

## Sunshine Coast Council Development Indicators 2013

### Annual Snap Shot



- Encouraging values of building construction activity have been experienced on the Sunshine Coast in 2013. Each quarter has experienced growth with Oct-Dec 2013 finishing the year on a highpoint of \$283,360,978; this is up from \$177,503,027 in Jan-Mar 2013. Note that these 2013 figures do not include the \$1.5 billion Sunshine Coast Hospital application (Refer 2013 Summary; pg. 15).
- Throughout 2013 application decision timeframes have consistently achieved high levels of service. 87% of Material Change of Use, Reconfiguring a Lot and Operational works applications were decided within 20 business days with an additional 10% decided within 40 business days. Also the introduction of a new “Fast Track” application processing system has further improved decision timeframes with the aim to determine selected application types within 10 business days (Refer 2013 Summary; pg. 13).
- Council now offers a free application pre-lodgement service to the community that is designed to assist applicants through the process of submitting development applications and provide information on issues and what details council requires to support an application. This service has been well utilised with over 200 pre-lodgement meetings being held free of charge over the year (Refer Oct to Dec 2013; pg. 18).
- The growth of the numbers of lots being registered and released to the public showed a steady increase in 2013 with a substantial spike of lots being released in Oct-Dec 2013. This included the release of large stages of “The Ridges” at Peregrin Springs and “Sunshine Cove” in Maroochydore (Refer 2013 Summary; pg. 11).
- During 2013 Development Services has continued to expand the electronic services available to customers. This now allows a variety of applications to be lodged electronically, either via the online portal or email. These services are experiencing increased usage with 60% of Material Change of Use, Reconfiguring a Lot and Operational Works applications being lodged via electronic means. In addition, 75% of Building and Plumbing applications available through the online portal have been lodged electronically (Refer Oct to Dec 2013; pg. 17-18).
- Full reports are available on <http://www.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au/sitePage.cfm?code=dev-indicators-report>