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### **Whitsundays take centre stage for Annie Seaton's epic novel**

Award-winning Australian author Annie Seaton will be in Airlie Beach this Friday for the launch of her epic novel, *Whitsunday Dawn*, which is inspired from the natural beauty of the Whitsundays landscape.

*Whitsunday Dawn* is a period novel, set in WW II and traces the lives of two women, separated by history, drawn to Whitsunday Island, where their futures are changed forever. The entire Whitsundays is featured in the novel, including Bowen and Proserpine.

Since first visiting the Whitsundays in 1988, Mrs Seaton said the area has remained one of her favourite travel destinations of all time, falling in love with the beauty of the islands and the pristine natural landscape.

Following countless visits back to the Whitsundays over the years, including eight bareboat charters, Mrs Seaton was inspired to share the regions landscape with readers who have never visited.

“Researching *Whitsunday Dawn* last year was the perfect reason to spend three months of the year in the region where I was able to research the setting in depth, explore Whitsunday and Hamilton islands as well as Cannonvale Beach where Aunty Tat lives in the contemporary section of the book,” she said.

“My love of the Whitsundays really helped bring the entire book to life; from the characters to the issues. People are already booking holidays to the Whitsundays after reading my book which is fantastic,” she said.

Tourism Whitsundays General Manager Natassia Wheeler said it was exciting to have Mrs Seaton in town, back to where the magic of the book began.

“It is an honour to have an author of Annie’s calibre draw the spotlight on the Whitsundays, which will enable readers to learn more about the tropical paradise through her beautiful storytelling,” she said.

Mrs Seaton will be doing signings of her novel at the book launch on September 7, which is being held on the Coral Sea Resort Jetty, Airlie Beach.

**About the Author:** *Annie Seaton* lives on the edge of the ocean with her own hero of many years. Since their two children fled the nest and three beautiful grandchildren arrived, they share their home with Toby, the naughtiest dog in the universe, and a lively rag doll cat called Barney. When she is not writing or travelling Australia looking for new stories, Annie

*can be found in her garden or walking on the beach...or most likely on her deck overlooking the ocean, camera in hand as the sun sets. Annie's inspiration comes from the natural beauty of Australian landscapes and she is passionate about raising awareness of the need to preserve the pristine areas that surround us. Each winter, Annie and her husband leave the beach to roam the remote areas of Australia to research her eco-adventure stories. She is also published internationally in e-books in the romance genre, and in 2015 and 2017 was voted Best Established Australian Author by romance readers.*

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