

# Air Niugini left in wake

Consumer confidence, in-flight service, passenger comfort and meals and refreshments, are reaching new heights in the latest aircraft to hit PNG skies.

Air Niugini can only sit and wonder at such aircraft performance, and personal service.

Local pilot, Tim Vincent, trained in Brisbane in early 2006, gaining qualifications to fly ultralight 'trikes' under the 'Recreational Aviation Australia' rules. Shortly thereafter, he purchased an Airborne Windsports 'Classic S', and began the process of importing and preparing the aircraft for

operations in PNG which has proved "painful at best" according to Tim.

Taking off and landing in under 100m, boasting unparalleled climb and glide angles, and with only 16 litres per hour fuel burn, Wau Adventures' ultralight 'trike' is set to take the air by storm. "People need to understand that in the right hands, ultra lights can in fact be safer in PNG conditions than other light aircraft. There's no reason an entire fleet of trikes couldn't one day take to the PNG skies under the banner of recreation aviation" says Tim. "It's both challenging



Mr Vincent and co-pilot 'CB' preparing to take off

and frustrating being the first trike in the country, but there's a whole new market for funflying out there."

Tim's friend and senior instructor, John Cresswell, traveled from Brisbane to Wau to assist assemble and test-fly the trike, and conduct some local 'mountain training'. John

has circumnavigated Australia and crossed Africa in a similar aircraft. Many have suggested they are both simply nuts.

Mr Vincent guarantees "every passenger flies first class, seated right behind the pilot, with open views in all directions.