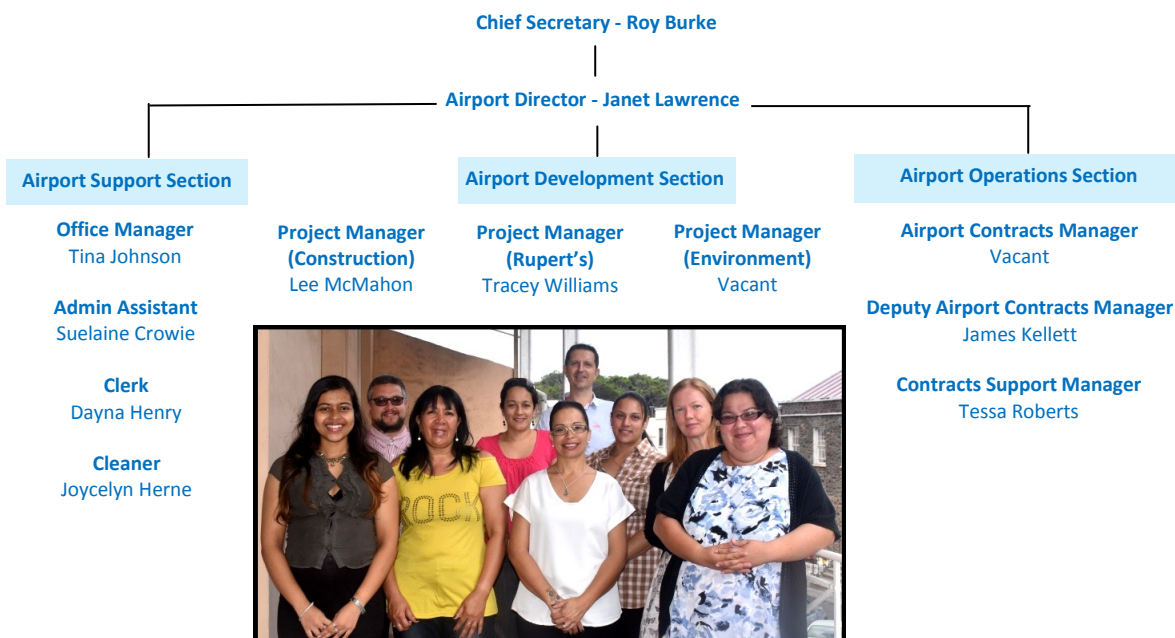




Meet the SHG Airport Directorate Team

The Airport Directorate has now almost recruited a full team. With two additional posts filled, the directorate is now going from strength to strength. The layout of the directorate is as follows:



Training for Airport Directorate

The Airport Directorate recently welcomed back External Aviation Advisor, Simon Walker, who has visited the Island a number of times during the course of the construction of the Airport. Simon arrived on-Island on Sunday, 5 February 2017, to assist with the set-up, support and training of the Airport Operations Section of the Airport Directorate. He left the Island on Monday, 20 February 2017.

Whilst on Island, Simon worked closely with the Deputy Airport Contracts Manager, James Kellett, and Contracts Support Manager, Tessa Roberts.

Simon is able to offer over 40 years of aviation experience, and has assisted the Airport Operations Section with setting up procedures and processes, advising on contractual requirements in the context of the aviation industry, and providing an intensive programme of training to all members of the Airport Directorate on a wide range of topics.



Certification Audits

The ASSI audit will be conducted at St Helena Airport from Friday, 17 March to Friday, 24 March 2017. The two inspectors will be arriving with the Basil Read charter aircraft. All areas of Airport Operations will be audited, in particular, the annual competency checks of the Air Traffic Control Officers (ATCOS) will be conducted by the Air Traffic Service (ATS) Inspector during this period.

Although the Airport is certified until May 2017, the ATCOs licenses need to be renewed before 11 April 2017.

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Fuel Uploading Gantry at Rupert's

Preparatory works are continuing for the installation of the replacement gantry at Rupert's. This new infrastructure will replace the existing gantry and is required for the ship-to-shore transfer of St Helena's fuel supply. With increased storage at the new Bulk Fuel Installation and larger quantities of fuel being imported in future, larger hoses will be used for this operation, demanding a larger structure. To this effect, additional support is needed for the new gantry, and this will be installed in front of the existing sea wall.

Current works include the creation of a temporary rock berm for the construction of the gantry support, and the excavation for foundations shore side.



Location of the replacement gantry at Rupert's

Annual Environment Report

The 2015-16 reporting year has been very eventful with a number of major milestones accomplished and some disappointments along the way. From an environmental point of view, performance was affected at times by the tight deadlines, the problems with the incinerator and a lack of sub-contractor oversight, but significant progress was made on site decommissioning and preparing land disturbed by construction for planting. The findings from the mole spider monitoring, the invertebrate survey of the new DVOR fence line and the lichen experiments are all exciting from a scientific perspective and the news from the St Helena National Trust Wirebird Census is very encouraging.

The Airport received its Aerodrome licence to operate from ASSI. The beautifully aligned and graded Access Road offers views of spectacular scenery and Rupert's Wharf will provide a much safer landing for passengers from visiting cruise ships and yachts. The new sea rescue building, slipway and rescue boats add much needed marine safety capability to the Island. All these developments came about through team effort and great diligence by all parties - Basil Read, Access Office, PMU and St Helena Government, as well as great forbearance by the affected residents of Rupert's Valley, Deadwood, Longwood and Bottom Woods.

In the coming year, it is expected that the Access Road will be completed and opened to the general public and the complex bulk fuel facility structures in Rupert's Valley will be well on their way to completion.

Thank You

On behalf of the SHG Airport Directorate, and the Halcrow Project Management Unit, we would like to say 'Thank You' to St Helena Airport Director within Basil Read (South Africa), Jimmy Johnston. Jimmy has now retired from Basil Read, having given 41 years of loyal and productive service. Jimmy has been involved with the St Helena Airport Project right from the tendering stage in 2007, and has provided invaluable support throughout. His dedication, expertise in project management and construction, as well as his ability to work with everyone, have all greatly contributed to making the St Helena Airport Project a success.



Throughout his time involved with the Airport Project, Jimmy was always excited about the broader opportunities and benefits that this project would bring to both Saints and the Island. He viewed the Airport Project as much more than a simple construction project, it really has been about building a legacy for the Island.

We would like to wish him a long, happy and healthy retirement.