

WHITSUNDAY AIRPORT SHUTE HARBOUR

Quarterly Update # 2 December 2018

"From Ross & Diane Armstrong"

Welcome to the Christmas Newsletter for 2017, with some news and happenings from our little aviation village. We trust you are enjoying these updates as we believe this is important to create a sense of community at WAVE.

Lee has done a great job of compiling news on a few of the many activities that have taken place in recent months.

We have welcomed new residents, said goodbye to the bright faces of Jess and Anna, and seen our green grass return finally!!

Lots of maintenance has been accomplished and the most recent improvement of the camera installation has been very exciting for us all! As always, we welcome any suggestions for improvements at WAVE.

On a serious note, we would like to recognise that the Aviation Industry is often viewed critically by the general public, especially the impact of noise on the neighbouring community.

Our Fly Neighbourly Policies have been carefully developed to limit this impact and any operations outside these guidelines are being monitored closely and reported upon.

We would like to remind everyone to make sure you are familiar with the operating policy of the airport to ensure we can all enjoy the General Aviation sector that we are part of.

Diane & I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a safe and merry festive season, and we look forward to catching up with you at our Christmas party in December. Thank you for being part of the WAVE community.

Cheers, Ross and Di.

Cameras & Weather Station

Our brilliant new weather station and cameras have been installed and running beautifully. Do you have OzRunways? If so have a look at our airport and current weather - don't have OzRunways and want to see what the weather is doing at Shute Harbour, then go to www.wave.skycam.net.au or download the APP Weatherlink - type in Shute Harbour and click on our station. Thanks to Paul Deegan (www.skycam.net.au) for his expertise and assistance in setting this up for us.



"AirVenture 2017"

What a wonderful few days we had at AirVenture this October. They had 2363 visitors come through the gates, 440 aircraft fly in, 55 seminars held and 40 exhibitors. Major sponsors were Aviation Trader, QBE, Narramine Council and CASA. The beautiful 407 received a lot of attention as did the Hawker Pacific Diamond D6A. Already looking forward to next years meet.

Lot 5 Whitsunday Aviation Village Estate



Lot 5 Completed

In October our latest hangar home was completed. Lot 5 is owned by Shane and Sue Finney. Shane and Sue grew up in Redcliffe QLD until finishing school and pursuing careers in aviation and nursing. Shane joined the airlines and Sue was a midwife on the Gold Coast where they had two lovely children, Chris and Beth. Overseas called and the family spent the next 30 years in Asia, mainly Hong Kong. The kids returned to careers in Brisbane and Melbourne. After so long away they were very excited to return to Queensland. Shane and Sue will be buying a small seaplane to enjoy the wonders of the Whitsundays and the exciting community at WAVE.

New Website

We have been working hard on our new website - hopefully you will find it easier to navigate around and we will also be able to sell tickets to our Runway Dinner as well as our Airshow in 2019 direct from our website. It should be up and running by mid December.

2019 Airshow

Our 2019 Airshow is in early planning stages with Paul Bennet and his team booked in for another amazing aerobatic flying display. Mark your calendar for 7 September 2019. Airlie Beach Airshow 2019 is going to be the biggest and best yet. Keep up to date by following our facebook page Whitsunday Airport Shute Harbour Airshow - Airlie Beach.



Missing Buccaneer?

Our little Lake Buccaneer VG-AWS from our entrance received some cyclone damage (amazingly she was still on her poles) so she is off to Air Whitsunday for some TLC. Looking forward to seeing her back in the air (well poles I guess).



COMPANY PROFILE

THE GSL STORY



In 2010, GSL Aviation started with just one aircraft and one pilot in the town of Marree, SA. GSL has always been a tourism business, with those first operations being scenic flights of Lake Eyre. The prospects in South Australia were limited however, with the market only thriving while Lake Eyre was considered to be flooded; a natural event occurring approximately once every decade. In 2011, GSL Aviation had the opportunity to commence operations in Airlie Beach, and has since expanded to include a base in Cairns (2014), and helicopter operations (2016). The GSL fleet now consists of 15 aircraft, being a mix of fixed and rotary wing. In 2017, GSL will carry more than 60,000 passengers on scenic flights in Queensland, making them one of the largest aviation tourism operators in Australia. Alike most tourism businesses in Airlie Beach, GSL is experiencing a growth in visitor numbers, and demand for tour products.

GSL Aviation is constantly making changes to the aircraft fleet to improve capacity, airworthiness, and fleet presentation. GSL has most recently acquired a Cessna Grand Caravan (now a total of 3 in the fleet), and another Robinson R44 helicopter. The Piper Chieftain VH-KFU has also undergone substantial refurbishment, and is expected to return to service in January 2018. The GSL Engineering team are always busy with regular maintenance, as well as our going program of fleet refurbishment. In the past few years, GSL has repainted and refurbished five aircraft, as well as various upgrades and new equipment installations. With more aircraft in the fleet, the engineering team continues to grow, and the facilities upgraded to include better equipment.

In the future, GSL intends to continue providing a range of scenic flights and tours in the Whitsundays and Cairns, making the most of predicated visitor growth in North Qld. The Cairns and Airlie Beach staff are committed to providing a great experience for customers, with GSL remaining the #1 rated aviation tour operator in both Cairns and Airlie Beach. It's an exciting time for tourism in Queensland, with strong visitor numbers and new opportunities always on the horizon. 2018 will see GSL expand their product range, and explore some outback tour products from the base in Cairns.



2018 Runway Dinner & Fly-In

The 2018 Runway Dinner is taking shape for Saturday the 23rd of June 2018.

Our Fly-In will have visiting aircraft arriving on Friday 22nd of June; Saturday 23rd of June join the Whitsunday Island Safari Flight followed by the OzRunways demonstration around lunch. From 14.00 our runway will be closed so we can prepare for our Runway Dinner, which opens at 17.30. VIP dinner with seven course meal is one option, or grab your dinner from the runway food festival foodies. Live music, kids entertainment and an amazing location. Sunday 24 June is a lay day except for the Heli-biz helicopter safari that will be departing on the Great Outback Helicopter Safari - so its going to be a fantastic long weekend.



Our 2017 Christmas Party

It's that time of year again, HO HO HO HO Whitsunday Airport Christmas Party on Friday December 8, from 17.30. If you are flying in make sure you let us know so you can join us for dinner.

Bye Bye Bugs

At our last meeting we agreed to start having a regular spray service done to ensure that our residents and their homes are bug free. Aaron from the Flametree Caravan Park next to the airport uses this in their park - it is completely safe for humans and animals as well as gardens

and grass. If you would like a copy of the MSDS please call Lee and we will send you one. Our first spray will be December 1st, probably in the late evening so if you see fog coming from our airpark don't panic its just us removing any midgies so you can enjoy your balcony in the afternoon.



Farewell Anna

Our lovely Anna left in November to continue her travels in Australia. Anna came to work with us just after TC Debbie and has worked tirelessly since. We are hoping to see her back for our Christmas Party before returning to Denmark.

New Residents?

Just as the Finney's move into Lot 5 we have had two beautiful Burdekin ducks that have decided to call Whitsunday Airport their new home. They tend to wander from our northern gates to the swim school along the creek - keep an eye out for them next time you are visiting our airport.



Record Breakers

What a month Skydive Australia Airlie Beach and GSL Aviation had in October, both companies breaking their passenger records. Skydive had an amazing 91 Tandem Jumps and GSL broke their record twice in the week with 385 passengers travelling with them in just one day. Congratulations, fantastic work by both companies.



R66 Workhorse

VH-RAO has been in with Helibiz having spray gear installed and how awesome does it look. With the training commencing with Don Tudderhope and test spraying (water only) done here at Whitsunday Airport it was amazing to watch, she looks pretty tuff. www.dwyeraviation.com.au





Pink Ribbon Breakfast

On October 29 Whitsunday Airport held a Pink Ribbon Breakfast to raise awareness and funds for breast cancer - we had over 70 guests for breakfast and with thanks to generous donations from our local community as well as our auction bidders we were able to raise over \$4500.

A massive morning with great success thank you to everyone who made it a wonderful breakfast.

New Turf

After some serious bobcat work we were then able to lay our new grass, eight pallets (400m²) to be precise, definitely worth the hard work.



Dans Birthday

Whitsunday Airport's Assistant Manager Dan Shoebridge celebrated his birthday in November - any excuse for a cake, Happy Birthday Dan.





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 - 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 seven 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 accomodation ideas please call Lee on 0430172325. Looking forward to seeing you soon.

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



STOP PRESS

VG-AWS is back

All refurbished and looking better than ever, 20 plus years to be exact. Thank you to Air Whitsunday for the refurbish work, special thanks to Nick giving her that extra smart look with a black belly. Our airport and airpark is looking better than before they cyclone.



DON'T FORGET!!!

Before you fly into Whitsunday Airport Shute Harbour, check all our weather conditions, available in an App as well.

www.weatherlink.com/user/shuteharbouryshr



Our little swift car has her new logo and she is looking very swishhhh

Merry Christmas ☺ Happy New Year

Sending warm wishes to you and your families during this Christmas Season. May your home be blessed with love and joy that come with the spirit of Christmas.

As the new year comes, we celebrate yet another year we are all together. May you find peace, health and happiness.

Merry Christmas and Happy New year from the team at Whitsunday Airport Shute Harbour. See you next year.

Lee, and the Whitsunday Airport Team



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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, food vendors or a seven 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!



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