

## 'Living for the Future' Home Expo and Community Summit

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Advocating for longer life cycles of products in Australia
All products produced or imported have a sustainable life-cycle - enforced via legislation
Promoting local biodiversity by planting native vegetation
Reduced bureaucracy for approvals
Conduct a community skills/expertise audit
Improved services for aged people
Can we use vacant blocks in our streets to grow fruit trees and keep bee hives and chooks, run by residents?
Allow community to use the old railway station at South Murwillumbah
Approve a designated motorsport facility eg. Motocross track
Integrate solar into pool pumps etc
Education - sustainable products sell
Encourage people to put in as many sustainable solutions as possible eg. Composting, water tanks, solar etc
Encourage builders to use new technologies
Good habits eg. Switch light off when you leave, close the tap tight, use small amount of hot water for dishes etc
Educate our kids especially high schools
Set up a standalone electricity system for the Shire
Hold another household solar panel event. The last one was so successful, many of us missed out.
Run hot water systems on off peak to reduce demand on energy at peak times
Minimise workload to use less energy
Check government changes to putting electricity back into the grid (batteries & maintenance)
More info on 'off grid' and stand alone solar systems
Get rid of second fridge and freezer
Lighting - turn them off, sensor lighting, power saving devices
Everyone have solar. Everyone have LED lights. Look at electricity retailers to reduce costs.
Incentives/subsidies for solar panels, LED lighting
More info on workshops on organic gardening and composting of garden materials and kitchen scraps/waste
Be more flexible in trimming trees to allow sunlight on solar panels
Proper community consultation, not token gestures
Council to do more to consider sustainability when it selects products and services
Rates discount for sustainable houses
Shading over all windows (especially west facing)
2m side alignment set back not 600mm to promote breezes, micro-climates, privacy - Salt is a ghetto
Align new buildings north-facing
Build homes out of living and recycled materials. Promote thermal coupling to the earth to reduce carbon emissions from A/C
Make better use of natural light in homes
Open all windows and doors for cross winds to keep houses cool and get clean air through the house
Make a fund to help people incorporate more expensive technologies and material to make their new or existing homes more sustainable - and repayments made based on the saving predicted in energy etc

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Why aren't we recycling building [materials]?
Insulation
Hemp housing demo please - walls, insulation, bricks etc
Curtain/screens on windows help thermal efficiency
Off grid solar systems on all houses. Increase awareness around the little things that each person does that makes the big differences.
Sustainable workshops and people acting on their beliefs. Being encouraged by council, perhaps rates discount for sustainable housing
All homes should have stand alone systems, training & definitely not get rid of rebates
Incentives/subsidies to improve cooling/heating
Too many constraints in DCP to create sustainable solutions for people in a sustainable manner such as inability to implement retaining, budget constraints, infrastructure charges too expensive to release land at an affordable rate.
Promoting local industry through creative industries and youth engagement
Purchase high tech noise monitor as the English councils do
Increase registration and keeping fees for environmentally damaging animals such as cats and rabbits eg. \$100/yr
Consider insect control (mosquitoes)
Reduce the fire zones in rural areas to reduce the costs of building in the bush
Community Garden, Benson Street, Tweed Heads in park
More trees for clean air
Improved public transport such as light rail, walking and cycling trails, pedestrian precincts, computer-scheduled timetables
Better community services like walking and cycling trails. A water park at Jack Evans Boat Harbour.
Murwillumbah to Byron railway route walkway/bikeway
Better planning on what type of trees are planted in public areas to avoid unnecessary maintenance and removal
Can we have a subsidised system on our rates to have worm farms and compost bins
Council wet waste collection for community compost - good for apartment dwellers
Reed-based wastewater treatment systems, composting toilets
Please maintain the rebate on dual flush toilets for residential. We're paying enough in rates and subsidising others
Rebates for water efficient toilets, tanks, washing machines - all rating applicable
Promote water tanks
Great job at Kingscliff exercise area and new play area for children
Sustainability means ensuring a future for our children
Limit the height of neighbours garden growth so it doesn't block neighbours sunlight
Organic gardening is essential
Encourage the 'big' supermarkets to use solar
Regular events: monthly or quarterly