

# WHITSUNDAY AIRPORT SHUTE HARBOUR

## Quarterly Update # 3      March 2018

### *"From Ross & Diane Armstrong"*

Welcome to our latest instalment of the WAVE community newsletter. We hope that everyone is noticing some of the little things that are slowly being addressed around the airport. Cyclone Debbie certainly left its mark around the airport but there was a backlog of items overdue for attention. Lee and her team have been doing a tremendous job and we would like to thank them wholeheartedly for the dedication everyone is showing to our community and the airport!!

We have been undertaking a lot of behind the scenes work to expand the offering we can provide to Aviators, some of whom may not want to live on an Airpark, or already have accommodation around the Whitsunday's. So we will soon be able to offer lots that lend themselves more for hangers rather than homes, so if this sounds like you please contact Lee!

We would also welcome any input from anyone with idea's for improvements around WAVE either by direct contact or I believe there is an anonymous ideas box at Dan's counter in the terminal.

Please read up on our upcoming involvement in the Tour De Cure fundraising event at the end of April, and we look forward everyone's participation in whatever way you can to help raise much needed funds for this important cause!!

We trust everyone has the 23rd June 2018 locked in their calender for the Runway Dinner, this will be a great event!!

We are pleased to announce our sponsors for the Runway Dinner and Fly-In, Air BP and Complete Avionics are joining us for this year's dinner, thank you to Yale Knudson and Rodney Wood for your support.



We have established a partnership with Paul Bennett Airshows to both promote WAVE and to also hold another AIRSHOW in September 2019. So we look forward to Paul's involvement with the aim to hold a bigger and brighter Airshow then so watch this space for future updates!!

### *New Website*

Our website is now up and running - [www.whitsundayairport.com.au](http://www.whitsundayairport.com.au) We have a brand new design, links to our cameras, our weather station and of course tickets for our Runway Dinner can be purchased directly from the website once they go on sale.

**23**  
JUNE 2018  
AT 5.30PM

*This is your boarding  
pass to a dinner with a  
difference.*

**SAVE THE DATE**

Come and join us for the 2018 Runway Dinner. Live music, childrens entertainment, taxi-way food vendors or a six course VIP section.

**2018 RUNWAY DINNER**  
**WHITSUNDAY AIRPORT SHUTE HARBOUR**

Flight Number **YSHR1432**

Gate: Main Terminal  
Date: 23 June 2018  
Boarding: 17.30  
Seat: Online Soon!

WHITSUNDAY AIRPORT GREAT BARRIER REEF

Call Lee 07 4946 9180



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## Christmas Party Update

We finished off 2017 with a big Christmas party here at the airport - we had an outdoor cinema playing TOP GUN with thanks to Andrew and Jules from Mackay. We had over 150 airport tenants, residents and their families attend.



## 2019 Airshow

We are very excited to announce that we have entered into a partnership with Paul Bennet Airshows, Paul and his amazing pilots and crew will be putting together one spectacular airshow on 7 September 2019. The show is for one day only and you can purchase tickets via our website direct when they are released or of course through our office. The Sunday after the airshow we will be having an Adventure Flight Day.... where you can fly in some of the aircraft that were flying in the airshow, try a Trojan, Avenger, and then that night we have our 4th Runway Dinner - its going to be a busy weekend - one you wont want to miss. Follow our airshow updates via facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/Airlie-BeachAirshow/> or of course on our new website.



## 2018 Runway Dinner

We have the VIP menu picked, security orgnaised, our taxiway food vendors locked in, childrens entertainment ready to keep the kids busy, the tablecloths pressed and most importantly we have our music booked for Runway Dinner - the very talented Saia Latu will be singing live for us. Our third Runway Dinner is looking like another fabulous night - Our Tickets will go on sale soon via our website [www.whitsundayairport.com.au](http://www.whitsundayairport.com.au) click on events and follow the prompts or your can call Lee on 07 4946 9180 to book tickets.



23 June  
2018 @  
17.30



# COMPANY PROFILE



Helibiz is privately owned by Des & Karyn Davey, aviation has been a lifetime passion from which the business was born and Helibiz has been serving the Australian helicopter industry since 1994. Helibiz pride themselves in being upfront and honest in our dealings - INTEGRITY is the foundation of the business philosophy. Helibiz is an Australian Authorised ROBINSON Dealer and Service Centre since 1997, specialising in new & pre-owned

helicopter sales, training & service for all of Australia. Helibiz has helped 100's of new aviators enjoy the world of rotary wing aviation. The unique and exclusive Helicopter Safari program has enabled pilots and friends to experience amazing destinations and forge new friendships whilst continuing to learn about their helicopter and the industry.

Flying helicopters is a truly rewarding experience as a private pilot or as a commercial career, BUT it is very important you learn to fly with a well respected flying school. HELIBIZ prides itself on providing the highest quality Individual Training. To achieve this we train one on one to ensure that our students get the most value out of their effort - and you are not lost in the crowd. Our training area is the beautiful "Whitsundays" - includes mountain ranges, islands, outback desert country, remote landscapes and a coastal environment. Our region includes Class D & Class C airspace to ensure you're commercially ready for any airport in Australia. Our region offers almost 365 days a year flying weather. At Helibiz all of our training is based around the individual and our instructors time is allocated to a person, not a group! In doing this Helibiz is able to focus training on the needs of the student to achieve their goals by tailoring all aspects of training one-on-one.

Unparalleled Emergency Training Helibiz Chief Flying Instructor (CFI) demands that all instructors maintain a standard of excellence in instructing emergencies - and that all students, private and commercial, are trained above and beyond what is normally experienced in standard flight training.

SPARE Parts supplies are critical to helicopter operators, so we hold no less than \$1M in spare parts inventory in order to help keep Australia's Robinson fleet in the air. Helibiz hold CASA approval to conduct service and maintenance on most helicopters and fixed wing aircraft.

Our factory trained engineers and long serving staff ensure your aircraft is maintained in accordance with CASA and the manufacturer's standards. Helibiz currently service the following aircraft and engines: Bell <3175kg, Eurocopter (Airbus) <3175kg, Robinson - Authorised Dealer, Turbomeca - Arriel & Arrius, Agusta <3175kg, Rolls Royce - Authorised Dealer, Lycoming and Pratt & Whitney.

Sales Manager and Safari Director Troy Holloway said since 2006 Helibiz have operated over 20 highly successful Helicopter Safaris with many of our helicopter customers, their friends and family. These flying adventures have an amazing impact on all those who participate, whether you are a pilot, aircraft owner or simply a lucky traveller on board. Our most popular safaris include Tasmania, Cape York, The Kimberly's and the Outback - Since 2006 we have actually covered the best part of the whole country, plus a safari to PNG and the northern Cape York region - absolutely stunning!

A typical safari may include 10 - 20 helicopters, all types (piston & turbine) and different levels of ability - many of our Safarian's have only just completed their licence. You will not find a better way to listen and learn about flying helicopters, whilst having a great time, networking amongst fellow pilots/owners, whilst having the experience of the Helibiz Helicopter Safari crew on hand.



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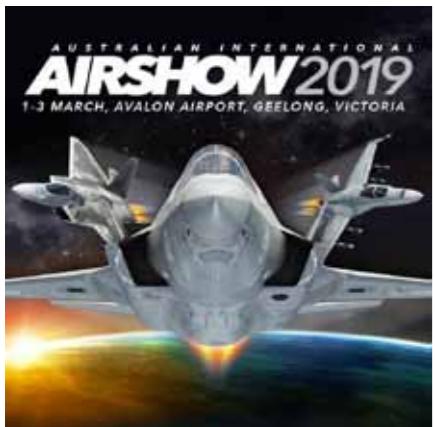


## Runway Maintenance

Always improving our airfield we had some scheduled runway maintenance in early February. Thank you to GSL, Skydive, Air Whitsunday and all the other pilots who were very patient with us while the repairs were taken out. We intend to have the next lot of maintenance in the coming months.

## 2018 Whitsunday Fly-In

Our 2018 Fly-In on 22 of June will have an OzRunways demonstration on Saturday morning before the Whitsunday Island Safari Flight. We also have Complete Avionics attending with a stand. Accommodation options are also available with discounted rooms for Fly-In guests just call Lee on 0430172325 for more information. Get a group together and come and see the beautiful Whitsundays.



## Coral Sea Catalina

On January 25th Whitsunday Airport and some of our WAVE residents attended a fund raiser for the Coral Sea Catalina Heritage Museum, a dedicated group of enthusiasts are raising money to build a museum and source a flying catalina to compliment the WW2 heritage listed base in Bowen. There was great entertainment, lots of dancing and money raised for VH-CAT. The amazing Phil Delahunt was there to give a speech at 94, he truly has aviation in his heart. For more information you can visit their facebook site, coral sea catalina heritage museum.



*Looking as spectacular as the dancing girls, Ross and Diane Armstrong, Nick and Gyan Rorison from CQ Adventure Flights, Shane and Sue Finney from Lot 5 and Clare and Daryl McKenzie from Airlie Builders attended the fund raiser.*

## The 2018 Tour de Cure team arriving in Airlie Beach.

On 28 April The 2018 Tour de Cure Signature Tour will be coming to Airlie Beach and Whitsunday Airport Shute Harbour will be hosting the riders and support crews for dinner here at the airport and then again the next morning for breakfast before their departure. We will also have Sunrise doing a live cross with James Tobin for each weather break during the Sunday Morning show.

The 2018 Tour de Cure is a 1100km ride over nine days, where riders are trekking to Cape Tribulation before arriving back in Cairns on May 5, raising funds to help find a cure for cancer.

There is also a Tour de Cure Eve Celebrity Dinner in Mackay on Thursday the 26th of April, Dine with 14-time Tour de France veteran Jens Voigt and celebrities. Share a table with some of the riders and support crew who will be departing Mackay Marina the following day for the start of the Signature Tour for 2018.

The dinner, hosted by Channel 7's Tom Williams, will feature German cyclist Jens Voigt. Other special guests speaking on night include Mark Beretta, from Sunrise, James Tobin, from Weekend Sunrise, and Mackay Mayor Greg Williamson. For more information on the dinner you can visit their facebook event:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/517933245258565/>



## Extra Fencing

We have just had completed some additional fencing at the airport. The extended fencing airside assists with the safety of hot loads as well as passenger control. The new fencing now extends from the main terminal to bowser number two. Our second fencing between Skydive and Air Whitsunday gives the airport more security and safety. Thanks to Keith from Helibiz for his glamorous photo bomb!



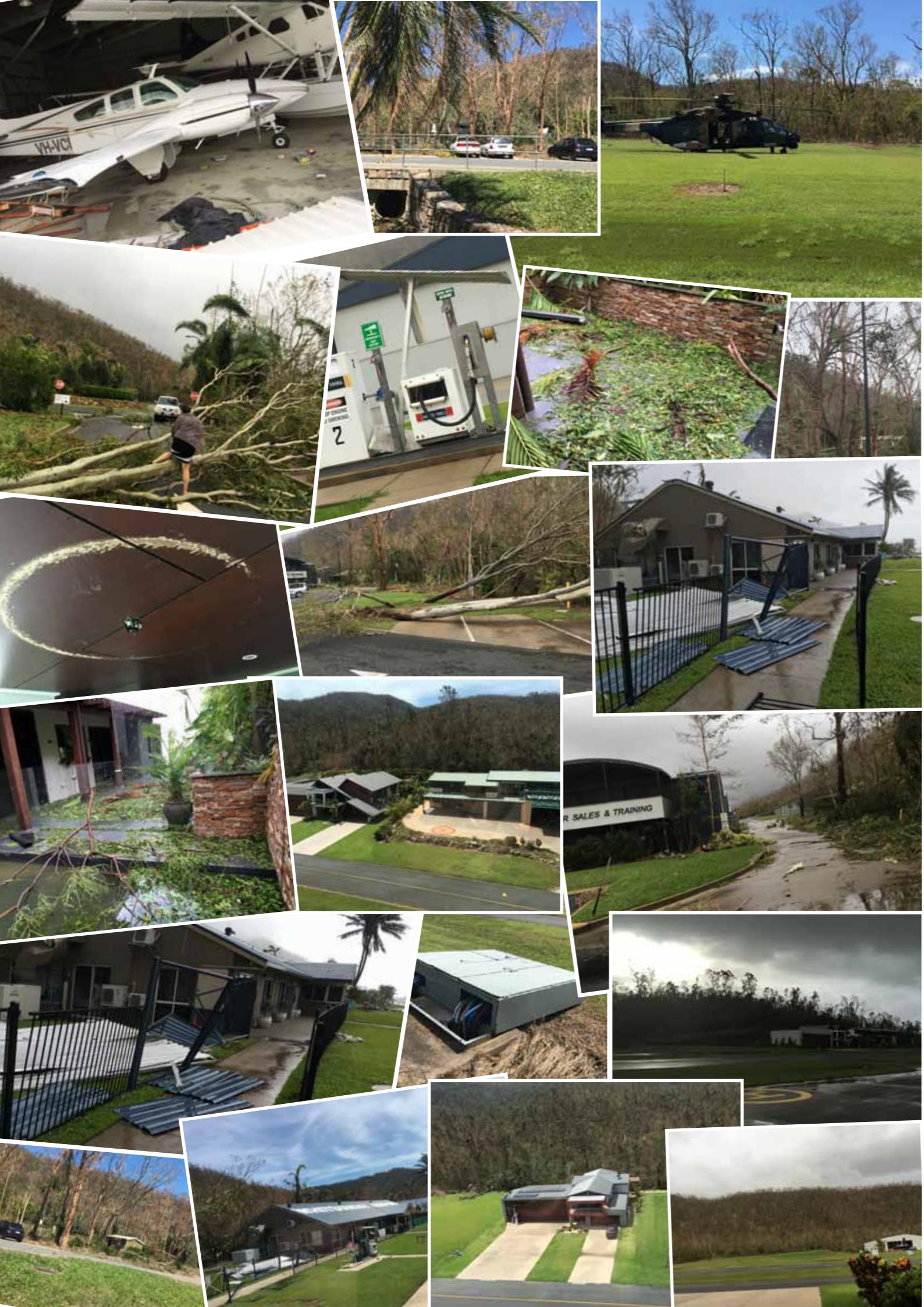
## Rain Finally

After mowing a lot of dirt during our "wet season" we finally have received rain. Far from previous years rainfall numbers but definitely welcomed. Almost overnight the airport looks fantastic, glowing with lush green grass again, keeping our groundstaff busy with the lawn mowers.



## Chinese New Year

Chinese New Year, also known as the Spring Festival, or simply the Lunar New Year, in modern China, is an important Chinese festival celebrated at the turn of the traditional lunisolar Chinese calendar. The upcoming year of the Dog commences on Friday, 16 February 2018, but we have already seen a wonderful increase in Chinese passengers enjoying the Whitsundays via our various scenic flights and skydives. Hopefully we will see some of the previous record passenger numbers broken again.



Cyclone Debbie was the strongest Tropical Cyclone in the Australian region. She was branded the most dangerous Cyclone to impact Queensland since Tropical Cyclone Yasi in 2011. TC Debbie started forming as a Tropical Low on the 23rd of March and gradually intensified to a named Tropical Cyclone on the 26th of March. After steadily strengthening offshore to a Category 4 system, Debbie then made landfall near Airlie Beach at around 12:40pm on the 28th of March. She then slowly moved across the coast with the Whitsundays copping her force for approximately 36 hours. 36 hours of category 4 winds and extreme rainfall leading to extensive damage and flooding across the region causing a total of A\$2.4 billion in damage.

The calm waters of Airlie Beach turned into surf, there was sand spread across the Main Street of Airlie Beach and along the esplanade with many businesses being inundated from the tidal surge. Boats were washed up onto beaches and marina break walls and what was our lush surrounding hills soon turned into what looked like a bush-fire had raged through. We were without power for 14 days with some property's having no power for a whole month. No fresh water available for 8 days and our surrounding islands were heavily damaged with some still closed and not expected to open for another one and a half years.

Nearly 12 months on since TC Debbie, cyclone repairs around the region continue to happen. Lucky enough for us here at Whitsunday Airport and WAVE we have nearly completed all works with only a few minor repairs to fix. Each day our surrounding hills are getting a touch greener and we are noticing the wildlife is slowly coming back to the area. The photos just don't do justice to the extent of damage which occurred to our beautiful Whitsundays.

*Our airport is slowly recovering to its former glory.*





**Whitsunday Airport Shute Harbour would like to extend a warm invitation for all pilots and flying clubs to attend our 2018 Fly In and Runway Dinner**

## **Whitsunday Airport Shute Harbour Fly In & Runway Dinner From 22 June 2018**

### **Fly In Itinerary**

*Please note this is a draft and a final itinerary will be available early 2018*

**Day 1 Friday June 22** - Friday 22 June 2018 - Arrive at Whitsunday Airport Shute Harbour YSHR. Tie your aircraft down, and head into town to your accommodation.



**Day 2 Saturday June 23** - Saturday 23 June 2018 - OzRunways demonstration at the airport before our Scenic Island Flight - Come and join our local aero club and flying residents for a scenic island flight. You wont believe what you can see when you depart from one of the most pristine flying areas in Australia. Return to YSHR prior to 13.30 as our runway will be closed from 14.00 in preparation for our Runway Dinner.



**Night 2 Saturday June 23** - Saturday 23 June 2018 - The 2018 Runway Dinner. From 5.30 enjoy dinner on our runway - you can either choose the VIP table with a six course dinner or wander around our food stalls to pick your favourite dinner to enjoy on the runway. Live music, static aircraft, children's entertainment and more. After dinner wander back to the dry bars to finish the night listening to the live music.



**Day 3 Sunday June 24** - Sunday 24 June 2018 Lay day in Airlie Beach, relax or get out and explore what the Whitsundays has to offer - Day trip to Hamilton Island where you can eat or golf, explore the water on a charter boat, get some action with a local fishing charter, bush walks, skydive, or simply relax by our stunning lagoon and enjoy lunch at one of our delicious restaurants.



**Day 4 Monday June 25** - Monday 25 June 2018 - Depart Airlie for home.

For more information including accommodation ideas please call Lee on 0430172325. Looking forward to seeing you soon.

*Get a group together now  
save the date 22 - 25 June 2018*

