

# TOP MOST LIVEABLE SUBURBS IN SUNSHINE COAST



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## Abstract

The Sunshine Coast is one of Australia's most popular holiday destinations for Australians and, now, is popular with visitors from all around the world as they discover the natural unspoiled beauty of its tropical rain forests, miles of white sandy beaches, holiday resorts, scenic tours and a myriad of other local attractions.

The Sunshine Coast has become increasingly recognised as one of the most desirable places to live in the world, so if you're thinking of moving here... you'll be making a wise, safe and sensible decision!



### I. Getting Started

Following is a list of some of the major suburbs on the Sunshine Coast. Find out about real estate statistics, popular things to do and general information about the suburb. Suburbs include Cooloola, Hastings Street, Noosa Hill, Peregrine Beach, Sunrise Beach, Tewantin, Buderim and more.

But before moving this section, we have gathered some stats and facts below to help you make an informed decision if you are considering living on the beautiful Sunshine Coast.

### II. Sunshine Coast General Information

#### ➤ Statistics



- **Area:** 3130 square kilometres. To get an idea of the size of this coastal area, it stretches along approximately 65km's of sandy beaches and headlands, from Caloundra in the south, to Noosa which is located about 90kms north (1.5 hour drive) of Brisbane.
- **Population:** The current population base of the Sunshine Coast is approximately 330,000 (as of March 2010) making it Australia's 10th largest area for population although with the long stretches of sand and acres of bushland it is hard to believe.



### ➤ Climate and Weather

With one of the highest sunshine readings in the world its easy to see why they call it the Sunshine Coast. The temperature fluctuations between the summer and winter months is mild with temperatures being generally comfortable all year round.

The temperature of the ocean can range from 26°C in summer to 19°C in the winter. Temperatures in the Blackall ranges and Sunshine Coast hinterland can be several degrees cooler.

- **Average Summer Temperatures:** In January (Summer), the temperatures average around 28°C (82°F).

- **Average Winter Temperatures:** In July (Winter), the temperatures averages around 20°C (68°F).

### ➤ **Transport**

The Sunshine Coast provides many means of transport for both visitors and citizens. The Airport is centrally located at Mudjimba and is serviced by regular direct jet flights that operate to Sydney and Melbourne with connections to other capital cities.

The nearby Bruce Highway is a prominent arterial transport route that enables a quick one hour drive from the Sunshine Coast to the state capital of Brisbane and vice versa.

A regular rail service maintained by Queensland Rail includes electric train commuter service and the tilt train and operates between the Sunshine Coast and Brisbane . The railway also provides access to all central and North Queensland growth centres.

Other services in the transport infrastructure include regular bus routes within the Sunshine Coast area and services to and from the Sunshine Coast. Taxi and limousine services also operate within the area.

### ➤ **Environment**

The Sunshine Coast has the advantage of a more relaxed lifestyle of a growing urban centre in a rural setting. The beach and the hinterlands impact heavily in the lifestyle enjoyed, with beach and water activities prevailing. The Shire has thousands of parks and thousands of hectares of National Park. Proximity to the city of Brisbane ensure the benefits of city life with the chance to escape to the relaxed beach and country lifestyle that typifies the Sunshine Coast. Many of the towns have low development plans so the council plan to keep it just the way it is, which both locals and tourists agree is a good thing.

### ➤ **Attractions and Features**

- a well established infrastructure network including superior quality energy, sewage, water, transport and telecommunications systems.
- a diverse base of industries providing stability to the area with industries such as manufacturing, tourism, retail, construction and food processing

- a growing population and economy base coupled with a strong and supportive business network laying the foundation for future growth of business.
- a remarkable array of community services including primary and high schools, tertiary institutions, hospitals, nursing homes, recreation, cultural and sporting facilities.

a central location that capitalises on State, National and International markets through being easily accessible by road, air and sea and proximity to other boom areas.



### **SUNSHINE COAST SUBURB PROFILES**

According to Wikipedia, the Sunshine Coast has over 100 suburbs (109 to be exact). Instead of listing each of them here, we have profiled some of the major suburbs below.

#### **SUBURB PROFILE: COOLOOLA**

The area to the west of Noosa Junction is known by locals as the "Cooloola Estate", it was subdivided as residential home sites in the early 1970's. The area has developed over the past 30 years into a secluded residential enclave with a mix of older homes which are gradually being snapped up and remodelled to reflect our more casual Noosa lifestyle. The central location of Cooloola has drawn many long term investors back into the area and with the advent of Noosa Springs and The Habitat on its door step the area is developing its own prestige tag.



Homes with Hinterland and River views are widely sought and rarely available. Blocks of land have virtually disappeared and those in the know are busy securing old homes in good streets with a view to updating them. Cooloola is dotted with parks, reserves and bikeways linking it to Noosa Junction's shops and back towards the Noosa River. Only a 15 minute walk to the river and Hastings Street this area will continue to enjoy strong patronage with locals keen to have ready access to all Noosa's amenities.

Median house price: \$233,000 (Gympie)

## **SUBURB PROFILE: BUDERIM**

Sitting pretty atop the Buderim Mountain, the suburb is more of an urban haven on the Sunshine Coast. Considered a plush region, it has changed its laidback lifestyle and become a happening place surrounded by nature's bounty. Situated near the volcanic plateau, it is well-known for its lush green tree cover over the streets and astounding beauty. Famous among travellers and nature lovers, the suburb had a significant population of over 39,000 in 2006. The prosperous region has a popular 5-star eco-resort and the centre of Buderim, which lies in the proximity of the sandy beaches of Maroochydore, Mooloolaba and Alexandra Headland. It extends a stunning amalgamation of a luxurious environment and beach-life, which makes it ideal for a fun-filled lifestyle. The cultural heritage and the close-knit community make it a haven for kids who can get the best education here in both public and private schools and university.



The growing inclination of urban dwellers to move close to the sea and enjoy a serene life has brought this suburb into the limelight over the past few

years. The current median property price for 3-bedroom houses is approximately \$590,000, and the rent for these homes has reached \$493 PW. The growth rate of sales of houses was calculated at 4.1%. The price of 3-bedroom units has come close to \$421,000, and the rent for these units is \$430 PW.

## **SUBURB PROFILE: HASTINGS STREET**

One of Australia's most favoured holiday destinations and the focal point of Noosa Heads. Hastings Street is approximately 600m in length lined with boutique shopping, relaxed first class restaurants and holiday apartment complexes. Leafy sub-tropical trees soften and shade this beautiful boulevard.

There are twelve beachside resort complexes, consisting of approximately 540 holiday apartments including the Sheraton Noosa Resort and 65 assorted shops and restaurants. On the most prestigious beachfront side overlooking spectacular Laguna Bay there are almost 280 apartments in 12 resort complexes and about 64 retail services all catering to a variety of holiday makers from the young, the elderly, the day to day mums and dads to the many celebrities, movie and sports stars enjoying the ultimate holiday atmosphere.

Median house price: \$530,000 (Noosa Heads)

## **Hinterland Suburb Profiles: Nambour, Montville & More**

The Sunshine Coast Hinterland is full of prime real estate with many houses sitting on acreage and larger than usual blocks. It's perfect for those wanting to get back to nature with their retirement or as a place to bring up the kids with a big back yard.

Much of the land in the Hinterland is stunning with cascading hills and rolling farmlands. The townships are picturesque and offer a range of amenities to suit the growing populations.

The elevated land offers a cooler climate which is ideal in the hot Summer months. Take a scenic drive through the Sunshine Coast Hinterland and it will be plain to see why people enjoy making the move here.

## **Suburb Profile: Nambour**

Just over an hours drive north of Brisbane and dissected by the main electric rail link to the northern parts of Queensland, Nambour is centrally

positioned in the rolling foothills between the surf beaches of Mooloolaba and Maroochydore and the Blackall Range. This quiet rural town is the service hub for a substantial hinterland population and provides a diverse range of commercial facilities and social infrastructure.

Nambour was once dependant upon the agricultural sectors of dairying, sugar cane and sub-tropical fruit (pineapples) growing but is now quickly adapting to a new role in servicing the needs of the ever increasing residential development. Small to medium acreage lots have been the preferred development with the maintainence of lifestyle a major concern.

Median house price: \$265,000

### **Suburb Profile: Mapleton**

15 minutes drive west from Nambour and sitting as the front doorway to the scenic Blackall Range this small residential centre was once the home of the original cedar cutters who first settled the region. From an elevated position Mapleton enjoys a moderately cooler climate than the coastal strip and provides the traveller with spectacular views of the entire Sunshine Coast.



Mapleton has a growing residential appeal and while not able to support a large commercial business centre it has the basics covered. With a very progressive primary school and a strong community spirit this area is fast becoming a haven for the younger age bracket family looking for a special lifestyle.



Median house price: \$380,000

### **Suburb Profile: Montville**

About ten minutes south of Mapleton along the top line of the Blackall Range is the quaint Montville Village. This area is actively seeking the tourists and visitors with any number of speciality shops catering to their wants with galleries, cafes and studios opening up.

The village enjoys an elevated position surrounded by a deal of relatively level, very fertile volcanic red soil farmlands. Following the original clearance of the sub-tropical forests this was a very prosperous dairying area which has now been transformed into larger area residential lots. The attraction of Montville includes the climate, the elevation and the feeling that you are in a special place somewhere back in time when the very essence of life was without the rush and bustle of today.

Median house price: \$608,500

### **Suburb Profile: Eumundi**

This township was once the centre of the dairying industry in the region and boasted a substantial butter factory which in the current climate has become an integral part of the 'market' activities for which the centre is now known. The rolling farmlands, with its many creeks, which surround the township is in demand for those seeking larger holdings. This is also an area producing the bulk of the local ginger in the rich red volcanic soils.

Eumundi retains its old world charm, heritage architecture and has re-invented itself through the Wednesday and Weekend Markets which are ever popular with locals and visitors.

Median house price: \$420,000

### **Suburb Profile: Yandina**

This hamlet plays out as a supply point for the ever increasing population now moving into the rural community. While the major activity has been cane growing there has been a move towards a light industrial precinct and residential developments. Although now the home of Buderim Ginger factory the tourism industry is very secondary in the overall scheme of Yandina life.

Median house price: \$635,000

### **Suburb Profile: Woombye**

Previously identified as Cobb's Camp this historic village owes its origins to the days of Cobb & Co. Although once dependant upon the strength of the pineapple growing industry and as a railhead for the shipping of the produce to Brisbane it has, in recent years, taken on the role of a convenience centre for those who have chosen a slower lifestyle. While developments have been relatively low key there has been a continual pattern of growth as people find this alternate gateway to the scenic drives of the Blackall Range.

Median house price: \$260,000

### **Suburb Profile: Palmwoods**

Once the centre of a thriving citrus growing industry and rail outlet Palmwoods has for some years been a quiet country convenience centre. The development of several citrus orchards into a considerable number of residential blocks has changed the future of this town forever. Land is selling at premium prices and the shopping and services sectors are undergoing an impressive change. Palmwoods has acquired a major residential retirement facility and is also establishing itself as a host centre for backpackers who are engaged in the adjacent strawberry growing industry.



Median house price: \$340,500

### **SUBURB PROFILE: LITTLE COVE**

Little Cove is one of the most desirable spots to own property in Noosa and is set nestled up into the side of the National Park looking out to Laguna Bay, the North Shore and down to Hastings Street and the Surf Life Saving Club. It's also incredibly close to one of Noosa's icons, the ice cream restaurant Massimo's.

There is a wide variety of holiday apartments and private houses, ranging from little 2 bedroom units in small complexes to larger and more spacious houses and units surrounded by rainforest to gloriously luxurious properties with majestic views. Properties here are generally held for long periods and have been the destination of happy holiday makers from all over Australia and overseas.

Median house price: \$530,000 (Noosa Heads)

### **SUBURB PROFILE: NOOSA HILL**

Noosa Hill has always been a popular location for locals in the know - tucked up in the trees only minutes on foot from Hastings Street with its sophisticated shopping, dining and beach resorts, it is also just a stroll down to the Noosa Junction business centre.

Median house price: \$530,000 (Noosa Heads)



### **SUBURB PROFILE: NOOSA SPRINGS**

After exhaustive international research, local architect Alan Starkey designed this magnificent golf course residential community just 5 minutes



from Hastings Street. The winner of multiple urban development awards including the 2000 Urban Development Institute of Australia Award for Excellence, Noosa Springs flows effortlessly around the 18 hole championship golf course. Set on 50 hectares it contains seven lakes and 64 bunkers with the gently undulating greens averaging over 600 square metres in area.

The Residential Estate is an ideal mixture of medium density housing and single residential homes. There is a property for all requirements here - from a compact townhouse to magnificent lakefront mansions. The residences are located amongst lakes, manicured fairways and inspiring landscaped gardens.

Median house price: \$530,000 (Noosa Heads)

### **SUBURB PROFILE: NOOSAVILLE**

Often described as the heartbeat of the region, Noosaville's northern esplanade borders along the scenic Noosa River, which is known by the locals as the "Golden Mile". The recent \$5.8m beautification program funded by local and state governments, Noosaville is thriving and offers a multitude of activities for families, every-day visitors and retired couples.

The peaceful unpolluted river offers sedate swimming beaches, boating, "putt-putts", surf skiing, sailing, fishing and shady trees perfect for picnics and barbecues. On the southern side of this glorious strip there are some thirty restaurants and cafes to choose from with a variety of cuisine. Boutique shopping and an array of holiday apartments accommodating couples to large families form the southern bank and provide a very affordable holiday retreat.

Median house price: \$329,000 (Noosaville)

### **SUBURB PROFILE: NOOSA WATERS**

Winner of the prestigious Premier Award for Excellence and Queensland's Best Waterfront Development in both 1996 and 1997, Noosa Waters offers an exquisite residential lifestyle with a strong community atmosphere.

Consisting of 928 lots over 45Ha with 471 residential lots fronting a man-made canal system which is connected to the beautiful Noosa River, Noosa Waters was developed over nine years beginning in 1991. It has a most sophisticated lock and weir system. Water is pumped in daily and gravitates back into Noosa River constantly resulting in high quality water utilised for

swimming, boating, fishing and crabbing. The wide waterways are approximately 2.4m deep and a vessel under the height limit of 4.2m can gain entry under the bridges.

Median house price: \$530,000 (Noosa Heads)

### **SUBURB PROFILE: NORTH SHORE**

The area known as Noosa's North Shore encompasses the land situated opposite Noosaville and Tewantin taking in the Coolool National Park and the small village of Teewah . Teewah township is a small oceanfront settlement located about ten km north of the mouth of the Noosa River along a beautiful sandy coastline. Originally named 100 years ago as Forty Mile Beach and still referred to as such by some locals, this little fishing village is changing face with only a handful of the early huts still standing - most being upgraded or replaced with modern up-market homes. Very few of the original owners of the first 24 blocks remain as it is now over 40 years since those blocks were developed.

Median house price: \$530,000 (Noosa Heads)



### **SUBURB PROFILE: PEREGIAN BEACH**

The coastal strip of pristine open beaches running south of Sunshine Beach to Peregrine Beach is becoming a popular hideaway for holidaymakers and investors. Just 10 minutes south of Noosa is Marcus Beach, a place where life

is a little slower and more relaxed than in the heart of Noosa and where the trees and bird life prevail over development.

Median house price: \$720,000 (Peregian Beach)

### **SUBURB PROFILE: SUNRISE BEACH**

Sunrise Beach, just South of Sunshine Beach and a few minutes from Hastings Street is one of the Noosa market's most diversified areas. The beach itself is magnificent, with pristine surf offset by a wide expanse of clean yellow sand.

It has a range of property from inexpensive townhouses through to prestige homes in diversified settings from beachfront to bush. Traditionally popular with families due to the proximity of schools and sport facilities, its variety of property types caters for people with diverse requirements.

It is becoming increasingly sought after for its impressive capital growth as well.

Median house price: \$490,000 (Sunrise Beach)

### **III. Reasons To Live On The Sunshine Coast**

Rich of its various landscapes, its climate and its chilled atmosphere, the Sunshine Coast is to add to your bucket list. Here are 10 reasons to visit and settle.



#### **#1 A chilled atmosphere**



Opposite to the Gold Coast, the Sunshine Coast is a real paradise for people looking for calm and serenity. Living there gives a feeling of eternal holidays. Locals are chilled and nice. Here there is zero stress, we live in thongs, enjoy a BBQ with family and friends, go to the beach and go surfing.

## **#2 An ideal climate**

It is never cold on the Sunshine Coast. Australian will say “Be careful, winter is freezing” or again “It is winter, of course you can’t go for a swim”. But in fact, day time temperature is unlikely under 20°C and a blue sky is almost always there.

Summer is hot, sometimes really hot. The tropical climate of Queensland makes temperatures go up to 35°C in summer and days often end with a storm.

Sunshine Coast has also the advantage to be spared by hail and cyclones (most of the time).

## **#3 Various landscapes**

Sunshine Coast is famous for its stunning beaches but you can also take a dip into waterfall or even climb a mountain. The Glasshouse Mountains are situated south of the coast and have some incredible views to admire the sunset. Inland, the little town of Montville offers a particular and unique atmosphere. Its little shops all more original than others and the views from the restaurants’ terraces are a must see on the Coast.



## **#4 A dynamic local life**

Sunshine Coast hosts numerous events all year round. Festivals, concerts and any other kind of events are often set up. Also many markets take place every week, during the day and sometimes at night (Ex: Eumundi Markets).

Sunshine coast offers many cafés, bars and restaurants of all kinds and for all budgets. Going out is often cheaper than in big cities but customer service and quality of choice stay excellent.

Maroochydore, Mooloolaba, Noosa or Caloundra are the places to go to if you want to have a bit of a party. You will find many restaurants, bars and night clubs.



## **#5 A very accessible region**

Sunshine Coast is situated only an hour away from Brisbane. Buses and trains are linking them every day for around \$20.

An airport is also serving the area. Situated in Maroochydore, in the heart of the coast, it allows you to go to Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide and Auckland. It will soon also welcome international flights!

Finally, the Sunshine Coast is only two hours away from Frazer Island, making it a privileged destination for a weekend away.

## **#6 A perfect place to have a family**

Between city and countryside, the Sunshine Coast is a perfect place to have your family. The area is calm and feels secure. The crime rate is extremely low. Locals, with a strong community spirit, follow the law and watch their neighbourhood.

The diversity of landscapes is also a great bonus for families. It is possible to spend the day at the beach as well as in the forest. Many parks allow you to enjoy the sun around a BBQ or kids playgrounds.

Finally, the beach is really secure. There are no crocodiles, deadly jellyfish and not many sharks. Going for a swim in Sunshine Coast is at low risks. There is sometimes an alert but there was never a shark attack in the area.

## **#7 The price of accommodation**

Accommodation price in Sunshine Coast is much lower than in cities. You will find, for the same price as a room in Sydney, a three bedroom house. Bonus, you will most of the time be less than 15min away from rivers or beaches. Some places such as Noosa, Maroochydore or Mooloolaba are a bit overpriced. However the average stays really interesting. Add the paradise like area to this, difficult to find better.

## **#8 The traffic**

Locals will tell you summer is super busy. However, traffic is calm enough. There are no rush hours, traffic jam or beeping. Besides, lights are almost non-existing in the area. You will find them in the main cities of the region but most of the places have only got little roundabouts to regulate the traffic.

## **#9 Plenty of surfing spots**

Sunshine Coast is full of surfing spots. From sunrise to sunset, the coastal line is full of surfers of any age. Beginners and professionals find their happiness; there are waves for all levels! Noosa had got a few easy spots, perfect for beginners whereas Maroochydore has got bigger waves. Of course, in surf everything is about weather. It is your job to get out there and look for the ideal wave.

## **#10 The fauna**

The region is full of wildlife. Lizards, koalas, whales, kangaroos or the famous bush turkey, you won't miss out on meeting some animals. Open your eyes and keep an eye on the side of the road, you might get lucky and see some wild horses or kangaroos. In winter, whales travel along the coast, you will see them jumping and playing with their newborn, sometimes extremely close from the shore.





#### **IV. How Much Does It Cost To Live On The Sunshine Coast?**

Are you wondering how much does it cost to live on the Sunshine Coast? The average monthly rent on the Sunshine Coast is \$1,350. Prices will vary according to location, number of bedrooms, and other factors. A day of basic utilities costs just under \$370. That covers heating, electricity, garbage,

water, and basic cable TV. If you want to enjoy high-speed internet, you can spend an additional \$75 to \$85 per month.

The Sunshine Coast has a higher cost of living than Sydney. Most food items are cheaper, but some are more expensive than in Sydney. The cheapest food items are bread, eggs, and bananas. However, rice, beef, chicken, and apples are more expensive. It's better to be prepared for a larger monthly budget than if you are a student. If you plan on spending a week or two in the Sunshine Coast, you should consider the following factors.

Compared to Sydney, the Sunshine Coast is more expensive in terms of food. While some items are cheaper, others are more expensive. Generally, fruits and vegetables, as well as bread, eggs, and beef, are cheaper on the Sunshine Coast. Other items, like rice, chicken, and apples, will cost more. So if you are on a budget, it's best to plan your holiday accordingly. And if you're traveling with a family, don't forget to include the cost of daily meals.

The Sunshine Coast is also an expensive place to live. Aside from the expensive property prices, it has a high quality of life and excellent infrastructure. While it is very expensive, living on the Sunshine Coast is a great way to escape the city rat race. With a low cost of living and a vibrant culture, this region is an excellent choice for vacationers. With its beautiful beaches, pristine waters, and beautiful climate, you can enjoy a relaxed lifestyle while avoiding the hassles of city life.

The cost of food on the Sunshine Coast is cheaper than the one in Sydney. The average salary on the Sunshine Coast is around \$4500. This is a significant difference compared to the average salary in Sydney, which is \$6,240 per month. This means that the cost of living in the Sunshine Coast is cheaper in the long run. A higher cost of housing will make it more expensive, however. Nevertheless, it is still a good option for those who want to avoid the city's craziness.

If you're thinking about moving to the Sunshine Coast, it's important to consider the cost of living before making your decision. While the average cost of living on the Sunshine Coast is lower than the average price of the same city in Sydney, you can still find a good place to live in the area for a similar price. If you're looking for a relaxing lifestyle, the Sunshine Coast is probably the right place for you.

Compared to Sydney, the Sunshine Coast has lower costs of transportation. A monthly pass for the train costs \$60 compared to \$200 in Sydney. In

addition, the cost of taxis is cheaper than the one in Sydney. Both gasoline and one-way tickets are more expensive on the Sunshine Coast. If you're looking for a home with the same amenities as those in the more expensive suburbs of Sydney, you can buy a property in the more affordable suburbs.

In general, the Sunshine Coast is more expensive than Sydney. The average cost of transportation on the Sunshine Coast is higher than in Sydney, which is a result of more expensive fuel and public transportation. A month-long pass will cost you \$60, whereas a one-day pass will cost you \$200. While cabs in both cities are cheap, one-way tickets are more expensive than in Sydney. For this reason, you should make your choice carefully.

The Sunshine Coast has cheaper transportation than Sydney. A monthly pass in the city will cost you around \$60, while a one-way ticket in the city will cost more than \$200. Using public transport on the Sunshine Coast will also be cheaper than in Sydney. You can also use public transportation to get from point A to point B of the area. In addition, gasoline prices are higher than in Sydney. This is why many people are looking to move to the Sunshine Coast.

## **V. Cheaper Living Attracts More Students To Sunshine Coast**

As the cost of living continues to rise in major cities across the country, the Sunshine Coast has begun to shine as an affordable and preferred destination for students coming to Australia.

Melbourne, Sydney and Brisbane are popular destinations for students, but with the increased financial pressure of living in these cities increases, more and more students are being drawn to regional areas like the Sunshine Coast that offer an unrivalled lifestyle and affordable living.

Yasna Hawthorne, of LJ Hooker Mooloolaba, said the cost of shared rentals for students on the Sunshine Coast was significantly lower than that of Sydney and Melbourne.

“The Sunshine Coast is a much cheaper option for students because we don’t have the same rental prices that you find in the city, leaving students with more cash for the more important things in life,” Ms Hawthorne said.

On average, a three-bedroom rental in Sydney or Melbourne can cost around \$600 per week compared to a Sunshine Coast three-bedroom property that is usually around \$430 a week according to real estate statistics from the April to June 2016 quarter.



The University of the Sunshine Coast estimates students need to budget approximately \$360 to live comfortably. This figure takes into account costs of shared living, transport, food, bills, household items and other daily expenses, and is much less than what students have to contend with in Sydney and Melbourne.

Sunshine Coast Council Economic Development Portfolio Councillor Stephen Robinson said high levels of local business confidence are helping make our region a more affordable choice for students by providing employment opportunities across a number of industries.

“The Sunshine Coast now has one of the strongest youth employment rates in Queensland and the highest youth employment rate of any coastal region in the state according to Australian Bureau of Statistics data released earlier this year,” Cr Robinson said.

“Our population of young residents is growing and council is working to continue that growth through initiatives like the Study Sunshine Coast campaign that aim to increase the number of international and domestic students coming to our region for tertiary education by 20% over the next five years and also retain more local people here for their vocational studies.

“Council has a responsibility to help our young people gain employment here and we’re being proactive in this space through the creation of the Regional Economic Development Strategy that is a 20-year blueprint for sustainable economic growth and employment through seven high value industries that offer the greatest potential to succeed as our regional economy grows.

“Council-supported initiatives like the annual Sunshine Coast JobShow are also an outstanding opportunity for local people, including students to connect with employers and employment agencies and find everything from entry level to professional jobs across a range of industries.”

Study Sunshine Coast Student Ambassador John Cameron, who hails from Victoria, said that the affordable cost of living was a significant factor in choosing the Sunshine Coast as a study destination over the city of Melbourne, where many of his school friends are now paying considerably more to live and study compared to his weekly expenses on the Sunshine Coast.

“Some of my friends from back home study and live in Melbourne and they pay much more than I do for smaller rentals, to eat out and to travel across the city,” Mr Cameron said.

“They can’t believe it when I tell them how much I pay for things and how much I save by living here on the Coast with this awesome lifestyle.

“I have heaps of requests from my Melbourne friends to come and stay up here because it is cheaper and the weather is amazing... and who can blame them!”

An initiative of Sunshine Coast Council, the regional Education and Research Industry Taskforce and the newly formed Education Sunshine Coast, Study Sunshine Coast ([www.studysunshinecoast.com.au](http://www.studysunshinecoast.com.au)) aims to introduce the 300,000-plus international students who come to study in Australia to the Sunshine Coast and help keep more local students at home for their tertiary education.

Since its launch in April this year, Study Sunshine Coast continues to promote the Sunshine Coast as a premiere study destination within Australia, encouraging students to consider the study options available to them across the region.

## **The Final Words**

Although all the suburbs in Sunshine coast are good enough to settle down, these are a few suburbs where you and your children will get more opportunities, proper exposure and a balanced lifestyle. For the kids, these places offer outstanding educational facilities and a healthy environment. And for you, it has excellent connectivity with other places and affordable house price. So, before you move to this place, take note of the suburbs mentioned here.

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