Sunshine Coast Council

Investment Attraction Greg Laverty Group Executive Economic & Community Development



Where we have come from...

to where we hope to go

2013* A \$13.8 billion

economy

High value industries provide **59,000** employment opportunities

13.6% of goods and services produced for export outside the region

Household income levels 22.3% below the State average

2017/18 estimate A \$17.3 billion

economy

High value industries provide **74,693** employment opportunities

16.4% of goods and services produced
for export outside
the region
Household income levels
9.1% below the

State average

2022/23 A \$20.9 billion economy High value industries provide 91,847

employment opportunities

18% of goods and services produced for export outside the region

Household income levels 4.8% below the state average

2033 Aspiration A \$33 billion economy High value industries provide 100,000 employment opportunities

20% of goods and services produced for export outside the region

Regional household income levels to **exceed Queensland household income levels**

More specifically – how are we travelling in the "business" investment space

Since founding Invest Sunshine Coast in 2014, Council has claimed investment support to business that has delivered a Total Economic Impact (direct and indirect) of \$5.3bn and 23,939 new FTE jobs

Service	Target 2022/23	Actual 2022/23	Result 2022/23
Economic Impact	\$250 million	\$388.96 million	+55.6% above target
New FTEs	1500 jobs	1897 jobs	+26.5% above target

Note: figures are claimed via a comprehensive process and supported where appropriate with public statements for clients.

These figure are for the Economic Development branch and therefore include both Investment Attraction Unit activities and those of the Major Event Unit.



Some highlights from 2023/24



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MANAGING DIRECTOR - GENPACT

A few challenges



The investment sales funnel

But we remain optimistic – with a strong population growth and business investment pipeline to support







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Council investments

Business investment aside, Council continues to invest significantly in community infrastructure







In the pipeline: Caloundra Aerodrome and 50 First Avenue

- **♦ 20% weighting for local business suppliers in procurement**
- \$89.2 million of total available purchasing spend for the second quarter of 2023/24 went to local businesses







Focus areas for council

- Sunshine Coast International Broadband Network Leverage Program
- Internationally Branded Full-Service Hotel Investment Action Plan
- International and Trade Action Plan and Implementation

Key priorities going forward

with State Government







Hotels

Establishment of a State Government Accommodation Development Fund to drive hotel investments

Manufacturing

Funding for an Advanced Manufacturing Demonstrator Hub Turbine

Funding for the 'Turbine' project Innovation

Funding for an Innovation Precinct

How to proceed from here

- Sunshine Coast Regional Economic Development Strategy to 2033 and we remain committed to the aspirational goals
- Success has always been in the execution
- Execution can only be improved with more alignment of industry and government
- We always want to hear more on how we (Council) can work with industry, but still fulfill the roles council is entrusted by the community to deliver
- I welcome your feedback and engagement with the Economic Development team – please reach out to Chris or myself to have that discussion



Thanks for your time



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