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THE HEART OF THE GREAT BARRIER REEF

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A New Home for Artists in The Whitsundays

Local and visiting artists have a new home in The Whitsundays with the opening of the 3 Little Birds Gallery. A part of local espresso café, 3 Little Birds Espresso, the space is the vision of local artist and co-owner, Joan Hunter, who saw the opportunity to showcase the talents of The Whitsundays. The new space is located next door to 3 Little Birds Espresso which also doubles as a shopfront for many local artists to sell their creations.

3 Little Birds Gallery has worked with local artists, Angela Vivian and co-owner JHunter Creations, to launch the first gallery event in the space. The eclectic exhibition brings together works from local artists specialising in watercolour, pastels, acrylic, pencil, charcoal and resin.

An exclusive viewing held on Friday 4 November will give ticket holders the opportunity to purchase the art works on show and meet with the artists. Local artists exhibiting include; Agnes Durbet, Brigitte Peel, Courteney Vivian, Jenna Benson, Leah Warren, Nelida Avila-Picossa, Pam Harrison, and creators Angela Vivian and Joan Hunter (JHunter Creations).

Tourism Whitsundays CEO, Rick Hamilton said the addition of a place for local artists to exhibit their work is a great addition to The Whitsundays.

'When we look at the offering of The Whitsundays, art is something that is missing a lot of the year, the new gallery space will give art a home all year,' Mr Hamilton said.

3 Little Birds co-owner and artist, Joan Hunter said the gallery showing was the result of a lot of hard work put in by the 3 Little Birds team and Angela Vivian.

'Our goal is to add a year-round arts attraction to The Whitsundays, this first showing is just the start!' said Ms Hunter.

3 Little Birds Gallery will be open to the public from Saturday 5 and Saturday 6 November 10am - 2pm. An exclusive viewing on Friday 4 November will give ticket holders the opportunity to purchase the art works on show, meet with the artists and enjoy music by Lucy Sherrington. Tickets are available to purchase at 3littlebirdsespresso.com.au/a-day-in-the-artist-in-airlie or in store at 3 Little Birds Espresso, 2/402 Shute Harbour Rd, Airlie Beach.

JHunter Creations is supported by Regional Arts Australia.

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3 Little Birds Espresso: We are 3 Sister's with a vision to highlight the natural beauty of our region and the people who live and work in our community. We are proud Maori women with Australian blood and family is our everything. Our logo is even a very special tattoo shared by the 3 of us and our older brother that we have had for years so it's the symbol for our family.

The Whitsundays is a place we call home and feel blessed to have been welcomed to country by Aunty Sue, our elder from the Ngaro people. We showcase local made products, artworks and more.

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We are not only an espresso bar serving Ground Control Coffee, delicious shakes, treats and food, we also have local gifts and art works, art classes, co-working office spaces, we also provide knowledge of our area for our guests and new residents to our region.

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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