

Our CBD will be built on strong foundations

Another major milestone for Maroochydore's new Central Business District has been passed with the completion of bulk earthworks for Stage 1 of the project.

More than 100,000 tonnes of earth has been moved since work began earlier this year – a job well done by Shadforths Civil Contractors.

Underground, around 330 metres of sewers have been laid and a high-voltage transmission line has been re-aligned.

The civil works for Stage 1 of the project will begin in the new year, including construction of new roads, parkland, a striking central waterway and other essential infrastructure. Outside the site, the works for two new intersections in Maud Street (with Dalby Street and Bungama Street) will start in December.

The CBD will become the beating commercial heart of the Sunshine Coast – creating more than 30,000 permanent new jobs by 2040 – so it's essential its laid on solid physical foundations.

The CBD's economic foundations are looking great too.

Infrastructure projects are taking off across the region and confidence in the future of the Sunshine Coast, and especially Maroochydore, is growing strongly.

Unemployment is at just 4.7 per cent (well below the state average) and both residential and commercial real estate agents are reporting healthy demand in Maroochydore.

The outlook for local business is very positive, especially when you consider the wave of young entrepreneurs the region is producing.

SunCentral will make the CBD a hub for innovation and start-ups and, to demonstrate its commitment, it sponsored this year's Young Entrepreneur of the Year category at the Sunshine Coast Business Awards.

The winner, Daniel Proctor, has all the qualities SunCentral wants to foster on the Coast.

The 22-year-old trained for almost three years to become an aviation engineer but began to look at other careers when Qantas started reducing its workforce.

After many months of research, he decided to launch a new discount card aimed at students on the Sunshine Coast. Two years on, his Wow Card has 50,000 users across Queensland and offers great deals from 250 advertisers.

Not only that, Daniel has also set up his own printing arm and a creative agency to support many of the businesses he signed up. Wow indeed!

With innovative, ambitious and smart young people like Daniel on the Sunshine Coast, the future looks very bright.

I'll provide a final update for 2016 before Christmas but, in the meantime, please feel welcome to contact us on (07) 5452 7274 or email admin@ suncentralmaroochydore.com.au if you have any questions or would like more information about the Maroochydore City Centre project.



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