



Australia Zoo

The passionate conservationists at Australia Zoo work around-the-clock to deliver an animal experience like no other.

Australia Zoo is one of the most loved tourist attractions in the country, drawing hundreds of thousands of local and international visitors to the region each year.

Australia Zoo has won numerous local, national and international awards, including Australian and Queensland Major Tourism Attraction Awards.

Now celebrating its 50th year, Australia Zoo is also home to a world-class wildlife hospital that has treated more than 90,000 sick, injured and orphaned native animals, making it one of the busiest wildlife hospitals in the world.

“Steve Irwin, known around the world as the Crocodile Hunter, was most passionate about his home on Queensland’s Sunshine Coast – Australia Zoo. Today, our award-winning zoological gardens are set on over 110 acres and feature more than 1200 animals. We have a wonderful local workforce, a strong tourism industry, and are pleased with Sunshine Coast Council’s vision to be Australia’s most sustainable, healthy, smart and creative region which complements our passion for wildlife and conservation.”

Terri Irwin

A WORLD-CLASS DESTINATION

1. More than 11.5 million visitors spend more than \$6.2 billion each year in the region.
2. Home to more than 30 major events that attract around 150,000 visitors each year including the Mooloolaba Triathlon, Ironman 70.3 Sunshine Coast and Velothon Sunshine Coast.
3. The region has a thriving business events and conference sector with 310 events in 2017-2018, and an annual growth of 4.4% in delegate days.

The future is here

As one of Australia's leading regions for **ideas**, **creativity** and **entrepreneurialism**, the Sunshine Coast provides an outstanding mix of **opportunities** for new investment and business expansion.

Why invest in the Sunshine Coast?

Population growth One of the largest local government areas in Australia with population expected to grow to 518,000 people by 2041 (QGSO, 2018; ABS, 2018).

Educated workforce A highly educated workforce supported by a quality education sector with award-winning universities.

Lower operating costs Affordable industrial land prices and almost 50% lower prices for commercial office space than Brisbane CBD, plus the lowest basic flat payroll tax rate in Australia.

Prime location Just over one hour by road, north of Brisbane with excellent access to national and international air and sea ports.

Export opportunities Sunshine Coast International Business Development program provides collaboration and market opportunities.

Fast data The Sunshine Coast International Broadband Network will be in service from 2020, providing the fastest data connection to Asia from Australia's east coast.



The future Maroochydore City Centre. Image is indicative only.

Sunshine Coast Council welcomes and supports the growth of local businesses and the establishment of new ones on the Sunshine Coast. Talk to a specialist to find out how we can help.

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