

24 March 2026

To Whom it May Concern,

Letter of Support - Coast Tech Labs

As Mayor of the Sunshine Coast Council, I am pleased to provide this letter in support of Coast Tech Labs and the important work it is undertaking to create meaningful, future-focused pathways in tech for neurodivergent young people on the Sunshine Coast.

Coast Tech Labs has become a valued contributor to the Sunshine Coast's growing innovation ecosystem. Through its delivery of professional-level software engineering, game engine development and augmented reality programs, Coast Tech Labs is equipping local young people with skills that are highly relevant to the region's emerging technology industries. Its strong emphasis on accessibility and inclusion is commendable and aligns closely with Council's commitment to ensuring that all young people have opportunities to thrive.

I have been particularly impressed by the hands-on, immersive learning experiences delivered by Coast Tech Labs in partnership with UniSC and through the use of Council venues such as the Maroochy Regional Bushland Botanic Garden Arts & Ecology Centre and the Mary Cairncross Scenic Reserve. These initiatives not only foster technical capability but also strengthen community connection and confidence for participants and their families.

The recent Future Engineers Hackathon, which I supported in January 2026, was an excellent example of the positive impact Coast Tech Labs' programs are having. The enthusiasm and talent demonstrated by the young engineers in attendance, along with the strong feedback from parents, illustrates the value Coast Tech Labs brings to the Sunshine Coast.

Sunshine Coast Council recognises the importance of nurturing local talent, supporting youth retention and encouraging the development of a skilled and innovative workforce. Coast Tech Labs contributes meaningfully to these goals, and I commend its commitment to providing industry-standard learning opportunities for neurodivergent youth and young adults.

I wish Coast Tech Labs every success as it expands its outreach and participates in upcoming technology events.

Should you require any further information, please contact my office at Mayor@sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rosanna Natoli'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'R'.

MAYOR ROSANNA NATOLI