

# Creating our Future....

Welcoming ♥ Sustaining ♥ Enterprising

Central Coast: the Next Generation ....  
....creating a community where we  
think, plan, dream and play.

## A Welcoming 2020

THE FUTURE -- "That which is going to be welcome" (Indonesian)

Our community welcomes new ideas, and is willing to change.

We welcome diversity and encourage understanding between social groups.

More cultural events such as festivals are held in communities and there is more discussion in high schools - not just primary schools. We have a multicultural centre for arts, e.g. plays.

We welcome innovation and enterprise, and more tourism-based workers welcome visitors.

We are breaking down social barriers.

Schools help students learn about creating work rather than preparing for a job.

We have more, better-equipped hospitals and local health centres welcome patients.

Lively community centres provide information, education, and encourage community involvement.

We have decentralised transport to other parts of the Central Coast (coordinated solar shuttles and car pooling).

## A Sustaining 2020

We have a harmonious balance between the natural and built environment. You can see the natural beauty through the man-made landscape.

We are learning how to make less impact on the environment, and including this subject in the school curriculum.

We are learning new ways of conserving the environment and exploring how to use our natural resources to benefit our community, e.g. through carbon credit trading.

Government has a longer view and pays attention to real priorities - e.g. water supply

Government and Councils support use of renewable energy sources and are investing in sustainable development technologies. Councils pay plumbing costs for redirecting "grey" water.

Waste management practices have improved. We are

- cutting down on waste
- using biodegradable plastic bags
- charging for plastic bags and putting the proceeds back into environmental causes, also providing alternatives
- using refundable deposit soft-drink bottles.

Public transport is serving our network of villages, subsidised by levies on private transport. We are using battery and solar cars.

Trees are being planted everywhere (including for carbon credits)

There is more public park space.

We have a better health system, especially

- more investment to protect against infectious diseases
- medical centre in every suburb/community (decentralisation).

## An Enterprising 2020

The government is more involved in the future -- looking ahead, foresighting, thinking long term.

The government is helping out with solar energy ....giving incentives for people to use solar instead of fossil fuels, helping to develop our "green economy" including carbon credits.

Councils are more helpful in encouraging small business, including a simplified D/A process, especially for home-based businesses.

Diversity in small businesses has been encouraged -- e.g. IT, hydroponics, home based businesses, small business for services.

Schools now focus on practical skills, basic knowledge, problem solving skills.

People are learning to generate their own work, not just waiting for "a job".

A local code of ethical behaviour for businesses has been established and promoted.

We have seen a return to the "corner store": stimulating the economy from within. We have many community-based markets, and "Made in Australia" stores are thriving.

We are exploring adoption of a local currency scheme (LETS).

We have developed co-operatives, encouraging community participation.

Efficient public transport is reducing the need for private transport.