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MEDIA RELEASE

REX ANNOUNCES IMPROVED GRIFFITH TO MELBOURNE SCHEDULE

Regional Express (Rex) today announced an improved Griffith to Melbourne schedule with effect from Monday, 2 May 2011.

The improved schedule will provide customers with the ability to undertake same day return travel between Griffith and Melbourne each Tuesday and Thursday. This will see the number of seats increase by 3,500 seats per year despite the Wednesday service being suspended as an interim measure to best match passenger demand.

Since the reinstatement of the route in October 2009, Rex has been working with the Griffith City Council to gain feedback on the community's requirements. The flight times were improved in July 2010 and these latest changes are a further improvement in the evolution of the Griffith to Melbourne route.

GM Network Strategy & Sales Warrick Lodge said, "Rex would not have commenced the Griffith to Melbourne service in the absence of a partnership with the Griffith City Council."

"A new route takes years to establish and the longer term partnership approach adopted by Griffith City Council has allowed Rex to do likewise to the benefit of the local community," Mr Lodge said.

"Rex is undertaking a significant investment in additional aircraft and associated flight crew and this cannot be supported in the absence of a meaningful partnership"

Griffith City Council Mayor, Cr Mike Neville welcomed the news and encouraged the community to support the service.

"The increase in services is welcomed and now provides the local community the ability to do business in Melbourne and return to Griffith on the same day," Mayor Neville said.

"Griffith City Council has listened to the community and passed onto Rex the desire for day return services. This has now been met by Rex with return services now provided on both Tuesdays and Thursdays.

"I strongly encourage the local community to continue to support this service as increased demand has resulted in Rex being able to provide the more frequent services that the community has sought".

Regional Express (Rex) is Australia's largest independent regional airline operating a fleet of more than 40 Saab 340 aircraft on some 1,300 weekly flights to 35 destinations throughout New South Wales, Victoria, Tasmania, South Australia and Queensland. The Rex Group comprises Regional Express, air freight and charter operator Pel-Air Aviation and Dubbo-based regional airline Air Link, as well as the pilot academy Australian Airline Pilot Academy.

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New Timetable:

GRIFFITH - MELBOURNE											EFFECTIVE 2 MAY 2011 ✈️	
FLIGHT NO.	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	STOPS		
ZL3217	9.00 am	10.10 am	●	●		●				0	SAAB	
ZL3233	6.40 pm	7.50 pm		●		●	●		●	0	SAAB	

MELBOURNE - GRIFFITH											EFFECTIVE 2 MAY 2011 ✈️	
FLIGHT NO.	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	STOPS		
ZL3216	7.30 am	8.40 am	●	●		●				0	SAAB	
ZL3232	5.10 pm	6.20 pm		●		●	●		●	0	SAAB	

