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**\$2.6 MILLION START TO SWEETEN LEMON
TREE PASSAGE ROAD**

Minister for Roads and Ports Duncan Gay has announced major work will begin next week on a \$2.6 million project to upgrade Lemon Tree Passage Road between Nelson Bay Road and Rookes Road to provide a wider and smoother road for motorists.

Minister Gay visited the site with the local member Craig Baumann today.

“This financial year the NSW Government has allocated \$4.26 million to complete the Lemon Tree Passage Road upgrade through to Brownes Road.

“The work will begin on a 2.3 kilometre section from Nelson Bay Road to Rookes Road at a cost of \$2.6 million.

“The first stage will be carried out on the 800 metres between the roundabout to Michael Drive and then continue for the next 1.5 kilometres to Rookes Road.

“The upgrade is our delivery of a \$5 million election commitment to improve road safety on Lemon Tree Passage Road and is being funded by the Hunter Infrastructure investment Fund,” Minister Gay said.

Mr Baumann said \$219,000 was spent last financial year on improving the Oyster Cove Road intersection on Lemon Tree Passage Road.

“It aims to improve road safety by providing an improved smoother road surface with wider lanes and shoulders as well as improved drainage in the area.

“The project will provide two 3.5 metre lanes, widen the road shoulders to 1.5 metres and upgrade the road surface to improve road durability.

“The work to be carried out by Port Stephens Council will also include utility adjustments as well as drainage improvements and the installation of kerb and gutter at various locations.

“The project is expected to be completed early next year, weather permitting,” Mr Baumann said.

“Work will then start on upgrading the remaining section of Lemon Tree Passage Road between Rookes Road and Brownes Road towards Oyster Cove Road.

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