



Blueprint gives GC direction

THE future blueprint of the Gold Coast was launched yesterday with a promise it would provide direction for our booming population.

Despite criticism from former deputy mayor David Power that the Bold Futures strategy had been rushed, Mayor Ron Clarke said he believed it was crucial to have a new operational framework.

Cr Clarke denied the Bold Futures, aimed at developing a planning and environmental blueprint until at least 2037, was 'empty rhetoric'.

"That's been the fear of some and I plan to make sure it doesn't happen like that, because we need better direction for the city in terms of planning and providing the adequate infrastructure needs to cater for the doubling of the current population," said Cr Clarke.

Bold Futures will determine the make-up of council's corporate plan.

There will be a 12-month consultation period and Cr Clarke has asked all residents to go online and give their feedback.

Goldsteins bakeries founder Frank Goldstein said he supported a shift toward a greener future.

"Of course transport and infrastructure are important for the growth of the city. There wasn't even a single high rise when I holidayed here as a kid in the 1940s but now you look out and it looks like Miami," he said.