

WHITSUNDAY AIRPORT SHUTE HARBOUR

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Ross & Diane Armstrong, new owners at Whitsunday Airport Shute Harbour & WAVE

“From Ross and Diane Armstrong”

We would like to welcome everyone to our first newsletter which marks a new era for *Whitsunday Airport Shute Harbour* and *Whitsunday Aviation Village Estate (WAVE)*

We are excited to see a renewed focus on our little community of fellow aviators experiencing what our magic part of the world has to offer! It is only a little over six weeks since we officially took full ownership and already we are seeing new faces showing fresh interest in our residential community.

We would like to welcome and congratulate the new owners of Lot 40, Ted Munckton and family to our community.

We also expect to be able to announce new lot owners in our next newsletter, so watch this space!

We are also very pleased to welcome back to WAVE Lee Holloway who brings so much enthusiasm and dedication to her role at the airport! That personal touch helps keep a community like ours thriving and has been greatly appreciated by everyone!

Our enthusiastic team of people have been working hard to restore our airport after the devastation of Cyclone Debbie and the progress can be seen everywhere you look.

At long last our gates are now officially operational great work everyone.

New Owners

Ross and Diane Armstrong are well known at WAVE owning three of the residential lots and in 2013 their magnificent hanger home on lot 31 was completed. Ross and Diane also own two helicopters, a Bell 407 and a Robinson R66, Ross, Diane and their youngest son Xander are all helicopter pilots, Xander holds a commercial licence.

Ross and Diane have a vision to finish the airpark and create a community of like-minded people who simply enjoy the aviation lifestyle in one of the best locations in Australia.

New Owners Special Land Offer

With the change of ownership Ross and Diane Armstrong are offering a special for the next three lots of land sold. *Whitsunday Aviation Village Estate (WAVE)* is currently offering \$30,000 off the current price of any of our remaining blocks within the estate.

Again this is for the first three blocks sold only. Visit our website for available blocks and price listing or call Lee on 0430 172 325.



Our fresh new logo

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2018 Runway Dinner

With TC Debbie we unfortunately have had to cancel our Runway Dinner for 2017, but we will be back up and running bigger and better than before for 2018.

We will combine our 2018 Whitsunday Fly-In with our Runway Dinner. The Runway Dinner will be held on Saturday 23 June 2018. Our Whitsunday Fly-in will commence on 22 June. We will be inviting aero clubs and flying groups from all around Australia to come and enjoy our beautiful area.

There will also be the Helibiz Helicopter Safari departing Sunday 24 June for their Kimberley destination.

If you would like to join us for our 2018 Runway Dinner, all details will be on our website soon and we will update you in our next newsletter.

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Fly-In & Runway Dinner
Saturday June 23, 2018
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AirVenture Australia

Whitsunday Airport is attending the AirVenture Australia 2017 show and exhibition in Narromine NSW on 19 to 21 October this year. AirVenture Australia has everything aviation - Private, business, GA, sport and recreational, if it flies or has anything to do with flying it should be part of AirVenture Australia. If you are around Narromine make sure you come in and visit our stand - we will have a 407 on show in the external site and our stand promoting our Airport, Airpark our Runway Dinner and Fly-In will be inside.

Visit www.airventureaustralia.com.au

Cuteness overload

Our future budding new pilots????
We had 110 Cannonvale State School Year 2 students come and visit us for their school excursion during August. It was a pleasure to show such a well behaved bunch of kids around our airport.

They were even treated to a display of testing R44 floats for maintenance. A big thank you to Troy from Helibiz, James from Air Whitsunday and Nick from CQ Adventure flights for taking the time to talk to the kids about different aircraft, and yes there were some very tricky questions asked.



COMPANY PROFILE

Air Whitsunday

Air Whitsunday Seaplane is one of the most established tour operators in the Whitsunday region. We have been proudly providing seaplane tour services to the Great Barrier Reef and the Whitsunday Islands for 44 years.



The company started operating in April 1973 from Happy Bay, Long Island instigated by commercial pilot, Kevin Bowe and his wife, Sue - with a single Lake Buccaneer amphibious aircraft.

The discovery of "Heart Reef" in 1975 by one of Air Whitsunday's very own pilots has provided a focal point to our popular scenic flights and showcases the diversity of the Great Barrier Reef. The Heart Reef is now a Whitsunday feature of the tourism market and one of the bucket list things to see for many travellers around the globe.

In 1977 the operation outgrew Happy Bay and moved to the mainland to Whitsunday Airport where we have now been operating from for 40 years.

Air Whitsunday quickly grew to be the largest seaplane operator in the Southern Hemisphere and it retains that position today with a fleet of five amphibious aircraft. We operate three classic De Havilland Beaver floatplanes that are ideal for our island-hopping conditions accommodating up to six passengers. Our two Cessna Caravans are modern turbine powered aircraft, providing air-conditioned comfort and a luxurious interior for up to ten passengers.

Air Whitsunday is the only mainland operator that connects with glass bottom vessels within a private snorkeling lagoon at the Great Barrier Reef. The two glass bottom boats are operated during our snorkeling tours and accommodate up to thirty guests in total keeping the group sizes small and private. We operate six exclusive tours promoting a panoramic perspective of the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park and Whitsunday Islands National Park in addition to providing a unique transfer service to various island resorts and anchorage points within the Whitsunday Region. Over our 44 year operating history, Air Whitsunday has grown and evolved into an iconic business that concerns itself with providing excellence and a memorable luxury experience to all its guests.



*Iconic Heart Reef,
discovered in 1975*

What can our guests experience?

- All-inclusive way to enjoy the best of the Whitsundays from the air, under water and on land;
- Snorkel in a private coral lagoon inside the GBR;
- Fly atop the famous Heart Reef with the company who discovered this Whitsunday icon;
- Seaplanes offer a luxurious and fast way of travelling;
- Unique range of tours suitable for all clientele; and
- Small groups and personal service.



Celebration Bonfire

On 3 August we had a celebration bonfire. As you can imagine we had some excess timber lying around after TC Debbie, so what better way to celebrate the new ownership of the airport than with a bonfire night. We had over 100 people come and enjoy a glowing fire, food and excellent conversation (some might say tall stories). It's been suggested that we do this each year, a great excuse to get the marshmallows out again.

Meet Ash

Whitsunday Airport Shute Harbour Head Groundsman, Ashley Wray. Everyone knows our hardworking Ash.

Ash has been with the airport for over eight years. He is part of our wonderful ground crew who work tirelessly to ensure our airpark looks neat and tidy, and is always on hand for anything that arises.



Whitsunday Airports Head Groundsman Ashley Wray



*Now that's a bonfire!
Thanks to Merewyn Wright for the image*

Run-a-away North

We had a remarkable group of young aviators visit the airport during August. Run-a-way North flew northern Australia to visit remote/rural communities to empower and inspire young students.

Their 14 day adventure consisted of three aircraft, two 172s and a Piper Archer, travelling from Archerfield to Roma, Longreach, Birdsville, Alice Springs, Uluru, Tennant Creek, Katherine, Darwin, Borroloola, Normanton, Coen, Horn Island, Lockhart River, Cairns, Townsville, Shute Harbour, Hamilton Island, Rockhampton, Hervey Bay, Fraser Island and back home to Archerfield. Our local WAVE residents and aero club members enjoyed a welcome BBQ with them.



Run-A-Way North crew with the local Whitsunday Aero Club - Images Merewyn Wright

Our Mission Statement

WAVE RESIDENTS: For our residents, a promise to continue to grow our community airpark and encourage aviation. To take pride in our gardens and workplace and be mindful of residents' privacy.

OUR TENANTS: To provide a safe and productive work area for our tenants and their passengers, assisting all future growth of their business (if our tenants grow we will grow).

OUR VISITING AIRCRAFT: To provide our guests with any assistance required to ensure an efficient, safe and enjoyable visit, whether it be a 10 minute refuel or a 10 day stay. To develop a personal relationship with each visitor.

Our Vision

To make Whitsunday Airport Shute Harbour and WAVE a memorable holiday destination for all visitors and to demonstrate what life on an airpark is all about.

To build a network where aviators recommend Whitsunday Airport Shute Harbour and WAVE as a premier aviation destination.

To be known for our outstanding customer service, friendly disposition and stunning location.

We will strive to be a place of employment where employees are proud of their workplace, and directors are proud of their workers. Everyone working together to reach the one main goal: A SAFE, EXCITING & PRODUCTIVE AIRPORT & AIRPARK

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