

# ***2009 Airshow is testament to support from Bundaberg regional community!***

Wide Bay Australia Ltd, naming rights sponsor of the Wide Bay Australia International Airshow has congratulated the local community on their support. Ron Hancock, Managing Director said the success of the event staged over the weekend is a testament to the hard work and dedication of the Bundaberg Regional community. "From the Airshow Board and Management Committee to the Bundaberg Regional Council, from sponsors and exhibitors to performers and suppliers - this was an absolutely huge effort. We are particularly mindful of the time and efforts of hundreds of volunteers whose commitment of time and personal cost allowed this event to happen. We extend a huge thank you to each and every one of them."

"The public also need to be congratulated on their support – without that support the Airshow would just not happen and all of the community benefits would be lost to our Region. We believe this weekend saw the Wide Bay Australia International Airshow cement its position as the premier general aviation event in Australia and the whole community should be very proud.

Together with our aviation history, industry and educational opportunities, Bundaberg can truly be considered the aviation hub of Australia." Peter Tuffield, Chairman of the Airshow Board summed up the 2009 Airshow as a "Fantastic result. The weather was superb and the crowd enthralled by the variety of Aerobatic performers and Aviation related displays throughout the 3 day event!"

Peter confirmed that the "CEO, Richard King-Siem, his support team and volunteers were absolutely magnificent. I especially want to recognise the Flight Operations Team Ray Vuillermin, Matt Fisher, our Traffic Controllers and the Commentary Team lead by John Knox, who produced a spectacular and safe flying display with awesome results. All the team members should feel very proud of themselves as they have worked together to produce a first class 'International Airshow'!"

Peter Tuffield said that on behalf of the Airshow Board he would like to "thank all the sponsors who so generously give of their resources, time and personnel towards making this such a successful general aviation industry and Wide bay region event! He confirmed that the major sponsor Wide Bay Australia has indicated a keen commitment towards the 2011 event, however is wanting to see increased State and Federal Government support to match the Industry contributions.

The Airshow Board would also like to recognise the enormous input and support of the Bundaberg Regional Council. Their support locally and through Council networks is imperative for the success of a regional event of this scale and for the sustainability of this event in our region.



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