



SKYTRANS QUADRUPLES ITS NUMBERS

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Leading regional aviation group, Skytrans has reported an increase in its passenger numbers by more than four times the amount compared to this time last year.

This time last year passenger numbers throughout the Far North on Skytrans aircraft were at approximately 3,500 passengers for the month, compared to over 12,000 for the month this year.

“The increase in passenger numbers is great news and it is a sign of our growing footprint in Far North Queensland. This year we have also increased capacity with the introduction of the larger sized 36 seater Dash 8 aircraft on many of our regional routes,” said Skytrans Chief Executive Officer, Simon Wild.

The owners of Skytrans, The Wild Family Group of Companies, announced this year the merge of its two other aviation companies, airline charter company Queensland Regional Airlines (QRA) and their aviation management firm Corporate Air Services. The management capacity this merger provided has been at the forefront of the recent growth.

“There is no doubt that when we brought the companies under the one group the airline benefited by way of resources and expertise overnight. This year we are very much aiming towards growing our staff numbers even more to meet the demand,” Mr Wild said.

Currently Skytrans employs more than 200 people throughout North Queensland and provides seven Dash 8 and twenty twin engine aircraft to service the region.

“We are committed to this community for the long term, while the group as a whole services destinations across Australia, our home is and always will be the Far North. As we continue to grow we will also give back to this community more and more as we believe in supporting those who support us,” he said.

Skytrans is already a huge financial supporter of local sporting groups and charity organisations including the Skytrans Cairns Taipans, AFL Cairns, Relay For Life, YAPS and the Cairns Business Women’s Club just to name a few.

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