



# NEWS RELEASE

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## Torres Strait anniversary celebrations

West Wing Aviation celebrated its one year anniversary of operations with the Torres Strait in May with a celebration on Horn Island for staff and community members.

Peter Collings, Owner of West Wing Aviation, said the operations in the Torres Strait were a huge part of the company.

"We are enjoying servicing the residents of the 11 remote communities," Mr Collings said.

"Our services include flights to and from the eastern, western and central island including Horn, Yorke, Murray, Darnley, Kubin, Badu, Boigu, Saibai, Coconut, Sue, Yam and Mabuig Islands."

Operations Manager Andrew Hoar said it has always been about loyalty and commitment. "Peter wanted to give it a go and we knew at the start what we were coming into," he said.

"A year has passed and West Wing hopes to be flying here long term and supporting the Torres Strait."

About 18,000 passengers have flown to and from the Outer Islands using West Wing Aviation since April 14 2009.

General Manager Owen Taylor praised the efforts of staff at Horn Island Airport.

"There are 11 employees which includes six pilots; four of which has been with us since the launch," he said.

"It shows good stability and there's flexibility to the delivery of the service, especially with connecting flights from southern region to the Outer Islands.

"We have had strong support from the local residents and this has assured us that we can continue the service to the region long term."