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INTRODUCTION

The Central Coast region is expected to grow by more than 49,078 people by 2046, according to the Central Coast Council Economic Development Strategy 2026-2030.

This substantial growth will require significant enabling infrastructure investment and the creation of over 12,500 new local jobs.

To respond to this demand, RDACC coordinated the development of an agreed list of priority infrastructure projects needed to create local jobs, drive further investment and assist in unlocking the full economic potential of our region.

Since the launch of the initial Central Coast Enabling Infrastructure Priority List in 2016, this RDACC initiative has attracted over \$2.5B in essential infrastructure funding for the Central Coast through collaborative advocacy efforts from all regional stakeholders.

In 2026, the RDACC committee endorsed the 2026 -2027 Central Coast Regional Enabling Infrastructure Priorities List that details nineteen significant enabling infrastructure projects that require funding and expedited delivery.

The projects contained in the priority list lay a strong foundation for further growth and investment that will directly assist in generating the required jobs and driving further enabling infrastructure investment within our region.

1. Gosford Waterfront Revitalisation Strategic Business Case Delivery

Development of a strategic business case to support Gosford's revitalisation through the delivery of a new waterfront precinct.

The project will position Gosford as a world-class destination by enhancing connectivity, accessibility and visitor appeal, while stimulating economic growth and investment across the city.

This transformative initiative will deliver a vibrant waterfront precinct featuring high-quality public spaces, tourism attractions and mixed-use development.

The NSW Government recently announced \$41 million to supercharge work on the revitalisation of the Gosford waterfront precinct.



2. Sparks Road Intersection Upgrade

Funding for Sparks Road intersection upgrades to address existing capacity constraints and safety risks.

The project will improve network efficiency and road safety, supporting the delivery of more than 2,200 new dwellings and enabling the development of approximately 40 hectares of employment land for commercial and industrial uses.

Cost: \$35.3 million



3. Gosford Station Upgrade Masterplan

Secure funding to develop a comprehensive business case for the Gosford Station Upgrade Masterplan.

Undertake integrated connectivity and access planning between Gosford Station, the university, and the health precinct to strengthen linkages and improve movement across these key destinations.

The masterplan will identify, assess, and prioritise essential transport, public domain, and supporting infrastructure projects required to enhance accessibility, support growth, and maximise the economic and social benefits of investment in these precincts.

With the launch of the High-Speed Rail development phase (2026-28) and a station located at Gosford, the station upgrade should align with the High-Speed Rail timeline.



4. Etna Street Bridge Widening (Gosford)

Support for Etna Street Gosford bridge widening, associated intersection upgrades, and pedestrian enhancements.

The Etna Street bridge widening project will address critical transport constraints by improving safety, accessibility, and overall network efficiency for all users by

- Increasing bridge capacity to reduce congestion and improve traffic flow.
- Enhancing emergency response times, particularly for access to the Gosford Hospital precinct.
- Support current and future residential growth in the surrounding catchment.
- Improve pedestrian safety and accessibility through upgraded intersections and active transport enhancements.
- Enable and stimulate economic activity by strengthening connectivity, freight movement, and access to key employment and service centres.

The project will deliver long-term transport, economic, and community benefits, aligning with regional growth objectives and supporting Gosford's role as a key service and employment hub.

Cost: \$40 million (includes Donnison Street bridge)



5. Adcock Park Sporting & Recreation Complex – Stage 2 Delivery

Support and funding for Stage 2 of the Adcock Park Sporting and Recreation Complex will deliver a comprehensive upgrade to regional sporting and community infrastructure. The project includes the construction of five new netball courts, the installation of competition-standard sports field lighting across the complex, and enhanced promenade lighting to improve safety and usability.

The proposal also provides for approximately 550 on-grade car parking spaces, new access and service roads, and upgraded footpaths, replacing the existing unsafe internal road network.

Collectively, these works will significantly improve the functionality and playability of all sporting fields, enhance accessibility and safety for users, and support the attraction of regional sporting events and tourism, generating broader economic and community benefits for the region.

Cost: \$32 million



6. Central Coast Airport Master Plan Delivery

Central Coast Council proposes to transform Warnervale Airport into a leading general aviation hub to support regional economic growth and investment. The project is expected to generate approximately 184 new aviation-related jobs and attract a total investment of approximately \$33.7 million.

The proposed development includes critical infrastructure upgrades—specifically lighting, sewer and electrical works—to support the expansion of Jack Grant Avenue and enable future airport growth.

This investment will position Warnervale Airport as a strategic aviation asset for the Central Coast, strengthening the region’s aviation capability, supporting industry expansion, and delivering long-term economic and employment benefits.

Cost: \$10 million (infrastructure upgrades)



7. Central Coast Regional Sporting & Recreation Complex – Stage 2 Delivery

Funding for Stage 2 of the Central Coast Regional Sporting & Recreation Complex (Tuggerah) will deliver a multi-purpose indoor facility supporting sport, recreation and major events.

The proposed development includes sports halls, associated amenities, administration offices and a grandstand. This investment will enhance the region's capacity to host tournaments and events, drive increased visitation, and generate broader economic and tourism benefits for the Central Coast.

Cost: \$48 million



8. Gosford Pedestrian & Active Transport Railway Overpass Bridge

The Gosford Hospital and University Clinical School and Research Institute development is a strategic opportunity to strengthen Gosford as a regional healthcare, education, and innovation hub. A proposed pedestrian and active transport bridge linking the hospital precinct to Mann Street will deliver safe, direct connectivity to the city centre, supporting staff, patients, and students. Aligned with NSW planning frameworks, the project will enhance accessibility, encourage active transport, and drive urban activation and economic growth.



9. Motorway Interchange, Wallarah Link Road

Provide a new northbound on-ramp and southbound off-ramp to the M1 Motorway at Wallarah to improve access for the growing northern Central Coast, including Doyalson, Lake Munmorah, Chain Valley Bay and the former Colongra Power Station site.

The interchange would reduce travel times, improve freight efficiency and enhance connectivity to key employment and growth areas, supporting housing delivery and regional economic development.

The project was identified as future works in the Environmental Assessment for the M1 widening between Wyong Road and the Doyalson Link (completed in 2019) and would build on previous investment to ensure infrastructure keeps pace with growth.



10. Rawson Road Level Crossing Replacement & Intersection Upgrade

The replacement of the railway level crossing at the intersection of Rawson Road and Railway Street represents a critical infrastructure investment to address persistent safety risks and significant traffic inefficiencies at this key transport node.

Accelerated planning approval and funding allocation are required to enable timely delivery of the proposed upgrade works and associated safety improvements. These works will substantially reduce congestion, improve traffic reliability, and enhance rail operations across the Woy Woy Peninsula.

The project will remove a major network bottleneck, improve traffic flow, and deliver measurable improvements in rail and road safety, providing long-term economic and community benefits for the Peninsula.



11. Transport Oriented Developments (TOD) located in Wyong, Tuggerah, Gosford & Woy Woy Delivery

Prioritise infrastructure investment at transport-oriented developments (TODs) in Gosford, Wyong, Tuggerah and Woy Woy.

The TOD Program presents a strategic opportunity for the Central Coast to deliver higher-density, mixed-use development aligned with existing rail and transport hubs. Targeted investment will significantly increase housing supply, support the achievement of affordable housing targets, and stimulate the creation of vibrant, economically resilient urban centres.

By concentrating growth around transport nodes, the program will improve connectivity between housing, employment and services, reduce car dependency and commuter congestion, and limit urban sprawl. This approach enhances liveability while enabling more efficient use of existing infrastructure.

Overall, prioritising TOD infrastructure will support sustainable population growth, drive local economic activity, and deliver long-term social, environmental and economic benefits for the Central Coast.



12. Warnervale Business Precinct Masterplan Delivery

The Warnervale Business Precinct comprises a significant area of undeveloped land with strong potential to support long-term economic growth and employment generation for the expanding Central Coast community. Its strategic location adjacent to major industrial and transport infrastructure—including direct access to the M1 motorway and proximity to Warnervale Train Station—positions the precinct as a highly accessible employment hub with regional connectivity to Wyong, Gosford, Sydney, and Newcastle.

The development of a comprehensive Warnervale Business Precinct Masterplan will provide a coordinated framework to guide future land use, infrastructure delivery, and staged development. The masterplan will aim to attract a diverse range of businesses, support job creation, and enable efficient integration with existing transport and servicing networks.

To progress the masterplan, funding is required to undertake critical due diligence studies, including planning, environmental, infrastructure, and market assessments. These studies will support land subdivision, de-risk future investment, and facilitate business relocation and expansion opportunities, ultimately enabling the precinct to be developed in a structured, sustainable, and market-responsive manner.

Cost: \$2.5 million



13. Warnervale to Wyong Link Road Delivery

The Central Coast Regional Plan 2041 identifies Warnervale as a key regional growth centre. Consistent with the Central Coast Regional Transport Plan, the proposed Link Road will connect the Pacific Highway at Wyong to Albert Warner Drive at Warnervale, supporting planned residential growth and expanding employment lands across Wyong, Warnervale and Tuggerah.

The extension of Pacific Highway widening north of Wyong will further improve connectivity to key employment zones, reduce travel times and support the forecast population growth of 64,000 additional residents by 2046.



14. Bushells Ridge Intermodal Transport Hub

The Bushells Ridge Intermodal Transport Hub represents a strategic freight and logistics investment that will unlock approximately 230 hectares of employment land for industrial development, supporting supply chain efficiency and positioning the region as a key logistics node. The project has the potential to generate more than 11,500 direct and indirect jobs, delivering significant economic growth and long-term regional benefits.



15. Gosford Education & Employment Precinct

The Gosford Education and Employment Precinct is a strategic revitalisation initiative designed to reposition the Gosford CBD as a Central Coast hub for knowledge, innovation and employment growth. Anchored by the new University of Newcastle Campus and the Gosford Regional Library, the precinct brings together education, health and transit-oriented development to stimulate investment, attract skilled workers and support sustainable economic growth. By clustering complementary uses in a central, well-connected location, the precinct is expected to generate local jobs, strengthen workforce pathways and enhance the long-term productivity and liveability of the Gosford CBD.

The University of Newcastle have also secured 49 – 51 Mann Street Gosford for 127 student beds in single and cluster apartments. It will also include space for integrated teaching and support services, including the Wollotuka Institute, Student Association & multipurpose event room.



16. Food Manufacturing Innovation Hub

The Central Coast Food Manufacturing Innovation Hub is a purpose-built facility designed to support growth, innovation and capability development within the region's food and beverage manufacturing sector. The Hub will provide access to pilot-scale production, research and development opportunities, and training pathways to assist businesses to test, refine and scale new products.

Additional funding is required to complete the training room component of the Hub. Completion of this space is necessary to enable structured training delivery, industry engagement and workforce development activity within the facility.



17. High Speed Rail (Newcastle – Sydney Link)

High Speed Rail – Sydney to Newcastle Link: A strategic infrastructure investment to significantly reduce travel times for commuters and visitors, improve regional connectivity, and unlock long-term housing supply, workforce mobility, and business growth opportunities along the corridor

Travelling up to 320km/hr it will take 30 minutes from Gosford to Sydney or Newcastle. Development Phase will end April 2028.

Cost: \$93 billion



18. Central Coast Film Studios (Calga)

Central Coast Film Studios at Calga represents a major strategic investment in Australia's screen and creative industries. The project will foster local creative talent, attract national and international film and television productions, and deliver significant economic benefits to the region. It is anticipated to generate up to 4,000 direct and indirect jobs across production, education, tourism, and supporting industries.

Funding is sought as a contribution towards the development of the education, exhibition, and performance precinct, which will underpin workforce development, industry capability building, and community engagement. This precinct will play a critical role in ensuring long-term sustainability of the studios while maximising economic, cultural, and social returns for the Central Coast and New South Wales.

Cost: \$230 million



19. Mountain Road Intersection Upgrade & Required Services Delivery

Proposed development on and adjacent to Mountain Road, Halloran presents a significant opportunity to drive regional economic growth and deliver substantial employment outcomes in response to the area's projected population expansion.

At present, more than 100 hectares within the Mountain Road precinct remains constrained due to critical infrastructure limitations. Advancement of this land is contingent on targeted infrastructure investment, including upgrades to the Sparks Road and Mountain Road intersection, and the provision of essential sewer and water services. Addressing these constraints would unlock the precinct's development potential and enable staged, sustainable growth.

