

REGIONAL AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT

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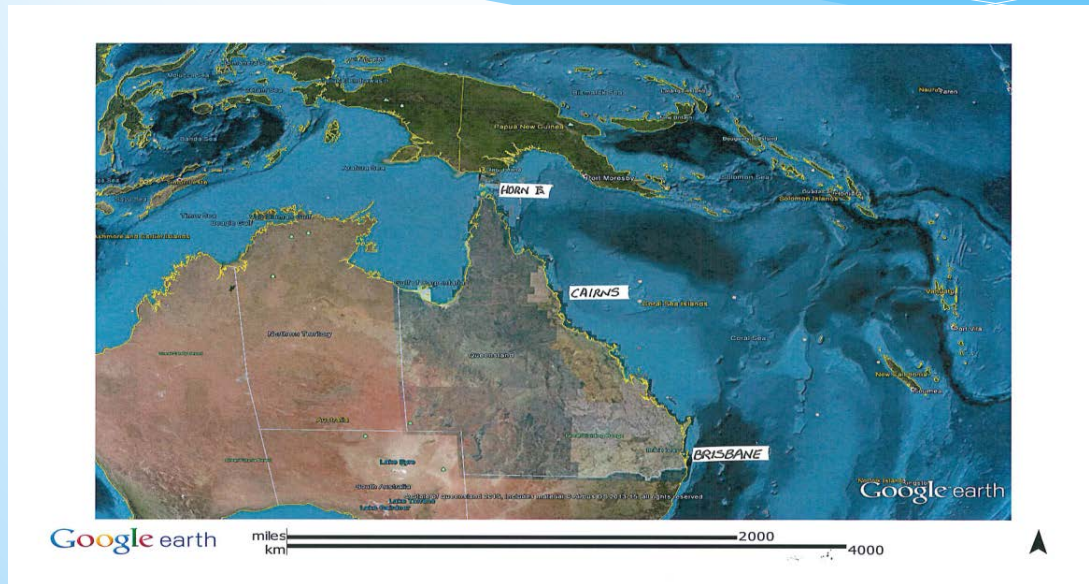
- Horn Island Airport – where is that?
- Offshore from mainland Australia
- Don't need a passport!

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Brisbane to Horn Island

2hrs 25mins then 1hr 40mins (Q400)



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Thursday Island



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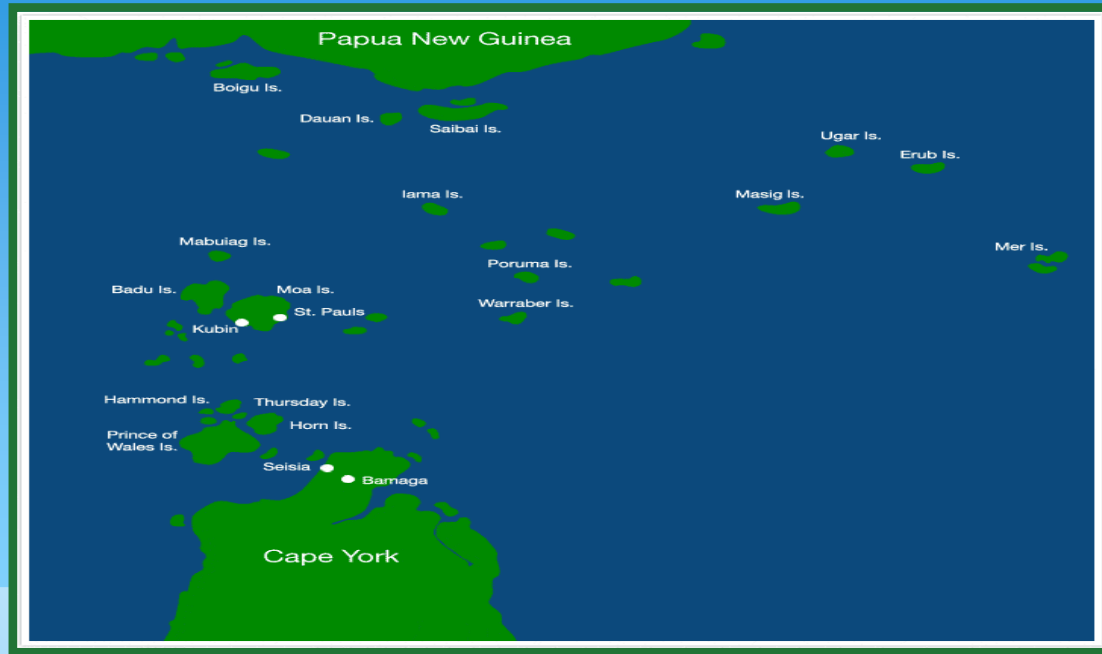
Queenfish - only 72cm



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Torres Strait Islands



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Torres Strait Region

- Torres Shire Council Mayor Pedro Stephen tells the story of a Thursday Island bank manager, an Indian who hailed from South Africa and had transferred to TI from Tasmania, who was asked by his brother what Torres Strait was like.
- He said “it was like GOLD, set in a PEARL environment with DIAMOND potential”.
- The Horn Island Airport is the hub for the Torres Strait Region



AAA National Airport Industry Awards 2015

- Small Regional Airport of the Year - The nominees were:
- Horn Island Airport - Airport Chapel Project
- Kerang Aerodrome - Aerodrome Upgrade
- Latrobe Regional Airport - Pavement, Infrastructure and Environmental Upgrades
- Onslow Airport - Terminal Development
- Stawell Airport - Stage 4 Upgrade Project
- Toowoomba Aerodrome - Itinerant Apron Upgrade and Taxiway B/C Upgrade
- Warrnambool Regional Airport - Airside and Landside Infrastructure Project

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And the winner is.....

- Congratulations to Horn Island Airport - Airport Chapel Project

Council made the decision to convert the screening building into a Chapel for use by Torres Strait families.

- Locals contractors and community have contributed to the works which include installation of air conditioning, relining and sheeting, construction of an altar and trestle table, donation of floral decorative pieces, construction and erection of a cross inside the /Chapel and donation of plants and suggestions for the landscaping design.
- This is a fantastic example of positive community engagement to meet the needs of those using the airport.



Gazebo for gathering and yarning



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Mayor Pedro, staff and helpers



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Almond shade tree



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Inside the chapel



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Where to Start

- Airport history servicing the region and strategic location
- Nature of operations at airport
- Basis of demand for services
- Terminal, carpark, landside function and capacity
- 2000yr plan versus new plan for terminal
- Extent and type of business activity at the airport
- Businesses off airport, who rely on the airport
- Community and cultural importance

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Where to Start

- Employment
- Tourism, industries
- Type of aircraft operations
- Future airport operations
- Future airport business opportunities
- Future airport - community expectations
- Future industry sector opportunities
- 5, 10 and 20 year outlook

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Horn Island Airport



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Construction of the Horn Island Airstrip

- 1939 original airstrip built by Main Roads Commission
- Civil Construction Corps and Allied Works Council also responsible for construction and maintenance during the war years.
- No. 1 runway was safe and ready for use in June 1940 and No. 2 runway completed by November 1941
- Jetty was commenced in May 1941 and still in use today
- The Horn Island Museum has been the source of this information and the story can be found in “Horn Island, In Their Steps 1939-1945” by Vanessa and Liberty Seekee.

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World War 2

- Japanese bombing raids against Horn Island Aerodrome
 - 14 March 1942
 - 18 March 1942
 - 30 April 1942
 - 11 May 1942
 - 6 July 1942
 - 30 July 1942
 - 1 August 1942
 - 17 June 1943
- Japan had a war time strategy that covered attacks ranging from Western Australia to Queensland with Darwin being bombed more during the war period due to it initially being a naval base as well as having an air force facility



Maybe Politicians Can Assist (maybe not)



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Redeveloping our Master Plan to Explore opportunities to develop the Horn Island Airport

- Though having reduced from 17 flights to 14 flights a week (2 flights daily) and managing operational staff (up to 7) on a daily basis in the security screening area as well as airport reporting officers, the airport is able to generate a positive cash flow, despite the added challenge of operating in a remote area.



How the airport is able to generate revenue through their master plan

- <http://www.qantasnewsroom.com.au/roo-tales/crocs-crayfish-and-community-welcome-to-horn-island/>



How the airport is able to generate revenue through their master plan

- Articulate how they lease hangar space



How the airport is able to generate revenue through their master plan

- Assessing the operation and maintenance of helicopter operations
- Maximising improvements in the parking of aircraft, expansion of helicopter areas



How the airport is able to generate revenue through their master plan

- Navigating through the implications of government aircraft and vessels



How the airport is able to generate revenue through their master plan

- Overcoming and embracing the challenges of operating under the “low fare scheme” trial



How the airport is able to generate revenue through their master plan

- Increase numbers of flights incoming by creating a dedicated hangar/terminal for RPT to reduce congestion and backlogs



How the airport is able to generate revenue through their master plan

- Strategically reviewing potential airport accommodation and conference facilities



Funding Myth

- Torres Shire Council 2015/2016 Budget
- The significant business activities of the Council including Commercial activities indicated;
- The estimated income for the airport was \$4.5 million
- The estimated expenditure for the airport was \$3.2 million



Core Business for Councils

- However, Council is in the process of Full Cost Pricing reform and as is usual for local governments there is always the potential of a community service obligation.
- As an example - running the Child Care facility, the Thursday Island Sports Complex (pool and gymnasium) as well as the Horn Island Sports Stadium



Thanks for listening to the Torres story



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