



\$ Vote of confidence from local businesses in new city centre

While much of the building work on the new Maroochydore CBD has, to date, focused on underground infrastructure, 2018 rewarded us with the chance to see our city centre begin to grow above ground.

In recent months, the first streets of the future CBD as well as walkways and bikeways have been paved and a 2800m² public square has been built, bringing shape and form to our urban landscape.

Extensive landscaping has created tree-lined boulevards and earth works have started on the first section of the central waterway, which promises to be a striking feature of the future CBD, with water-edge al fresco dining and retail outlets.

We expect to be able to open Stage 1A to the community shortly, revealing the scope and scale of the 53-hectare development to the people of the Sunshine Coast region who will be living, working and relaxing in the 24/7 city centre.

Stage 1A is a vital step, not only for the 20-year project of building a new CBD but also for the development of the existing and adjoining Maroochydore commercial area.

In addition, the careful staging of the project over two decades is important, both for its scale and for building the region's reputation as a place to grow businesses and locate employees going forward.

The recent announcement that a new subsea international broadband cable would link to a landing station on the eastern edge of the future CBD has taken our exciting development to a new level, promising to trigger additional business, innovation and tourism investment for the Sunshine Coast region. The cable is expected to be installed by 2020.

While 2018 has been a significant milestone in the creation of the future CBD, next year promises to deliver even more.

Construction work will begin on the first buildings, including an eight-storey commercial office block by development firm Evans Long, as well more than 150 residential apartments and Small Office Home Office' (SOHO) townhomes by Habitat Development Group.

It is particularly encouraging the first early movers into the new CBD are commercial and mixed-use developers from the Sunshine Coast, reflecting a genuine local pride in the way our region is growing.

You can learn more about the project at Maroochydore-city.com.au or Facebook.com/thebrightcity and, as always, you are welcome to contact us on 5452 7274 or email admin@suncentralmaroochydore.com.au if you have any questions.

On behalf of the team at SunCentral, I would like to thank you for your continued interest in the development of our future CBD. As we count down to the festive season, we wish you a very Merry Christmas and a safe, happy and prosperous 2019.

Kind regards,



John Knaggs Chief Executive Officer

