

9. Kingscliff High School, established in 1986 with an entrance to Oxford Street, has achieved much in its short history. With an average annual enrolment of over 1200 students, the school has a proud scholastic and sporting record, and has recognized strengths in the creative and performing arts.

10. Kingscliff Public School in Orient Street first opened its doors in 1957 at a time when many families were flocking to the area as a result of the current mineral sands mining boom. The first Principal was Hubert 'Bert' Payne. Kingscliff students had earlier attended the **Cudgen Public School**, a few kilometres away. Cudgen School had enrolled its first pupils many years earlier in 1882, when that area was a flourishing sugar-growing and milling centre, with a considerable population of South Sea Island contracted labourers. In later years, many of their children also attended the school, being taught in the first brick building to be erected in the Tweed Valley.

11. Cudgen Creek Bridge was erected in 1959 by sand mining companies requiring ready access to their operations south of Cudgen Creek. Before the bridge was constructed, visitors would hire boats from Charnock's Boat Hire to reach the south beach for picnics or fishing. There was no connecting coastal road to Pottsville in those days.

12. The first stage of walling Cudgen Creek was completed in 1968, in an effort to keep the creek mouth from becoming silted, and flooding upstream farming lands.

13. Faulks Park. An early resident of the area, Mrs. Faulks bought several allotments beside the Cudgen Creek and fronting Marine Parade. Neither time nor money was spared in preserving the little picnic reserve on the corner near the creek. She had the stone wall erected at her expense. She had the area levelled and grassed, trees planted and she preserved surviving native species. She not only had most of the tables and chairs placed there, but was also responsible for having a creek side bitumen car park constructed.

WALKING

To increase the enjoyment of walking, use the opportunity to take a fresh look at the local area and surroundings. Discovering the history of an area, while gaining the physical benefits of exercise, is one way of achieving this.

BENEFITS OF WALKING

Regular physical activity is only part of a total healthy lifestyle, but the benefits are many.

Physical Activity

- helps protect against heart disease
- helps to lower blood pressure
- improves blood cholesterol levels
- reduces weight
- reduce anxiety, depression and stress
- helps improve flexibility
- improves sleeping habits
- tones up the circulatory system
- helps slow down the demineralization process (which causes osteoporosis)
- increases bone strength



KINGSCLIFF 2000. Now popular with tourists and retirees, Kingscliff has a High School, a Library and many street cafes. The "Grand Pacific Hotel" in Marine Parade still caters for the thirsty.

Kingscliff in 2000

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Kingscliff Around Town Walk

Walk Through History



STAY TRIM & KEEP FIT WITH EASY EXERCISE

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Around The Town Walk

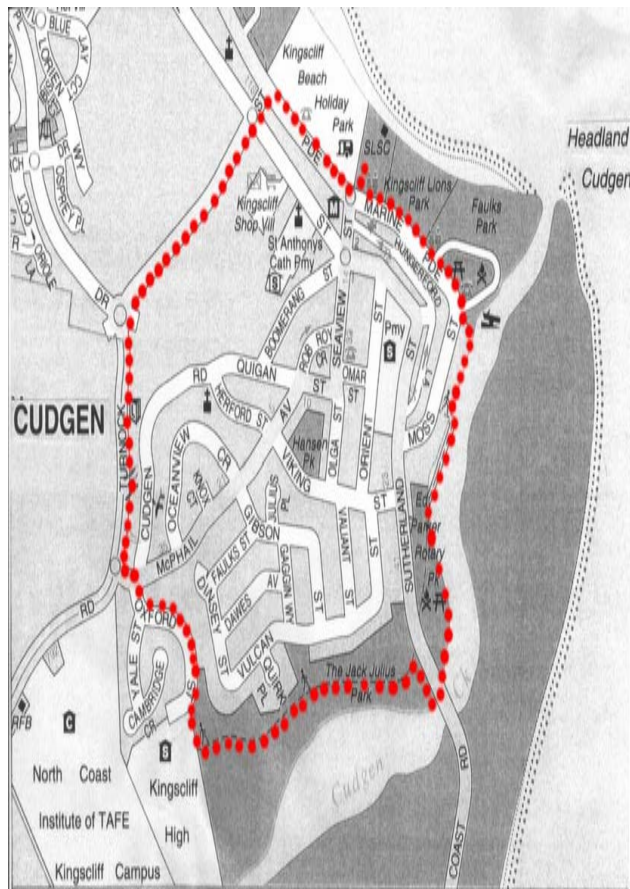
Grade: Medium

Time: one hour return

Directions:

This walk circles the older section of town.

- Head north along Marine Parade
- Turn left at Turnock St., beside the Shopping Centre, at the first round-about.
- Walk up to top of hill in Turnock St. past another roundabout to the top roundabout.
- Turn left into Oxford St. and cut into the small walking path just beside Kingscliff High School.
- Return via Jack Julius Park then Ed Parker Rotary Park and along Moss St.



Points of Interest

1. The Old Moreton Bay Fig Tree was planted by John Anderson, who planted many trees in Kingscliff around 1920.. It has been a popular meeting place for locals who, in less busy years, would sit and chat.

2. Kingscliff Hotel was erected as the Grand Pacific Hotel in 1932, the license being transferred from an older hotel of the same name in Cudgen. Many of the building materials came from the dismantled Cudgen Grand Pacific. One of Kingscliff's oldest surviving buildings today, the hotel was renamed the 'Kingscliff Hotel' in 2007.



KINGSCLIFF c. 1920's. The "Grand Pacific Hotel" was built in Cudgen in 1904 and later moved to Kingscliff, then a small village but a favourite camping spot for locals and visitors.

Kingscliff in the 1920's – The Grand Pacific Hotel

3. Names of Streets and Parks. Many streets in the older sections of Kingscliff were named after prominent early European settlers, such as Hungerford Lane, Turnock, Quigan, Moss, Gibson and Faulks Streets, McPhail and Dawes Avenues and Quirk Place. Parks also were named after residents who contributed significantly to Kingscliff, such as Jack Bayliss, Mrs. Faulks, Ed Parker and Jack Julius.

4. Early Land Settlement Although some substantial early Cudgen selections stretched as far as 'useless dune vegetation' beside the beach, the first owner of an individual selection at Kingscliff was Cudgen storekeeper Carl Gaenshirt, a German immigrant, who acquired that portion of land now lying between Seaview and Olga Streets to the Creek and from Marine Parade back to the end of Olga Street.

Gaenshirt built the town's first cottage on the headland in a position opposite the front gate of the present-day Kingscliff Public School grounds. He also built a wine press and grew grapes in the area of today's Hungerford Lane. Extensive land subdivision occurred after 1915, and by the 1930s numerous homes had been erected, ranging from substantial verandah-fronted holiday homes to small cottages. Many of these wooden or fibro homes are disappearing, making way for modern apartment blocks and homes.

5. Kingscliff Public Library first opened in 1979. It was a demountable classroom situated beside the Cudgen Headland Surf Club, with views towards the beach. In 1984 it was relocated to a shopfront within the Kingscliff Shopping Village. Keeping pace with the district's rapidly growing population, a modern, purpose-built library was constructed within the rainforest remnant off Turnock Street in 2000. The award-winning design was by architects Fulton Trotter & Partners.

6. Kingscliff Community Health Centre, located next to the library, was officially opened in 2002, by the then NSW Minister for Health, Craig Knowles. The \$1.04 million facility was purpose built to accommodate a range of health services previously only available in Tweed Heads or Murwillumbah.

7. Kingscliff Swimming Pool in McPhail Street was constructed thanks to a massive community fund-raising effort in the 1970s, and was officially opened on 1 December 1979. The 25-metre heated pool is open throughout the year

8. Kingscliff TAFE is one of 17 TAFE campus locations on the New South Wales North Coast, stretching from Forster in the south to Kingscliff in the north. First opened on its Cudgen Road site in 1999, the campus offers state-of-the-art vocational, education and training facilities in hospitality, graphic design, carpentry and joinery and information technology. Other study areas available at the campus include general education, and children's services