

AUSTRALIA'S SUNSHINE COAST

AVIATION AND AEROSPACE INDUSTRY

Where smart businesses
are taking off

*Two growing
industry precincts*

*Established cluster of
leading-edge companies*

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Be part of an aviation and aerospace industry that is really taking off

The Sunshine Coast region provides exciting and diverse opportunities in the Australasian aviation and aerospace market and is already home to a thriving aviation industry. Expansion of the Sunshine Coast Airport will deliver new infrastructure and facilities enabling enhanced domestic and international flights to the region and facilitating new freight capabilities with more direct access to global markets.

Image: Sunshine Coast Aerospace Precinct (SCAP) concept



Why the Sunshine Coast?

Sunshine Coast Airport (SCA) welcomes almost 1.3 million passengers annually, with direct flights to Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide and Auckland.

The expansion project will open the Sunshine Coast up to the world, unlocking more tourism opportunities and new international trade prospects. It will provide a springboard for businesses to export their products and services to markets faster and more efficiently.

The new runway will also enable direct access to new markets in Asia, the Pacific and other locations in Australia, with direct flights to and from the Sunshine Coast.

Aviation-related industries on the Sunshine Coast

- Licensed maintenance, engineering and overhaul facilities
- Pilot training and education institutes
- Charter flights
- Ground handling services
- Freight operators
- Aircraft sales
- Emergency services

“The Sunshine Coast is in the right place at the right time. (It has an) innovative self-starting streak, coupled with a broader knowledge sector.

By the measure of every other comparable city on the Australian continent, this place is entrepreneurial, it is bizarrely entrepreneurial.”

Bernard Salt, leading demographer, April 2019

Demand for aviation and aerospace leaders

- The region has two key aviation and aerospace precincts providing a unique competitive advantage of complementary investment opportunities.
- Sunshine Coast Airport (SCA) is one of Australia's leading regional airports and a focal point for passenger traffic and medium to larger scale businesses.
- SCA provides prime airside and landside sites for aviation-related businesses as well as world class facilities and best practice infrastructure solutions.
- Substantial opportunities exist at SCA to develop domestic and international flight services as well as aviation and aerospace industries.
- Caloundra Aerodrome accommodates a diverse range of highly rated businesses, catering for the needs of light aircraft operations on the Sunshine Coast.

Fast facts

\$4.1 billion

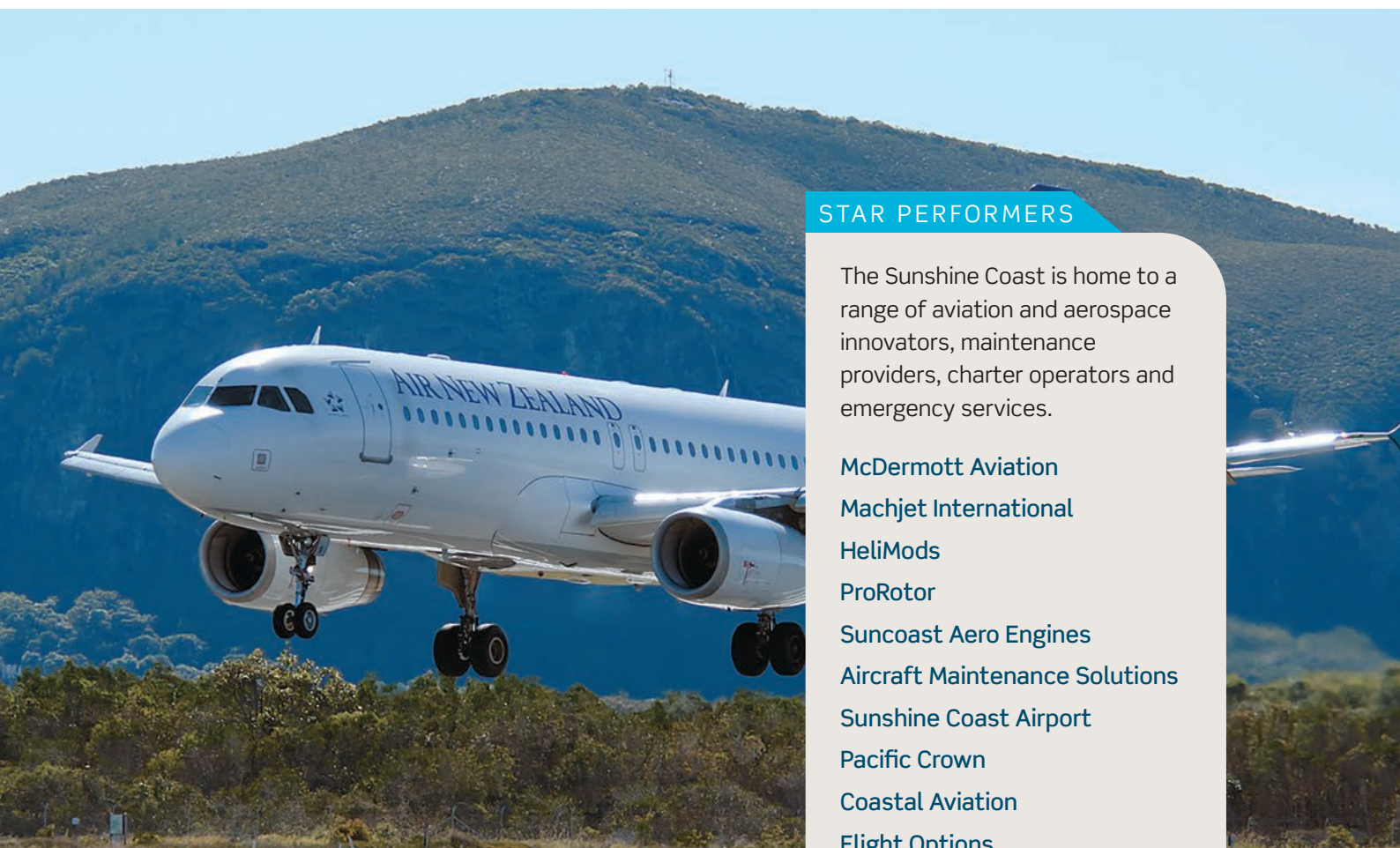
contribution to regional economy from airport expansion

\$100 million (est)

gross value add of Sunshine Coast aviation industry

\$56.3 million

in industry exports



STAR PERFORMERS

The Sunshine Coast is home to a range of aviation and aerospace innovators, maintenance providers, charter operators and emergency services.

McDermott Aviation

Machjet International

HeliMods

ProRotor

Suncoast Aero Engines

Aircraft Maintenance Solutions

Sunshine Coast Airport

Pacific Crown

Coastal Aviation

Flight Options

Airways Aviation

Atlass-Aerometrex

Emerging opportunities

Key capital investment projects are changing the face of the Sunshine Coast and paving the way for a stronger economy.

Engineering, maintenance and manufacturing

Harnessing technologies in advanced aerospace engineering, maintenance repair and overhaul (MRO), and building on the region's notable cluster of rotary and fixed wing general aviation capabilities to provide for a future regional hub.

Training

Targeted development to build on an existing foundation of pilot and engineering training. Regional advantages offer great potential for expansion and development in these sectors.

Passenger services

Growth in regular passenger transport, charter services and next evolution of fly-in fly-out to enhance connectivity and deliver broad based economic benefit.



Flight Options

Flight Options is a fast-growing advanced flight training provider which operates from a state-of-the-art training and simulator centre located with airside access at Sunshine Coast Airport.

The complex houses two independent simulator bays, classrooms, debriefing rooms, station and procedural trainers.

Flight Options services military and commercial customers and partners with CQUniversity to provide practical flight training for its students.

“Since establishing our aviation interests on the Sunshine Coast over 20 years ago, we are working to further develop a flight simulator and training facility equal or better to anything found anywhere in the world. The Sunshine Coast is an ideal location to achieve this.”

Steve Padgett, Managing Director

Sunshine Coast Airport

Sunshine Coast Airport is the gateway to the Sunshine Coast region and a pivotal point of access to South East Queensland. The airport welcomed almost 1.3 million passengers in 2018-2019, with an annual growth rate of 5.7% year on year. Sunshine Coast Airport is one of the fastest-growing airports in Australia and is ranked as the nation's 14th busiest airport for passenger movements for the year ended October 2019. (BITRE, 2019)

The airport is being expanded to deliver direct access to the region from more Australian and international destinations. Construction of a new 2.45km runway, apron expansion and related infrastructure is expected to be delivered in late 2020.

The Airport Master Plan 2040 sets out a blueprint for how the airport will be developed and operated over the next 20 years, including new precincts for aviation, commercial opportunities, freight and ancillary development, as well as terminal expansion, improved ground transport access and economic development.



Investment opportunities



- Flexible airside sites are available for maintenance and repair organisations, hangarage or other aviation support industries.
- Landside sites are available for aviation training and other aviation support industries.
- Sites are now available for long-term lease, with flexibility in block size.

Aviation development opportunities

Sunshine Coast Airport provides prime airside and landside development opportunities for smart and innovative aviation-related businesses.

Airside sites suitable for up to B737 or A320 aircraft and land side are now available.



Caloundra Aerodrome

The Caloundra Aerodrome is a key complementary aviation asset and supports general aviation activity with around 40,000 movements of aircraft and helicopters each year. The aerodrome primarily caters for the needs of light aircraft operations on the Sunshine Coast.

The aerodrome is a vital cog in South East Queensland's general aviation network and offers the potential to play an important role in the industry's development in the region.

Under the current master plan developed to guide its evolution, Caloundra Aerodrome will provide the opportunity to attract traditional general and recreational aviation businesses plus high value niche businesses complementing the existing industry cluster.

The site is approximately 145 hectares and includes two sealed runways: runway 05/23 and runway 12/30, both 795m long and 18m wide.



STAR PERFORMER

HeliMods

HeliMods services the global helicopter market from a world class, purpose-built facility at Caloundra Airport.

The company uses cutting edge technologies to transform helicopters to take on special missions like firefighting, law enforcement, and medical rescue.

A true innovator, HeliMods is creating a digital factory of the future through a full industry 4.0 transformation, including extensive use of artificial intelligence, robotics and advanced human-machine interface.

The company was awarded an important defence industry contract in 2017 to manufacture equipment for use in the Australian Navy's MH-60R Seahawk Romeo helicopter fleet. Its Powered Aero Loaders™ are installed into Ornge Canada's fleet of AW139 helicopters, the world's largest fleet of advanced emergency medical helicopters.

HeliMods has won many awards, including the Regional Export Award at the 2019 Premier of Queensland Export Awards.

"I believe the Sunshine Coast is capable of hosting the most advanced and technology intensive industries in the world.

I also believe innovative and progressive companies that choose to invest in this region will gain an enduring and increasing competitive advantage over their city-only counterparts."

Will Shrapnel, Founder and Managing Director

SUNSHINE COAST BUSINESS SNAPSHOT

Population growth

- One of the largest local government areas in Australia with a population of 330,000 and has averaged 2.7% annual growth over the last decade, making it one of the fastest growing areas in the nation. (ABS, 2018)
- Population expected to grow to 518,000 people by 2041. (QGSO, 2018; ABS, 2018)
- A wider service catchment of 1.2 million people. (DESE, 2020)

Educated workforce

- Quality education sector with award-winning universities, a multi-campus vocational training institute, more than 100 Registered Training Organisations and more than 80 private and public schools.
- A highly educated workforce, with the region's population holding a higher level of post-secondary school qualifications than the state average and more than 83,500 students studying locally.

Lower operating costs

- More affordable industrial land prices – between 36-84% lower than other Australian capital cities on the eastern seaboard.
- Lower prices for commercial office space – almost 50% lower than Brisbane CBD costs.
- Lowest basic flat payroll tax rate of any Australian state or territory.

Prime location

- The Sunshine Coast Airport is being expanded to deliver direct access to the region from more Australian and international destinations, with completion expected by late 2020.
- The Sunshine Coast is just over one hour by road from Brisbane, the state capital.
- Excellent access to national and international air and sea ports, including Sunshine Coast Airport, Brisbane International Airport and the Port of Brisbane, along with direct access to national road and rail networks.

Export opportunities

- Positioning the region as a competitive source of high demand goods and services to increase investment, employment, infrastructure and community prosperity.
- Sunshine Coast International Business Development program provides collaboration and market opportunities.



FUTURE-PROOFING WITH FAST DATA

The Sunshine Coast International Broadband Network will provide Australia's fastest and most affordable telecommunications connection to Asia from the east coast and the second fastest to the United States.

With future-proof capability, the new cable will increase data transmission speed, reduce risk and lead to a reduction in international communication costs for business and consumers.

The cable will be in service from 2020, making the Sunshine Coast the ideal Australian location for domestic and global operators.

THE FUTURE IS HERE

The Sunshine Coast is building a new economy based on a clear 20-year economic plan, which aims to double Gross Regional Product (GRP) and high-value employment opportunities.

Goals for 2033

- A\$33 billion economy
- 100,000 employment opportunities in high-value industries
- 20% of goods and services produced for export outside the region
- Household income levels above the state average

Sunshine Coast Council welcomes and supports the growth of local businesses and the establishment of new ones in the region.

- Talk to a specialist for site selection assistance and relocation advice.
- Ask for connections with government and industry bodies and access international market information.
- Access a wide array of information online, including local success stories, programs available to local businesses and the latest in local industry news.



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