

A woman with reddish-brown hair, wearing sunglasses and a white tank top, is sitting on a sandy beach. She is holding a light-colored dog, possibly a Golden Retriever, which has its tongue out. The background shows the ocean with waves breaking under a clear blue sky. A dark green horizontal band is overlaid on the image, containing the text 'CHOOSING FUTURES - Section Two' in white, bold, sans-serif font.

CHOOSING FUTURES - Section Two

Choosing Futures - Thames-Coromandel

Choosing Futures - Thames-Coromandel describes the vision or aspirations the community has for the Thames-Coromandel District. This allows local communities to define what they think is good for their economic, social, cultural and environmental wellbeing at a District level and are an expression of what their values are:



Our communities are healthy, cohesive, caring and supportive.



Our local economies reflect the spirit of the Peninsula.



Our communities recognise and value the natural environment.



The diversity and character of our communities and the uniqueness of the Peninsula is a valued part of our lifestyle.



The needs of both local and visitor communities are met through sound planning, ahead of growth and development.



The Peninsula's long and rich history is valued and preserved.



The natural values of our coast and beaches are respected and enhanced.

Choosing Futures - Thames-Coromandel helps to promote better co-ordination and application of community resources and inform and guide priorities for activities undertaken by different organisations. It means that all groups can move in the same direction together to achieve results.

Choosing Futures is intended to inform the development of the Council's own planning by influencing decision-making, priorities and ultimately what is delivered. The Annual Report reflects on progress the Council has made towards achieving Choosing Futures - Thames-Coromandel in relation to its own activities.

Monitoring Our Success

Many groups are working hard to try to achieve our community aspirations. In order to know how much progress we are making, the Council, on behalf of the Thames-Coromandel communities, checks progress every three years. This enables the community to see how its going in working towards the achievement of its sought outcomes and where it might need to place more emphasis and effort.

Snapshot 2009 was completed two years ago and reports the progress made towards the District's aspirations to help ensure we are on the right track. We will know we are succeeding when these trends are moving in a positive direction - towards the future that the Thames-Coromandel has chosen.

There has been no further monitoring of Choosing Futures since Snapshot 2009. This report is available to view on our website and you can also refer to page 23 of our 2010/2011 Annual Report for these monitoring results.

New Requirements & Directions

Legislative changes in 2010 have placed a greater emphasis on the Council identifying *its own* intended contribution to ensuring the wellbeing of the District. We call these **Council Outcomes**¹. The Council will look to commence more monitoring of its own success in particular in the 2012/2013 year, the first year of the new 2012-2022 Ten Year Plan.

As outlined in Section One, when elected in October 2010, the new Council developed a fresh vision as its foundation and guiding principles for its three year term. This is further detailed in the 2012-2022 Ten Year Plan.

1 Council outcomes fulfill the requirements with the definition of community outcomes, as amended by legislation in 2010

