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Glenorchy Air are pleased to announce the arrival of their GA8 Airvan. This completely refurbished aircraft was delivered from the Australian manufacturer Gipps Aero and was flown direct across the Tasman to Queenstown by the ferry pilot GerrardLappin. The flight took approximately 8 hours.

The arrival of this new aircraft means it is the second Airvan to join Glenorchy Air's fleet, establishingGlenorchy Air as the second largest fixed wing scenic flight operator in terms of window seats in the Southern Lakes area.

All the passengers travelling in the Airvan sit by a large window whichprovideswonderful, uninterrupted views ofthe stunning landscape.

As Glenorchy Air worked on the Lord of the Rings films their first Airvan was registered LOR, to stand for Lord of the Rings. They have again stuck with the Lord of the Rings theme,registering the newest arrival JRR. JRR are the initials of JRR Tolkien writer of Lord of the Rings and serendipitously the initials of owners Janet and Robert Rutherford.

There are approximately 200 GA8 Airvans flying in many countries worldwide. They have an unmatched safety record in the flying of passengers. The GA8 fleet has flown more than a million hours with no passenger fatalities or serious injuries since the aircraft was first certified in 2003.

Glenorchy Air are based at Queenstown Airport and fly to Milford Sound, Mt Cook, the glaciers and many other destinations around the South Island.

Attached is a photo of the Airvan being welcomed to Queenstown Airport