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## Tourism Whitsundays Welcomes Tom Young

Tourism Whitsundays is pleased to welcome Tom Young, Partner at K&L Gates, as an Invited Board Director.

Tom brings over 30 years' significant experience to government, commercial and private sector related areas of law, working with airports and leading airlines, rail and ports in relation to the operation of airports, regulatory and real estate matters, airport privatisations and commercial partnerships.

With an in-depth understanding of Queensland, Australian and Asia Pacific tourism industries, Tom is a nationally recognised expert in resort and hotel accommodation, liquor and gaming, and acts in the development and acquisition of major hotels and resorts.

A keen supporter of indigenous initiatives spanning over the tourism and property sectors, Tom has actively participated and provided pro bono support to Queensland Tourism Industry Council for the Year of Indigenous Tourism, First Nations Tourism Consultation and the Champions Network.

Tourism Whitsundays Chair and Owner of Red Cat Adventures, Julie Telford endorsed the invitation to Tom.

"Tom has an in-depth understanding of Queensland, Australian and Asia Pacific tourism industries, which will benefit the Whitsunday region," Ms Telford said.

Partner at K&L Gates, Tom Young said he is honoured to have received an invitation to join the solid board at Tourism Whitsundays.

"Tourism is facing unprecedented challenging times, the resilience of operators will ensure our industry comes through the other side of this pandemic, stronger and better placed to seize future opportunities to showcase The Whitsundays.

"The role of the board is to provide strategic direction, strong governance and make a positive impact on the tourism industry, I look forward to assisting The Whitsundays to achieve great outcomes," Mr Young said.

Tourism Whitsundays Chief Executive Officer, Rick Hamilton believes Tom's skills will complement an outstanding board that represents our region.

"With a passionate board dedicated to supporting the most tourism reliant region in Queensland, we are in the best position we can be to continue driving growth opportunities into the future," Mr Hamilton said.

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**About Tourism Whitsundays:** *Tourism Whitsundays (TW) is the organisation responsible for destination marketing and visitor attraction for the Whitsunday region. It is the lead agency recognised by Tourism and Events Queensland and the Whitsunday Regional Council to lead the promotion of the region as a tourism destination. Tourism Whitsundays markets all aspects of the region including the Great Barrier Reef, Whitsunday Islands and Coast, accommodation, boating and sailing, fishing, touring, recreational activities, adventure, dining, shopping, weddings and honeymoons, conferencing and business events.*

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