

# HeliMods

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

HeliMods combines cutting-edge technologies with exceptional talent, transforming helicopters to take on special missions like firefighting, law enforcement, and medical rescue. As a local startup turned global scale-up, HeliMods is a true innovator shaping the future of the industry.

With a multinational team of approximately 40 staff which includes highly skilled engineers and advanced technology workers, 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 was also the 2018 Telstra Business Awards Queensland Business of the Year and Regional Export Award winner 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 that 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**

## WHERE SMART BUSINESSES ARE TAKING OFF

1. The Sunshine Coast Airport Expansion project, due for completion in 2020, will deliver new infrastructure and facilities enabling enhanced domestic and international flights to the region and facilitating new freight capabilities.
2. An established cluster of leading-edge aviation and aerospace companies which support a highly skilled workforce.
3. Prime airside and landside sites available for maintenance and repair organisations, hangarage, training and aviation support industries.

# 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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