

# Ramblers celebrate clubhouse construction

## Airport to become ground zero for skydivers

IT'S been a long wait but after a couple of false starts, several delays and a seemingly never-ending line of red tape, Skydive Ramblers are almost ready to move into their new Clubhouse.

Construction began just six weeks ago and with thankfully little downtime despite the ongoing rain, the Ramblers crew hopes to be moving into their new digs next month.

Conveniently located in Kittyhawk Close at the Sunshine Coast Airport, the Clubhouse features an expanse of open space with importantly, a large parachute packing area.

There's also a new reception and retail area, separate media room and office space, large staffroom and kitchen and a client viewing and waiting area.

The exciting move brings an end to the crew's headquarters for the past seven years – the private function room at Coolum Beach Hotel, where they have prepared countless first-time jumpers for the tandem skydive experience.

An abundance of rainy days and lack of suitable skydiving weather has actually worked in the crew's favour, with director Susie McLachlan putting husband Wayne McLachlan putting husband Wayne to work with builder Paul Pryor.

"Wayne has been loving working on the building. He's experienced at roof tiling and our full-time tandem instructor Darren Harvey has been working as his offside – they've had a ball," Susie said.

"Our builder, Paul Pryor has been fantastic. The delays have actually allowed us time to work on changing



**NEW HOME:** Wayne McLachlan, Sonja Bruss, Darren Harvey, Susie McLachlan and Marios Christodoulos celebrate the construction of Skydive Ramblers' new base.

and improving aspects of the design." Susie and Wayne McLachlan are second-generation Skydive Ramblers owners and bought the business from Susie's dad, Dave McEvoy last year.

2010 was also the year that council finally granted the adventure-based tourism business a 10-year lease over their Stumers Creek (Coolum) drop zone, giving them a further incentive to develop the business and forge ahead with Clubhouse plans.

"It's been a long haul that started with a \$90,000 AusIndustry grant

over three years ago. The 500 square meters of glorious Clubhouse at the Airport will open up a whole new world of fun," Susie said.

"We are all really excited. We have longed for a real drop zone home for years."

To celebrate, Skydive Ramblers are currently offering a 14,000ft tandem jump for the price of a 10,000ft jump!

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