



## A bright city for the Coast's new era

**This month, our region celebrates the 50th anniversary of the naming of the Sunshine Coast and the community's transformation over the past five decades.**

The Coast is as beautiful as it ever was but is now home to more than 300,000 people and visited by millions of tourists each year.

The growth we have experienced since 1967 has been impressive and the Sunshine Coast is now the tenth-largest urban area in Australia.

Today, thanks to the vision and actions of the Sunshine Coast Regional Council and the establishment of SunCentral to drive the project forward, we are on our way to creating a vibrant, 21st Century CBD for the whole Coast here in Maroochydore.

Work on the site is progressing well, as our contractors install utility networks and build new roads, waterways and public spaces.

Construction of the first buildings will begin in 2018 and I will soon be able to announce some exciting news about that crucial stage of the project.

For now, I'd like to note some other recent developments in our region which will play a big part in the future success of the new CBD.

Council's new solar farm at Valdora went live in July, producing power to offset the electricity used for street lighting, council buildings and community facilities, including those in the future Maroochydore city centre.

Council's proposal to connect the region to the global communications network via a sub-sea broadband cable is also progressing well and will make the CBD a magnet for finance, digital developers and other online businesses.

Public transport is heading into a new era too, with plans in place for light rail to unlock the full potential of Maroochydore and other key coastal centres.

And construction on the airport expansion also begins this year, with a new runway to allow direct flights from Asia and the Pacific by 2020.

The Sunshine Coast's future has never looked brighter. The next 50 years will be even more remarkable than the last and our new CBD will be at the heart of it all.

You can find more information about the Maroochydore city centre project at [maroochydore-city.com.au](http://maroochydore-city.com.au) and [facebook.com/thebrightcity](https://facebook.com/thebrightcity).

As always, if you have any questions about the new CBD, you are welcome to get in touch with our team by phoning 07 5452 7274 or emailing [admin@suncentralmaroochydore.com.au](mailto:admin@suncentralmaroochydore.com.au).

Kind regards,

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