



# NEWS RELEASE

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## **New management appointment strengthens West Wing Aviation**

North Queensland aviation company West Wing Aviation today announced the appointment of Owen Taylor as General Manager.

Mr Taylor will lead the airline through an exciting new growth phase, overseeing all business operations including safety and maintenance, financial performance and business development.

Mr Taylor brings with him over 15 years' senior business management and leadership experience within the telecommunications and construction industries.

West Wing Aviation's Managing Director Peter Collings said Mr Taylor's proven track record and vision made him the ideal leader to take the company forward.

"West Wing Aviation has undergone significant expansion in the past six months and Owen will play a vital role in steering the company toward sustained growth," Mr Collings said.

"In April we commenced flights in the Torres Strait Islands and in February we took over two important Queensland Transport routes connecting Townsville with several western Queensland towns.

"This has meant rapid changes for West Wing, including doubling our staff numbers.

"I am pleased to have Owen on board to implement our growth plans and continue to lay the foundations for ongoing success."

Mr Taylor's former roles have included Area General Manager of Telstra Country Wide (North and North West Queensland) and General Manager of Ark Homes, a national supplier of factory built homes.

Mr Taylor said: "I am delighted to be joining West Wing Aviation during this period of exciting growth for the company".

“As a recreational pilot, aviation has long been an interest of mine and West Wing is a very professional organisation with a strong commitment to client service and focus on safety.

“The challenge for the next 12 months is to ensure the airline meets its targets in what is a very challenging economic environment.

“I have a passion for delivering first-class customer service and plan to build on the high standards already in place at West Wing.

“In the next few weeks I look forward to visiting the many regions we service and meeting with our clients and stakeholders to ensure we are meeting their needs effectively.”

Mr Taylor will be based at West Wing Aviation’s Townsville office.

### **About West Wing Aviation**

West Wing Aviation is a privately owned airline, established in 2000.

The airline is committed to providing the highest level of safety and has a sharp focus on efficient service.

West Wing Aviation operates general aviation charters and is an RPT carrier, with offices in Townsville, Mount Isa and Cairns.

Managing Director Peter Collings’ career in the aviation industry spans over 20 years. He has owned airline operations servicing regional Queensland since 1992.

West Wing Aviation has experienced exciting growth over the past nine years and has a team of over 70 staff, including 50 pilots.

West Wing Aviation has a fleet of 26 aircraft, including two new Beechcraft 1900D 19-seaters.

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