

Urban vision is becoming a reality

Construction of the new Maroochydore CBD is proceeding at a scorching pace as we enter the last quarter of 2017.

Anyone who has visited the northern end of the site in recent weeks could not have failed to be impressed by the dramatic transformation that is occurring.

A fleet of excavators and trucks are in constant motion throughout each work day as the underground infrastructure of the new city centre is constructed.

The results of their work are clear to see at ground level, but it's only from the air that you appreciate the full scale of the site and the progress made so far.

Recent footage has been posted on our Facebook page (go to facebook.com/thebrightcity) which reveals the extent of work on Stage 1 of the project.

It clearly shows the outline of the CBD's network of roads and the huge excavation operation that is underway as our contractor lays 2km of stormwater drains, 3km of sewerage infrastructure and the first stage of the underground waste collection system.

After years of careful planning, it is exciting for everyone involved in the CBD project to see the urban vision steadily becoming a reality.

And the news is just as positive away from the construction site.

Detailed negotiations are continuing between SunCentral, John Holland Group, Sunshine Coast Regional Council and the University of the Sunshine Coast over the proposed development of five 'super lots' in the core commercial precinct of the new city centre.

John Holland Group is a firm believer in the region's potential and economic news over the past month has fully justified its optimism.

More than 11,500 new jobs were created on the Sunshine Coast in the last year, with construction alone generating 6,400 new jobs.

Sunshine Coast building approvals are also at their highest level in eight years, with council issuing \$1.72bn in approvals in 2016/17.

Meanwhile, more international travellers are visiting the Sunshine Coast. Almost 300,000 visited the region in the year to June, an increase of 11.6 per cent on the previous year and far ahead of both the state-wide and national increases in overseas tourism.

Confidence on the Coast is soaring and it's easy to see why.

Our future is bold and bright and the new CBD will be at the heart of it all.

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

Kind regards,

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