

CoastFest Aims and Objectives

The role of the CoastFest Inc organization is to facilitate a yearly Festival which will take place on the Central Coast of NSW.

The Event will be primarily a music Festival and will encourage "non-mainstream" genres, such as Traditional Folk, World Music, Blues and Roots, as well as Alternative, Fusion and Contemporary Acoustic Music. The Festival will also be a celebration of the Art & Culture of the Central Coast and will include, dance, theatre, visual arts and crafts. It will also encourage participation by various cultural and community groups who will be able to demonstrate and share their skills, customs, beliefs and modes of spirituality, both during the festival and throughout the planning process.

The Festival will also be a celebration of the place where we live, home of the Darkinjung people and the "Land of Whale Dreaming". The Festival will promote a sustainable future for the Central Coast and its people by encouraging the participation of environmental and conservation groups and speakers in our "EcoFest" area.

The Festival will be "not for profit", however it will be managed so as to be financially sustainable, and able to cover costs, expenses and future development.

We will endeavour to implement systems and policies to run the organization and the Festival using principle which lessen the impact we have on our environment. During EcoFest and throughout the festival itself we will strive to demonstrate and encourage the sharing of knowledge, ideas, information and techniques which ensures a sustainable future for the people of the Central Coast.

CoastFest will be more than a traditional "Folk Festival", and it will evolve as time goes by. It will be for all of the people who come to it and make it what it is. It will be created by, and as a celebration for, the people of the Central Coast. Part of the aim of the organization will be to develop a new sense of community, through participation and interaction, and to be inclusive rather than exclusive.

Much emphasis will be given to community

involvement in the planning process itself, the Festival should then be seen as a culmination of community endeavour and collaboration. The primary theme for CoastFest is Unity, Community, Family & Diversity, it demonstrates that we can all come together to celebrate our differences. As individuals, families, or community groups, with different skills, ideas and beliefs we can come together and learn from each other, while having a great time and create something special and unique for the people of the Central Coast.