

FUTURE NOW

The way we live now is creating our future. Would you like to explore how?

We have increasing environmental and climate change challenges in Australia. The good news is we have solutions. The *Future Now* exhibition has models showing how people in Australia are helping to make our places easier, healthier, safer and more fun to live in.

SMART TOWNS

- 1 Can you find two ways in this model to make clean energy?
- 2 There is a school in the model – can you see what is going on there to connect up to nature?
- 3 We can get some pretty extreme weather here in Australia. Can you find a good place to take shelter in this town?
- 4 All the vehicles in this model are electric. How many different sorts can you find? Which would you most like to travel in? How much noise do you think it would make?
- 5 How many different types of garden can you find?
Hint: they are not all on the ground!
- 6 Can you find a road that turns sunlight into energy?



CARING FOR OUR COUNTRY

- 1 Looking after the land, waterways, skies, plants and animals is an important job for all of us. Can you find something in this model that you would like to do to care for our country?
- 2 Pollinators are animals that move pollen from one flower or plant to another. Bees, bats, birds and butterflies are all pollinators! Pollinators help plants grow and multiply. How many different pollinators can you find in the models?
- 3 Australia is a country that has both floods and droughts. Saving rainwater helps to manage through dry times. Can you find a good place for a family to store rainwater?
- 4 How many different creatures can you find living in the waterways? How do you think climate change could affect their habitat?



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- 5 Can you see the families gathered for a cultural burn in the forest? They are taking special care of their Country by cleaning up the old leaves with a low, gentle fire. This gets rid of the dry leaves that would feed a big, fierce fire. Can you guess which time of year the burning is taking place? (There's a clue in clothes!)
- 6 Electric vehicles give us cleaner air. They can charge for free from solar panels, can go fast and don't make noise or smell. Can you find an electric vehicle that a farmer might use?



CLEVER HOMES

- 1 Cats can live happily without roaming around outside – it is safe for them, and it protects native birds and animals from being eaten. Can you find a fun, secure outdoor place for a cat to play?
- 2 Can you find herbs and berries growing indoors? Peek through the windows to see what's inside!
- 3 We have 1,700 species of native bees in Australia! They help pollinate flowers and keep our plants healthy. Can you find a place for bees to live?
- 4 Can you find a 'chicken tractor' that can be moved around to help keep the lawns trimmed? What else might chickens help us with?
- 5 How many of this Clever Home's features do you have in your home? They could be things that help you live well with nature, create less waste or produce less pollution.



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