 150 metres of pathway, a retaining wall and garden plants, park benches, more than 60 trees and shrubs and a retractable section of levee wall to provide easy access to the river.

The area will also be lit.

Mr Menzies said the main feature would be the two river viewing platforms that would extend into the river from the path.

“These will be similar to the platform in McLachlan Park and will be a great area to experience the beauty of the river,” he said.

“But for work to start we need to knock a hole in the levee so we can get the machinery in to drive the piles.”

He said 4x9metre piles would be delivered to an area behind the Maclean Hotel on Monday from 6am and a further 5x9metre piles would be delivered to an area around MacNaughton Place. As a result, the car park behind the hotel will be closed on Monday and Tuesday and there will be some control measures in place at MacNaughton Place.

“We apologise for the inconvenience but hope people recognise it will be for the long-term benefit of the town,” he said.

“Most Maclean residents have long wanted to have better access to the river and this is part of the process.

“I expect that when the work is complete this area will be one of the most popular green spaces in town.”

Work is expected to be complete about April 2019.

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Captions: Cutting through the Maclean levee behind the Maclean Hotel as part of works to open the river to the public.

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