



**ELECTION BALLOT
2017/18 Tourism Whitsundays Board**

Elections are now open for the Tourism Whitsundays Board. Nominations have been made and now it is time to elect the five members of the Tourism Whitsundays Board.

To vote, you must be a 2017/18 Tourism Whitsundays paid financial member.

Tourism Whitsundays Limited Board

Purpose

The purpose of the Tourism Whitsundays Board is to provide governance and strategic direction for Tourism Whitsundays, accept legal responsibility for the company and work to deliver its vision.

Structure

The Tourism Whitsundays Board shall consist of a maximum 11 directors, made up of 7 elected directors and up to 4 invited directors:

1. Elected representative from Island Resorts
2. Elected representative from Accommodation sector
3. Elected representative from Marine sector
4. Elected representative from Youth sector
5. Elected representative from Tourism Transport sector
6. Elected representative from any sector of the Tourism industry
7. Elected representative from any sector of the Tourism industry
8. Invited representative – Chairperson of Bowen Tourism and Business
9. Invited representative
10. Invited representative
11. Invited representative

The intended purpose of giving the Board scope to invite up to four (4) Directors is to identify specialist Board members such as an accountant, governance specialist, or simply vital stakeholders from the tourism industry if the Board deems necessary.

In addition, there are three ex-officio/non voting positions permanently allocated on the Board:

1. Tourism Whitsundays Chief Executive Officer
2. Whitsunday Regional Council Mayor (or appointed representative)
3. Tourism and Events Queensland representative

Term: All directors serve two year terms.

As per Item 33 (Appointment, removal and remuneration of Directors) in the Tourism Whitsundays Limited Constitution:

“ At every annual general meeting, half of the directors must retire from office, but are eligible for re-election or appointment. The retirements from office rotate on an annual basis with half the directors retiring at one annual general meeting and the other half retiring at the next annual general meeting. At each annual general meeting, that half of the directors due to retire must retire from office, but are eligible for re-election or appointment.”

Directors can serve a maximum of two terms consecutively; after which they cannot nominate for re-election for a period of one year.

Subject to section 7.1.3 (4), a director may serve a further term as an Invited Director.

Please find below the ballot form. **Elections for Tourism Whitsundays board representatives close at 11:59pm on Monday 2nd October 2017 (this is a Public holiday, please ensure your vote is received by Conrole Carlisle based in Mackay on Friday 29th September or via email on Monday 2nd October)**

This form can be submitted via email OR post.

Email this form to: Alex Cahill, alex@concar.com.au

Posted to: PO BOX 1396, Mackay QLD 4740

Please rank in order your preference for the Tourism Whitsundays Board. 1 being your first preference

	Allen Grundy- Explore Whitsundays
	Brooke Ogden – Brooke Miles Photography
	David Rose – Explore Hamilton Island
	Judy Porter – Shiift
	Naomi McKinnon – Fat Frog Beach Café
	Nigel Pemberton – Shingley Beach Resort
	Richard Walter – Whitsunday Sailing Adventures
	Trevor Rees –Whitsunday Escape

For tracking purposes please provide your contact name and information (this is mandatory and your vote will not count unless this information is provided):

Name

Email Address

Company

Phone Number

Al Grundy - Explore Whitsundays

This is my 20th year involved in the Tourism Industry in the Whitsundays. Initially an operations manager for Southern Cross Sailing Adventures before becoming a director and partner in the business in 1999. From 2000 I focussed my efforts on growing international tourism contracts and raising awareness of the Whitsundays. In 2008 forming Explore Whitsundays as a marketing and reservations co-operative for Sailing Companies. Having been a board member of Backpacking Queensland for 6 years, before joining the board of Tourism Whitsundays in 2007. For the last two years I have held the Chairman position for Tourism Whitsundays through a period of good growth. Since 2014 I have represented the Whitsundays on the Mackay Whitsundays Healthy Rivers to Reef Management Committee. Since April 2017, I have represented the Whitsundays on the Tourism Recovery Taskforce which has been successful in attaining funds for tourism infrastructure improvements both in the Marine Park and on the mainland. In May 2017 I was invited to attend the Reef Summit in Townsville to workshop ideas to develop a Blue Print for the future management of the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park. I believe in action, that the Whitsundays is and should be welcoming to all markets and I will always do my best to represent the broad interests of the tourism industry and broader community



Nominated By: Helen Sheehy

Nominated By: Greg Waites

Brooke Ogden- Brooke Miles Photography

Brooke has been a part of the local Whitsunday business community since 2012. Moving her photography business from Perth and re-establishing herself here was no easy feat. However, one she has succeeded in with leaps and bounds. Brooke is the owner of a wedding and commercial photography business servicing both the private and business, local and tourism sectors. She is also the publisher of a bi-annual bridal magazine, Your Queensland Wedding, that is distributed state wide. Brooke is also about to open a new gallery for her exciting New brand 'Above and Below Photography', which is due to open at Port of Airlie next month. Brooke is a 2 time winner (+ 1 silver!) at the Whitsunday Tourism Awards and is an active member of the business community, along with being president of the Weddings Whitsundays committee. Brooke is driven to see the Whitsundays flourish, the combination of her vast business experience and eye for seeing things differently, will bring diversity to the board that will benefit all TW members.



Nominated By: Sharon Gregory

Nominated By: Naomi McKinnon

David Rose – Explore Group Hamilton Island

David is a visionary, results-driven Senior Executive with a proven record of delivering at the highest level. From the early years as a senior record executive for Warner Music New Zealand to being CEO and founder of successful New Zealand based media businesses, David has managed all aspects across a diverse portfolio of disciplines in the media and entertainment sector. This included publishing, television production, broadcasting, online, mobile, events and of course music.

In addition to this David has clocked in excess of 20,000 offshore nautical sailing miles and owned a diverse series of vessels from sailing yachts to launches. David's passion for everything nautical, particularly the environment has brought David to the Whitsunday Islands and Hamilton Island as General Manager of Explore Group Hamilton Island.



Nominated By: Sherri Meade

Nominated By: Allen Grundy

Judy Porter – Shiift

Judy Porter has been a 25 yr long-time local working in the Tourism, Mining Recruitment, Training, and Coaching sectors. Judy was Caretaker CEO when Tourism Whitsundays (formerly WMDL) was deregulated; playing a key role in splitting the WMDL entity into Tourism Whitsundays and Whitsunday Economic Development. Judy's company, Shiift, provides Leadership Development coaching, programs and workshops to local, regional, and state-wide small to medium businesses; she is passionate about empowering people to reach greater potentials. Judy has combined 15 years as a Director / Owner of the Reserve Group (employing 70-250 employees) with 4 years of Behavioural Psychology to bring a broad strength of knowledge to any position of responsibility she undertakes. Current and previous positions of responsibility include: Secretary of Whitsunday Coast Chamber of Commerce (3 yrs), Chairperson of Whitsunday Crisis & Counselling Service (2 yrs), member of Women In Business.



Nominated By: Kathryn Lange

Nominated By: Joscelyn O'Keefe

Naomi McKinnon – Fat Frog Beach Café

I arrived in Airlie Beach 17 years ago as a traveller. Like many I fell in love and never left. My prior background was 14 years with advertising/PR/marketing agencies in Adelaide, but having started work with BIG4 Adventure Whitsunday on arrival I discovered a passion for tourism/hospitality and in particular customer service. As part of the McKinnon family, I am incredibly proud of my part in helping develop an amazing and iconic Whitsunday accommodation product. But many would now know me as Fat Frog Beach Café. As a start up business it has given me an even wider set of business skills. I believe the success of both businesses comes from my strengths in strategic planning, sales and marketing activities and an absolute commitment to ensuring the highest standards customer service. However, I also have very strong personal morals and values which I think are equally as important to the operation of a successful Board ... honesty, integrity and the utmost respect for my peers. After 17 years in Airlie Beach I am extremely excited at the opportunity to contribute to the future of our amazing region.



Nominated By: Greg McKinnon

Nominated By: Brooke Ogden

Nigel Pemberton- Shingley Beach Resort

I've been associated with the Whitsundays over the past 30 years , more recently as the Resort Manager of the Shingley Beach Resort for the last 10 Years. I have a great understanding of the local Tourism industry , Diversified Tour operations and the Accommodation Sector. I've experienced the downturns during GFC and the subsequent slow recovery of the Area.

I can only see Positive growth for the entire area over the coming years as we all fully recovered from Cyclone Debbie . I'm also competing in the Clipper Round the World 2017/18 Yacht Race specifically the Australian Leg 4 , from Freemantle Via Sydney , Hobart and home port Airlie Beach. I'll be on Sanya Serenity kippeder by Aussie Skipper Wendy Tuck . I consider I have a lot of experience to contribute to the Board.



Nominated By: Jo Mathews

Nominated By: Paul McLaughlin

Richard Walter – Whitsunday Sailing Adventures

I'm currently co owner/operator with my wife of Whitsunday Getaways Pty Ltd. We have been running the business since 2010. Last year we expanded operations with the addition of a second Catamaran. The product caters to the discerning traveller, with only 8 guests per vessel staying in private en-suite cabins. The personal service matched with wonderful fresh food on board these immaculately presented catamarans all help to enhance our guests experience in the incredible Whitsundays. Previously my wife and I ran Day charters on Sydney harbour. This was the beginning of our sea change and after 7 years of operation, we relocated to Airlie Beach. We fell in love with the Whitsunday's while honeymooning on Hayman Island and from that point on we focused our efforts on working and living in paradise. I am a television cameraman by trade for the last 30 years, and still do work on the V8 Supercars and Cowboys games in Townsville. My television career takes me around the country and the world and continues to provide new and amazing experiences. I look forward to the possibility of helping to promote the Whitsunday's and the amazing experiences that are on offer in our piece of paradise.



Nominated By: Allen Grundy

Nominated By: Helen Sheehy

Trevor Rees - Whitsunday Escape

Trevor arrived by boat with a young family in 1988. Over the last 29 years he has worked in the marine tourism industry. 17 years ago he was appointed managing director and became part owner of Whitsunday Escape. That business is now one of the premier charter companies in Australia with a fleet of over 40 boats. Trevor has been actively involved with many tourism and community groups over the years, current roles include a member of the Whitsunday Local Marine Advisory Committee, President of the Whitsunday Bareboat Operators Association (WBOA) and a board member of Association of Marine Park Tourism Operators (AMPTO). Pervious high profile roles include an interim board member TW and while in the capacity as Chairman of Whitsunday Marketing Development he helped negotiate the split to create the present Tourism Whitsundays . Past business highlights over the years include the winning of multiple tourism awards including the Whitsunday Hall of fame in 2015 and the Australian Tourism Award in 2014. With his own business on an even keel he has time and



energy to give something back to the Whitsundays region which has given him so much.

Nominated By: John Mol

Nominated By: Luke McCaul

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