



Karla wants to keep the Coast golden



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former ironwoman Karla Gilbert wants her three-month-old daughter Ella James to enjoy the Gold Coast when she grows up.

Ella's Bold Future

FORMER ironwoman champion Karla Gilbert believes her three-month-old daughter, Ella, is the future of the Gold Coast.

She wants to make sure Ella will enjoy all the Coast can provide by having her say on the council's Bold Future initiative.

The former world No. 1 said her daughter deserved to have every opportunity to enjoy the Coast's fabulous beaches and green spaces.

"I grew up here and I would like to see it remain much the same for Ella," she said.

The Bold Future surveys and forums cover nine key elements –

energy, beaches, culture, the economy, water, environment, transportation, the community, and land use.

The council will use the data to put together a 30-year blueprint for the city which will be unveiled later this year.

Ms Gilbert, who held the top ironwoman title for four years, said the Coast needed to stay on top as a tourist destination.

"The council are doing a great job so far, but we really have to preserve what attracts the people, and that's the beaches," she said.

"Hopefully we can keep the beaches clean with no sewerage outlets, and try to make people

realise it is everyone's responsibility to lend a hand."

"It would be terrible to have high rises all the way from Currumbin to Surfers."

She said people should tell the council what they wanted in the future by completing the survey or attending one of the forums.

The council is visiting parks this month with the surveys.

It will be at a skateboarding workshop at Arthur Earle Park in Nerang between 2pm and 4pm on Tuesday; Mitchell Park in Southport between 9am and 12pm on Wednesday, and at the Australia Day celebrations in Evandale between 8am and 3pm on January 26.