



STEPS Group Australia

The Sunshine Coast is home to STEPS Group Australia (STEPS), a not-for-profit organisation committed to providing opportunities that create positive, self motivated, sustainable change to the lives of individuals and the communities they live in.

From a small community organisation founded on the Sunshine Coast 26 years ago, STEPS today deliver a broad range of services across Australia reflecting the diverse needs of the communities they work in. As long time advocates of integrated workplaces, STEPS assist people with disabilities gain work in mainstream employment, and work with local business to break down perceptions around employing people with a disability.

STEPS Education and Training work closely with local industries to ensure local market needs are met developing training courses that provide real skills for work. STEPS training ranges from an International English College, Aged Care and First Aid training on the Sunshine Coast, to Language, Literacy and Numeracy training throughout Australia regionally and remotely.

STEPS' community and social initiatives include, but not exclusively, the provision of in home and community care, social ventures focused on building community and environmental sustainability, and providing critical support to Australia's many unpaid carers.

THREE REASONS TO INVEST ON THE SUNSHINE COAST

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Population growth expected to exceed 450,000 by 2033 and more than 30,000 local businesses needing education and training services.

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\$60.8 million Skills, Academic and Research Centre to be developed alongside the new \$5 billion Kawana Health Campus and surrounding precinct.

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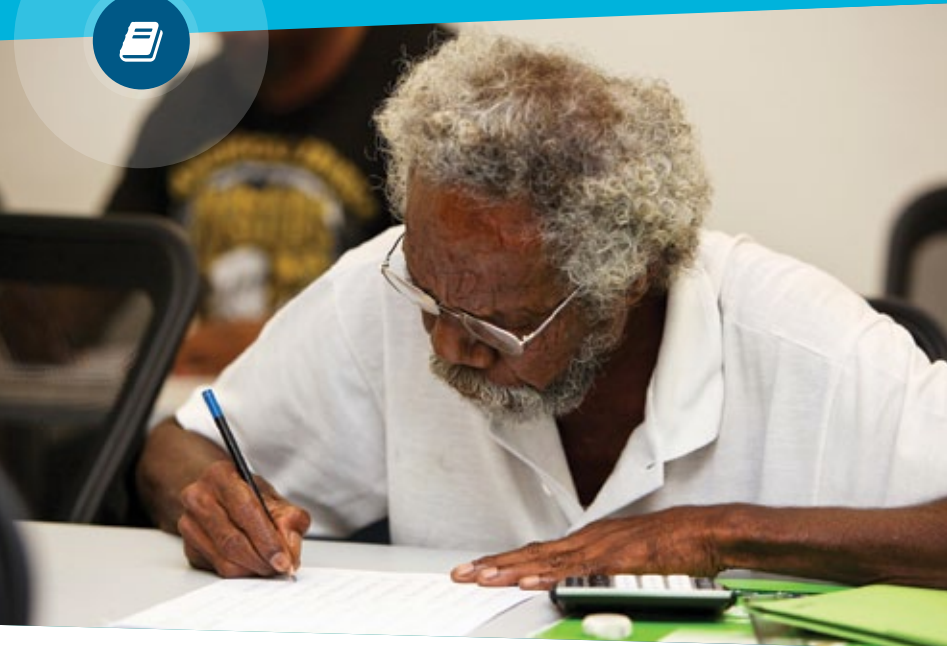
Increased need for education and training in the development and delivery of 100,000 high value jobs.

FAST FACTS

- ✓ Inject approximately \$1.7 million into Sunshine Coast economy per year.
- ✓ STEPS head office supports 23 sites across Australia.
- ✓ Work in 50 communities Australia wide.
- ✓ More than 350 staff.
- ✓ 5 star Disability Employment Services provider.



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STEPS Group Australia delivers a diverse range of services to meet the diverse needs of our communities. We work with Sunshine Coast residents and businesses to create inclusive workplaces, we design training courses that meet local market needs, and we host a range of community services and social ventures aimed at enriching the lives of others.

CARMEL CROUCH
Managing Director
STEPS Group Australia

Why the Sunshine Coast is perfect for education and research businesses...

- Home to a nationally awarded University and some of Queensland's highest performing private schools.
- The region's education sector currently exceeds the size of those in areas with a similar sized population and is predicted to grow by 50% by 2033.
- More than 60,000 students are currently studying at local schools, University or one of the 180 registered training institutions.
- Development of a \$60.8 million Skills, Academic and Research Centre to help students transition from studying healthcare into the workforce and providing a strong linkage between the University and healthcare industry for research purposes.
- High speed broadband available across the Sunshine Coast and many suburbs currently being connected to the National Broadband Network.
- Strong support from Sunshine Coast Council and the development of an Industry Investment Plan to help further develop and grow the education and research industry and knowledge and professional services industry.

HOW THE SUNSHINE COAST COUNCIL CAN HELP

- ✓ Financial assistance to help offset various establishment costs.
- ✓ A single point of service to facilitate connections with government bodies.
- ✓ Tailored package of comparative information to assist in your decision.
- ✓ Customised site selection assistance and relocation advice.
- ✓ Access to key international market information and industry development.
- ✓ Successful track record of helping investors move to the Sunshine Coast.

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