

# McCormick and Company – Gourmet Garden Herbs & Spices



Gourmet Garden manufactures and distributes prepared herbs and spices internationally from its premises on the Sunshine Coast.

Gourmet Garden has grown from a small privately-owned company since its inception in 1999 to a global success exporting to more than 15 countries and appearing on over 35,000 supermarket shelves in the United States, Asia, Europe, New Zealand, Canada and the United Kingdom.

Gourmet Garden's herb and spice ranges of Cold Blended Pastes and Lightly Dried are made through proprietary processes and a vertically integrated supply chain that enables the fresh flavour, colour and aroma of Australian grown herbs and spices to be captured and last longer in the fridge.

Gourmet Garden's 150 employees are housed in a modern manufacturing facility fitted with a refrigeration plant which is 50% more energy efficient.

Gourmet Garden's outstanding success both domestically and internationally has played a key part in its 2016 acquisition by United States based McCormick and Company.

"The Sunshine Coast is the sustainable business location that marries with Gourmet Garden's brand image, culture and aspirations and offers a close link to our agricultural roots. The Sunshine Coast also attracts a high calibre of employees due to fantastic lifestyle benefits, lower regional living costs, tourism attractions, good infrastructure including the regional airport to service our domestic market."

Paris Golden, Managing Director

## A LAND OF OPPORTUNITY

1. 900+ agricultural businesses in the region experiencing an average annual growth of more than 4%.
2. Productive soils nurtured by a subtropical climate with high rainfall and more than 300 days of sunshine each year.
3. Recognised as one of Australia's most pristine sustainable environments that regularly produces high quality product for national and international markets.

# 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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