



# COMMUNITY IDEAS BOOKLET



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## What is this Booklet?

This 2030 Community Ideas Booklet came about as part of the development of the Coffs Harbour 2030 Plan. The 2030 Plan was developed between February and October 2009 through a series of community forums. These culminated in the 2030 Summit held on 2 May 2009 when over 160 community members came together to put forward their ideas for the actions that we need to take to move towards achieving our Community Vision 2030. Participants in the summit included individual citizens and representatives from community and volunteer groups, State agencies, non government organisations and business and industry. All the ideas from the various forums have been integrated within the Coffs Harbour 2030 Plan.

The Coffs Harbour 2030 Plan itself is strategic in nature – it is a ‘big picture’ view of how we should direct Coffs Harbour towards a sustainable future. By contrast, the majority of ideas put forward at the forums focussed on specific actions and projects at a ‘grass roots’ level. The broad, long-term aims of these ideas are all integrated within the objectives and strategies in the Plan. However, it was felt that the ideas themselves represented a large and valuable resource and should be recorded in their entirety to trigger action within and across the community in coming years.

At the forums participants explored a series of questions driven by the Community Vision 2030 document. These questions included:

- How do we best achieve the community vision?
- What are the actions we need to take?
- What are the challenges we face?

This Booklet contains all the actions and ideas that were identified during the various forums. Unless otherwise identified in the “sources” column the ideas came from the 2030 Summit.

## How should this Booklet be used?

The intention of this Booklet is to initiate action. These ideas have all been put forward by the community. Whilst Coffs Harbour City Council has a significant role to play in delivering the Coffs Harbour 2030 Plan, Council can not do it in isolation. Therefore this Booklet throws out a challenge to those in the community to:

Read the ideas in this Booklet, identify any ideas that really grab you and then put that idea into action!

You could put your chosen idea into action in a number of ways. These could include:

- undertaking your idea yourself
- identifying others who share your enthusiasm for that idea
- forming a group work on the idea,
- developing an action plan for how you're going to do it,
- applying for funding to deliver your action (speak to a Councillor or ring the Council to find out about funding opportunities including through the annual Environmental Levy funding),
- becoming more actively involved in decision-making processes (e.g. sit on Council committees or even stand for election to be a Councillor!), or
- lobbying relevant government bodies and your State and Federal MPs about your chosen action.

Once you have turned an idea into action let Council know so that we can feed that information back into the 2030 Plan. Then we can all see how we are tracking in moving towards our Community Vision 2030.

Remember these are YOUR ideas. You can make them happen!

### How to read this Booklet

Each idea from the community has been allocated to one of the 5 vision themes and to one of the objectives identified within the Coffs Harbour 2030 Plan. This should help you identify where the ideas fit within the Coffs Harbour 2030 Plan and will help us monitor progress of the 2030 Plan.

## Learning and Prospering

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LP1.1	Our businesses and industries are future driven, smart, innovative and green	<p>Promote the use of native plants to support local textile industry</p> <p>Promote eco-tourism through the internet</p> <p>Promote jobs in caring for the environment / environmental education, planning and law</p> <p>Eco-tourism MECCA on the north coast where eco-tourism operators are custodians and interpreters of our environment</p> <p>Promote quality customer service</p> <p>Attract cruise ships</p> <p>Promote local manufacturer of electric bikes and buggys</p> <p>5 &amp; 6 Star energy rated homes and commercial development</p> <p>Coffs as a priority for the nation building IT package</p> <p>Feasibility strategy of power options (wave, solar, wind)</p> <p>Market Coffs Harbour as a lifestyle location for global workers</p> <p>Establish incubator or cluster for sustainable technology, promoting knowledge sharing</p> <p>Provide training to staff to support sustainable emerging industries</p> <p>Education for sustainability and change in the community - personal engagement</p> <p>Council provide leadership and strategies to foster global knowledge employment in Coffs Harbour (IT Infrastructure, Call Centre)</p> <p>Resurgence of sustainable agriculture and retention of rural lands</p>

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		<p>Centre of sustainable agriculture and organic production (eg science laboratory)</p> <p>Promote positive can do attitude</p>
LP1.2	<p>Our economy is strong and diverse and provides a wide range of rewarding employment options which are available to all</p>	<p>Development of indigenous sustainable industry using indigenous knowledge (including tourism)</p> <p>Seek government subsidy to educate builders regarding sustainable design</p> <p>Identify tourism and local business opportunities eg annual community events, food processing, tourist visitors</p> <p>Centres of Excellence for railway industry, marine science, aviation, horticulture, languages</p> <p>Broader economic base, diversified commercial base beyond tourism and retail</p> <p>Better approach to land use planning to achieve more economic benefit</p> <p>Invest in civil works and infrastructure</p> <p>Upgrade airport to international standard</p> <p>Establish Coffs Harbour as a demonstration centre for sustainable manufacturing</p> <p>Council take a leadership role in technology (innovator role), create partnerships</p>
LP1.3	<p>Our young people work, live and study here</p>	<p>Ensure our children have local meaningful employment</p> <p>Local industry opportunities for employing university students and taking interns</p>
LP2.1	<p>Our city centre is a place where people can live, work and play</p>	<p>High rise in CBD, close to transport and facilities</p> <p>Medium density, sustainable housing in city centre - two storey apartments /</p>

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		<p>townhouses, with green spaces for food growing</p> <p>Develop an information port in city centre</p> <p>Make the city centre a place where you can live, work and play</p> <p>Increase population density in city centre</p> <p>City centre to become a community hub supporting</p> <p>intergeneration social exchange</p>
LP3.1	We are recognised as a model for sustainable living	<p>Promote Coffs as eco centre including manufacturing and vocational / technical / professional education</p> <p>Council to show leadership on sustainability</p> <p>Education of landholders in sustainable methods</p> <p>Education in soil conservation</p> <p>Education in bio-diversity</p> <p>Give eco-systems equal weight to economic considerations (ESD principles)</p> <p>2100 planning horizon with ability to update climate change info</p> <p>Green initiatives including roof gardens, green street at the Jetty, Car Free Areas</p> <p>Develop opportunity cost protocols to make informed sustainable decisions</p> <p>Develop community gardens everywhere (close to home) and educate people about permaculture</p> <p>Promotion of environmental learning in schools</p> <p>Develop better linkages / integration between growing, producing and consuming food</p> <p>Create opportunities for rural industry to</p>

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		compliment environment
LP3.2	We share the aspirations knowledge, skills and history of all in our community	<p>Develop and use a community skills register</p> <p>Opportunities for learning among people from diverse backgrounds including cultural and intergenerational</p> <p>Representatives on Council from diverse cultural backgrounds to advance inclusiveness</p>
LP3.3	Our education systems link strongly to the community and business	<p>Business education and government in a R &amp; D partnership focusing on environment and innovation</p> <p>International language learning centre</p> <p>Promote a culture of lifelong learning</p> <p>Education facilities city wide</p> <p>Promote Coffs Harbour as a provider of electronic learning</p> <p>A more vocational education directly related to future needs</p> <p>Ulong / Lowanna education hub</p>

## Places for Living

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PL1.1	We use best practice urban design and infrastructure development to promote sustainable living	<p>Zoning for residential areas be more compact and allow broader linked corridors</p> <p>Planning for rising sea level</p> <p>Community based planning for beaches and Jetty</p> <p>Develop smart interactive homes</p> <p>Plan retreat from rising seas (emergency response plan)</p> <p>Green roof design for all key public buildings</p> <p>Increased urban density</p> <p>Promote corner shops into communities</p> <p>Build infrastructure around existing hubs</p> <p>Multiple occupancy in suburbs closest to CBD</p> <p>Better design of products and services that reduce the need for transport</p> <p>Encourage higher density residential development closer to railway transport services and cycleways</p> <p>Community hubs linked by cycle tracks and green areas</p> <p>Incentives for land owners to provide bike / trail connections</p> <p>IT Upgrade / Communication</p> <p>Affordable green rebates</p> <p>Medium density housing surrounding these hubs</p> <p>Localise produce to cut transport</p> <p>Technology to support the remote office</p> <p>Urban food gardens established on any vacant land</p> <p>Recognition of rising sea levels /</p>

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		<p>controls on planning / remediation of older developments in lower areas</p> <p>Limiting urban sprawl</p> <p>Turn Woolworths carpark on Park Avenue into model mixed use medium density housing</p> <p>Identify location for aging facilities (community) close to shops, libraries etc</p> <p>Create an urban design forum</p> <p>Flexible physical infrastructure to easily upgrade without great resource cost</p> <p>Use best practice examples of sustainable development eg Freiburg</p> <p>Revitalise, renew, rather than sprawl</p> <p>Transition of Park Beach into a medium rise village linked through lit walkways to Jetty foreshores</p> <p>Developing a detailed plan for each foci / business centre</p> <p>Create a foot print for each centre</p> <p>Allow for flexibility and planning to adapt to environmental challenges</p>
PL1.2	We have a diverse and adaptable range of housing options with affordability for all	<p>Develop affordable housing options for everyone particularly aging population</p> <p>Allow temporary housing backyards for elderly parents</p> <p>Encourage private sector and welfare sector to build aged care housing</p> <p>Encourage adaptable housing to allow residents to age without moving</p> <p>Establish "whole" communities to reduce travel (mix of retail, residential etc)</p> <p>Government advisory panel to offer advice on affordable design and initiatives</p> <p>Develop a national Adaptable Housing Policy</p>

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		Policy change to have accredited designers for habitable buildings
		Passive Solar Design
		Water efficiency measures (stormwater, grey water)
		Sustainable building design methods, resources, building materials
		DCP to have maximum size of homes in council codes eg only one bathroom, one living
		Retrofit every house with water tank, reed bed, solar power and solar hot water
		Strict efficiency and sustainability requirements exceeding BASIX
		Local sourcing of building materials
		Make every building equal a producer (not a consumer)
		Make every building self sufficient
		Architecture that reflects the local elements - ocean, tropical climate
		Use recycled materials from used / knocked down houses
		Grow landscape on and over city building / green city
		Eco friendly homes
		Initiatives to create home designs that work with the environment
		Design of attractive, distinctive commercial and cultural buildings to attract visitors
		More adaptable housing allowing for change in lifestyles
		Integration between building and landscape design
		Develop a unique coastal design

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		aesthetic
PL1.3	We live and work in buildings which are attractive and sustainable	<p>Landscape and signage, architectural design</p> <p>Council regulations requiring solar panels, watertanks and plug in sockets for electric cars for every house</p> <p>Design and redesign with long term environmental consequences in mind</p> <p>Showcase big possibilities from around the world to inspire Coffs to take on activities, build environments that enrich our lives</p> <p>Promote local architectural expression</p>
PL2.1	We have beautiful, liveable and accessible spaces for all our people to enjoy	<p>CBD Car Free</p> <p>Remove roads where possible in suburbs - centralise parking near housing, space creates parks</p> <p>Redevelop brown field urban areas as hubs for Community Gardens, Arts &amp; Community Expression Centres</p> <p>Calmed urban transport solutions</p> <p>Provide spaces for pedestrians only</p> <p>Jetty to be the key focal point (competition to design)</p> <p>Access for ALL at Jetty Beach and into ocean (ramp) and throughout city</p> <p>More community spaces and better used (at night too)</p> <p>Re-activate "dead" spaces eg harbour rail land, Corambirra Point, ex-banana lands</p> <p>More parks and gardens</p> <p>Establish Brelsford Park as central community park with higher density residential around it</p> <p>The gathering place to have public art, indigenous heritage, urban design</p>

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		<p>Neighbourhood shopping, open space, community activities, recreation</p> <p>Access / proximity to the gathering place / central focus for all</p> <p>Redevelop the harbour jetty area for tourism, open space, culture, marine centre</p> <p>Generate a leisure space / café culture / open space</p> <p>More activities in our open spaces</p> <p>Design our recreational spaces</p>
PL2.2	We have facilities for our youth, elderly, indigenous and disadvantaged where they can meet and have fun	More places and means to meet and interact with retirees, aboriginal people, young people and different cultures
PL3.1	Our villages are revitalised and maintain their unique identities	<p>"Sense of place" – Village</p> <p>Less rural residential development</p> <p>Consider viability of rural residential development</p> <p>Consistent long term planning for our rural communities involving the people who live there</p> <p>Create a sense of place in each of our rural communities.</p> <p>Develop a unique identity for each community under a holistic umbrella</p> <p>Community focus (Village)</p> <p>Connectivity between spaces, nodes/centres/villages</p> <p>Eco tourism trail between rural communities</p> <p>Lobby local supermarkets for more local food</p>
PL3.2	Our villages support a strong tourism base around local produce, arts, culture and nature experiences	<p>Promote a 100km local food goal</p> <p>Local markets / reduced transport costs and reduced emissions</p>

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		Community Gardens - Vegetable and Fruit Food Co-operative
		Continue to develop / support / sustain local sustainable food growing / industries / commercial ventures
		Develop markets / farmers trails for local produce and distribution networks
		Develop community gardens / markets / focal points / networks
		Promote the region as a food bowl. Protect the lands we need for this purpose

## Moving Around

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MA1.1	We have an integrated, accessible and environmentally friendly mixed mode transport system	<p>Identify and set aside corridors for light rail or similar</p> <p>Policies and facilities for electric and low powered transport devices</p> <p>“Code Red Mapping” system in Coffs Harbour to identify areas at risk of isolation</p> <p>Identify communities vulnerable from “Peak Oil”</p> <p>Make public transport a civic leadership project</p> <p>Light rail linked to existing rail - e.g. CHEC, Base Hospital and Airport</p> <p>Light rail loop - City / Jetty / Park Beach for starters</p> <p>Develop light rail corridor as part of the upgrade of the Pacific Highway</p> <p>Development of light rail with technology infrastructure eg 'open wireless city'</p> <p>Council levy for free bus service</p> <p>Tourist industry to sponsor a tourist bus</p> <p>Free shuttle bus to hospital from CBD</p> <p>Establish public transport hubs in community centres</p> <p>Ensure public transport connects work, services, shopping, tourist locations</p> <p>Electric buses</p> <p>Financially self sufficient public transport</p> <p>New employment options generated by public transport initiatives</p> <p>All public transport to comply with Australian standards</p> <p>CBD transport link (electric bus to link cultural, sporting, educational facilities)</p>

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		<p>Light rail connection to Northern Beaches</p> <p>Establish a light rail corridor through the LEP</p> <p>Secure support for light rail from all councils in the area, State and Federal governments</p> <p>Light rail from Macksville to Red Rock and west to Bellingen</p> <p>Allow for greater use of electric scooters and all hybrid vehicles in all transport planning</p> <p>Public plug in points (solar powered) e.g. CHEC, Airport, City Centre Carpark</p> <p>Make existing network a commuter service</p> <p>Expand old railway networks to service mountains and beyond</p> <p>Possible tourism / business sponsorship for commuter rail service</p> <p>Urban links, CBD to Jetty to Community</p> <p>Incentives and infrastructure for tele-commuting</p> <p>Free bus service for CBD</p> <p>Create effective sustainable public transport</p>
MA1.2	We have policies that support increased usage of public transport and reduced car dependency	<p>Integrated state and local policies to enforce clean transport options</p> <p>Council levy to fund free bus service</p> <p>All levels of government to promote public transport</p> <p>Incentives for carpooling (eg. All day parks nearer facilities for designated carpoolers)</p> <p>Workplace active travel program eg 'One Car Less' - Combine large workplaces</p>

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		Perimeter parking for cars to keep them out of the CBD
		Re-direct highway upgrade funding to rail-line / public transport / light rail / cycleways initiatives
		Ensure easy access for elderly, disabled and people with small children
		Clear information for public transport user eg timetables
		Timetables to suit workers
		Free CBD transport links to under 18's
		A minimum daily dollar ticket - get on off at will
		SCU to provide community education program to encourage greater use of public services
		Research and educational initiatives through CHEC to identify and promote sustainable transport options
		Water taxi service, Sawtell, Jetty, Woolgoolga, linked to town
		Not for profit public transport system
		Consolidate Nambucca, Bellingen and Coffs Harbour LGA's to make Coffs Coast Integrated Transport
		Incentives for reduced household car ownership
		Local rail from Coffs to Coramba
		Move the railway line out of city centre
		Stop designing around the car, reduce carparking, increase bike parking, connect to public transport
		Carpooling
		Create self-sustained neighbourhoods (connected physically and culturally) that are car free and pedestrian friendly
MA1.3	We have an upgraded North	More trains for cargo freight

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MA2.1	Coast rail line that has taken freight off our roads and offers a high speed passenger service to both Sydney and Brisbane  We have effective plans and policies for a network of integrated cycleways, footpaths walking tracks	<p>Link local freight with inter state railway (roll on - roll off)</p> <p>Develop a comprehensive network of bike and walking paths, including for electric scooters</p> <p>Plan and build cycleways that are safe, interconnected, environmentally friendly and well promoted</p> <p>Secure bike racks</p> <p>Make major transport routes top priority for cycleways</p> <p>Complete the Coffs Harbour to Woolgoolga cycleway</p> <p>Enable safe transport for children to attend school by cycleway</p> <p>Bike link between Ulong and Lowanna</p> <p>Establish community cycle network with electric recharge stations, bike, scooter and four seater hire using solar energy options</p>
MA2.2	We have constructed an interconnected network of cycleways, footpaths and walking tracks that connect our urban communities, hinterland and coastal villages	<p>More extensive cycle ways and facilities to access shops etc</p> <p>Consider cycle ways combined use for electric scooters</p> <p>Shelter and rest spots for inclement weather</p> <p>All new footpaths to include cycleway and consider suitability for electric scooters</p>
MA2.3	We actively promote cycling and walking	<p>Free seminars / skills workshops to improve or learn cycling skills</p> <p>Cycling (affordable bike hire, public rides, free skills workshops)</p> <p>Bikes on trains should be permitted without packaging or booking</p>

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		<p>Bike bus</p> <p>Secure parking for vehicle users who are accessing walkways</p> <p>Introduce policing on bikes</p> <p>Showers / public toilets at cycle hubs</p> <p>Pleasant, shaded, interesting and safe walking experiences</p> <p>Promote cycleways with maps and online</p> <p>Safe cycling courses</p> <p>Travel smart</p> <p>Seek grants for education and promotion activities</p> <p>Encourage and support ride and walk to school initiatives</p> <p>Incentives to create cycle friendly workplaces</p> <p>Bike fleets in workplaces</p> <p>Free Bike hire in town</p> <p>Build cycleways into planning requirements for all new developments</p>
MA3.1	We have a system of well maintained and safe roads for all users	Highway bypass west of town
MA3.2	We have become an integrated regional transportation hub	<p data-bbox="751 1570 1070 1594">Transfer road freight to rail</p> <p data-bbox="751 1630 1102 1655">Re-establish coastal shipping</p> <p data-bbox="751 1691 1198 1776">Coffs Harbour should be a regional transport hub for NSW (air, land, sea, rail)</p> <p data-bbox="751 1812 1050 1836">Develop coastal shipping</p> <p data-bbox="751 1872 1150 1933">Heavy vehicle freight interchange between Brisbane and Sydney</p> <p data-bbox="751 1968 1182 2024">Redevelop harbour as a commercial port</p>

## Looking after our Community

2030 Plan Objective No.	2030 Plan Objective	The Idea
LC1.1	We take pride in Coffs Harbour as a strong and adaptable community	<p>Develop a strong identity (What is Coffs Harbour?)</p> <p>Work with business and tourism to show what is unique about our community</p> <p>Promotion of community services</p> <p>Create unique Coffs Harbour identity - Entry statements linking CBD with Jetty eg street polls, community art.</p>
LC1.2	We lead healthy lives supported by comprehensive health care services	<p>Develop programs that help raise awareness of healthy eating</p> <p>Educate and involve children in healthy eating and sporting activities</p> <p>Public seminars on relevant health related topics</p> <p>Rewards for individuals who improve health through lifestyle change / weight loss</p> <p>Partnership with schools re only selling appropriate food in tuckshops</p> <p>Healthy lifestyle website connecting people who might want to join a swimming or walking group</p> <p>Encourage active lifestyle for all ages through education, promoting events, sports etc</p> <p>Facilitate / support moves to ensure widest possible range / number of medical professionals</p> <p>Partner with education and media to develop and deliver public education on health</p> <p>Visiting health care professionals to facilities for example school, aged</p> <p>Healthy lifestyle programs that include food / cooking, swimming, hiking, building ( straw bale )</p> <p>Support for carers and disabled</p>

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LC1.3	We live in a safe, caring and inclusive community	<p>Increasing mental health demands, require more facilities</p> <p>Community centres with buses and air-conditioning for heat waves</p> <p>Develop clear environmental disaster plans (including temporary housing for disaster victims)</p> <p>Promotion of health benefits ( of walking and cycling )</p> <p>Promote and support local food production and distribution</p> <p>Growers markets</p> <p>Education of financial and health benefits of local food</p> <p>Promote conflict resolution to enhance community harmony</p> <p>Develop a focus on early intervention and protection</p> <p>Parent patrols, adopt an older brother/sister program</p> <p>Build community workshop areas which have gardens, kitchens, tool workshop, allow people to generate income at small scale</p> <p>Promote public transport as alcohol and drug free</p> <p>The whole of community engagement (include homeless, isolated people)</p>
LC2.1	Our community is caring and connected with strong intergenerational communication and understanding	<p>Storytelling</p> <p>Use knowledge and expertise of aging population (living treasures)</p> <p>Target older community groups eg Probus, Rotary to engage elders with the rest of the community</p> <p>Intergenerational mentoring</p> <p>School P&amp;C's to liase together</p>

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		<p>Need to provide activities and opportunities to keep aged people as an active part of the community</p> <p>Web based mechanism where social need is linked to appropriate person</p> <p>Engage youth with older people</p> <p>Promote a culture of courtesy and customer service (investigate Apex youth development model), ETC</p> <p>Encourage intergenerational learning, facilities for sharing learning</p>
LC2.2	We welcome civic leadership to help achieve better outcomes for Coffs Harbour	<p>Develop strategies which produce better communication between all government agencies to identify and fill gaps</p> <p>Better collaboration between government, business and non-profit sector</p> <p>Ask peak bodies to collaborate and lobby</p> <p>Council interagency meetings to have a more defined purpose and vision</p> <p>Continue the engagement and consultation initiated under the 2030 process</p> <p>Existing community agencies to support NGO's</p> <p>Business sector to work with non-profit sector to facilitate growth</p>
LC2.3	We value our children and young people and offer them all the facilities and services they need in order to achieve their full potential	<p>Youth safety / behaviour issues (binge drinking, drug use, domestic violence, date rape and youth suicide)</p> <p>Support and training for young mothers with skills to nurture babies from 0-5</p> <p>Develop specific direction</p> <p>Parent networks / database</p> <p>"It takes a community to raise a child" approach</p> <p>More things for young people</p>

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LC3.1	Our community has access to a range of options for artistic and cultural expression and entertainment	<p>Various workshops for all ages including eg drama, art, singing to help connect our youth with the community</p> <p>Landlords with a vacant building available for long term artistic rental</p> <p>Develop a Cultural Directory</p> <p>Space for arts projects / performance space (accessible / central / environmentally friendly / place to meet and share)</p> <p>Art house including rental studios,(return revenue to building rental) workshops, conversation café, retail outlet, available to all</p> <p>Develop cultural precinct, readily accessible to public transport</p> <p>Community art that involves schools and/or unemployed</p> <p>Use Cavanbah Hall as an art house</p> <p>Integrate art school in art house</p> <p>Entertainment centre - (Brelsford Park or City Hill)</p> <p>Existing skills identified through an art skills audit</p> <p>Art mentoring programs in schools</p> <p>Funding opportunities for art projects</p> <p>An arts newsletter</p> <p>Increase council support for cultural activities \$\$</p> <p>Collaborative approach to marketing the arts and cultural opportunities, cultural communication policy</p> <p>Public Art</p> <p>Multi purpose centre (with recreational area)and cultural centre</p>

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LC3.2	We value, understand and celebrate our diverse cultural heritage	Promote multi-culturalism Establish cultural centre Encourage cultural events
LC3.3	We enjoy life together through a range of community events and recreational opportunities	Develop a swimming facility so kids can train all year and be competitive and older people can maintain fitness through swimming

## Looking after our Environment

2030 Plan Objective No.	2030 Plan Objective	The Idea
LE1.1	We are active ambassadors for our environment and we share our skills and knowledge	<p>Identification of community environmental and socio-cultural values related to our environment</p> <p>Develop educational/interpretive programs for schools / community groups / tourism operators / guides</p> <p>Develop a group which co-ordinates our environmental community values and link these into a interpretive program</p> <p>Syllabus change re: environment - community to lobby</p> <p>Council interactive website for environmental education</p> <p>School and community partnerships to build projects specific to local eco-systems and link to relevant curricular</p> <p>More funding for volunteer groups - eco-tourism / education and maintain areas for learning</p> <p>Educate need for more nature reserves</p> <p>Educate in importance of wildlife corridors</p> <p>Promote awareness of laws for protecting bushland</p> <p>Provide support for community groups and general community (eg. Awareness raising)</p> <p>Funding for volunteer support from council and other partners (eg. Decc, CMA, Australian Gov.)</p> <p>Central information hub (eg. Website)</p> <p>Council regularly canvas local media and fund monthly awareness activities in Botanic Gardens</p> <p>Child friendly areas to promote environmental awareness</p>

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		<p>Interpretive displays in Botanical Gardens about native indigenous plants</p> <p>Marine research centre including captive and non-captive marine life</p> <p>Market our unique environment as an economic resource</p> <p>Integrate environmental issues in education</p>
LE1.2	Our indigenous culture and its links to the land is valued and understood	<p>Integrate aboriginal culture into school curricula</p> <p>Education by indigenous teachers non-siteific</p> <p>Develop Indigenous partnership projects across community</p> <p>Indigenous elders teaching all of the community about Place</p> <p>Encourage pride in indigenous culture in the Coffs Harbour community</p> <p>Teach basic local aboriginal language skills and cultural protocols in schools and local indigenous history</p> <p>Council funding for local aboriginal people to record land management practices and spiritual connection to country</p> <p>Promote connection to the environment linking past knowledge with the future</p> <p>Council to fund heritage preservation and cultural interpretation through the museum</p> <p>Promotion of indigenous culture in schools</p> <p>Cultural identity - Acknowledge aboriginal sites of significance</p> <p>Cultural/indigenous learning linked to the environment "Wisdom of Elders"</p>
LE1.3	We have many opportunities for nature experiences and learning through improved access to	Programs for young people to experience natural environment

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	natural areas	<p>Promote learning in the natural environment (eco-tourism and learning facilities within environment)</p> <p>Coastal walking track from Red Rock to The Jetty along beaches and over headlands with interpretive signage</p> <p>"45km of Learning"</p> <p>Riverwalk from Coramba to Nana Glen including signage</p> <p>Connect reserves via pedestrian walkways / cycleways and signage</p> <p>Improve visibility and access to environment</p> <p>Establish coast walk, Coffs to Yamba</p> <p>Escarpment walkway / cycleway overlooking Coffs Harbour</p> <p>Walking track from Corambirra Point to Boambee Beach</p> <p>Widen Coffs Creek track to a cycleway (needs careful environmental planning)</p> <p>Establish increased access to the environment / rights of way</p> <p>Reclaim the beauty and bio-diversity of Coffs Creek</p>
LE2.1	Our forests, beaches, headlands, ocean, rivers, forested mountain backdrops, plants and animals are preserved for future generations	<p>Establish a Coffs Coastal Escarpment National Park</p> <p>Extend coastal regional park Red Rock to Sawtell</p> <p>No building on existing parklands</p> <p>Develop policies to protect environment including plans of management</p> <p>All levels of government and community are responsible</p> <p>Imoritorium on clearing of native vegetation</p> <p>Consolidate coastal development</p>

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		Exclude trail bikes, 4wd's from beaches and public natural areas
		No buildings on hills, creeks, marine environment and undeveloped coastal areas
		Maintain bush reserves between current built environments
		More stringent pet controls
		100% increase in public funding for protection and management of public natural areas
		More national parks
		Compensatory restoration to balance development to maintain 80% green footprint
		The protection of the entire coastal system
		Using responsible coastal management to promote tourism and education
		Ban native forest logging
		State forests to be restored as national parks
		Restore all wetlands to their natural state
		Use marine parks to protect our ocean (state and federal processes)
		Artificial reef deployment to ensure the provision of habitats for altering marine eco-systems
		Jetty Foreshores to be a nature reserve from Coffs Creek to Sawtell
		Maintain and enhance vegetation corridors along waterways and coastal foreshores
		Use Innovative ways to beautify our waterways and promote natural corridors surrounding these areas
		Build greater understanding and

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		<p>acceptance of marine park values and management</p> <p>Appropriate management of marine resources / activities by agencies (eg. DPI, Marine Parks)</p> <p>Protection of coastal / riparian sensitive areas</p> <p>No more development in sensitive areas eg. Coastal / riparian zones</p>
LE2.2	We have active programs to restore our environment	<p>Education on catchment management in schools</p> <p>Plant native plants on nature strips</p> <p>Build partnerships to take advantage of funding opportunities</p> <p>Army used for environmental repair</p> <p>Create a community restoration program similar to Clean Up Australia</p> <p>Promote volunteer groups using Council equipment to clean up rubbish in State forests, beaches and rivers</p> <p>Undertake mapping of wildlife corridors / significant habitat</p> <p>Keep communities / schools informed of planning decisions</p> <p>Ecological restoration process in partnerships with schools, community and indigenous people</p> <p>Employ understanding of our history to ensure sustainable restoration</p> <p>Encourage community ownership and responsibility for resource use and management</p>
LE3.1	We are responsible in the use and management of our natural resources and work to reduce our ecological footprint	<p>Promote awareness of the community to reduce footprint</p> <p>Promote / reward sustainable land management / food and fibre production</p>

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		Restore stormwater paths to a more natural system
		Water reticulation
		Dual reticulation water to each house
		Timed taps in all public toilets, concessions for businesses that do this
		Waterless loos
		Compulsory installation of timers monitoring shower water usage
		Recognise stormwater as a resource to be safely managed and harvested
		Pump wastewater inland to dry environments (no ocean outfall)
		Remove pollutants from stormwater before allowing them to re-enter natural cycle
		Investigate harnessing water from storm events / floods to send inland to irrigate arable land or harvest for generation of power
		Where possible use waste as raw materials
		Reduce waste to landfill / increased recovery
		State of the art reuse centre developed
		Education campaign to reduce littering
		Promoting recycling in public areas and business and
		promoting the use of recycled materials
		Manufacturing items from waste
		Ensure health regulations maximise recyclable / bio-degradable opportunities
		No development along waterways
		Waste / closed cycle industrial communities
		Use recyclables for curb and guttering and local roads

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LE3.2	We are independent in our energy production and carbon neutral by using efficient, environmentally-friendly, renewable sources of power	<p>Clean energy</p> <p>Solar energy</p> <p>Wind farming</p> <p>Ocean Wave</p> <p>Methane / Waste</p> <p>Grids (local / self reliance for community energy, 90% target by 2030)</p> <p>All houses should be more energy efficient / rated to community standards</p> <p>All businesses should be more energy efficient/rated to a Council designated community standard</p> <p>Work with Country Energy to buy back locally produced energy</p> <p>Further development of energy storage technology</p> <p>Development of renewable energy generation</p> <p>Renewable sources of energy become sculptural / artistic elements in the city</p> <p>Council to fund promotion of clean energy and water efficiency initiatives</p> <p>Coffs Harbour to be test site for development of clean energy</p> <p>Encourage local industry to develop clean energy</p>



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