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REX VOTED “BEST REGIONAL AIRLINE” IN AUSTRALIAN TRAVELLER PEOPLE’S CHOICE AWARDS

Regional Express (Rex) has been voted in the *Australian Traveller* People’s Choice Awards as the *Best Australian Regional Airline* for the third time.

Rex won the same category in 2011 and 2013, and was a finalist in 2012.

The *Australian Traveller* Peoples’ Choice Awards Survey saw over 2500 readers nominate their favourite Australian travel experiences. This year’s survey saw an increase of over 250% in the votes cast in 2013.

At the awards ceremony held last night in Sydney, Rex was chosen as the *Best Australian Regional Airline* ahead of four other finalists. The *Australian Traveller* website posted:

"Traditionally, our two regional mainstays, QantasLink and Rex fight it out for this title, but this year Rex has a clean victory by a huge 44 per cent. Australia’s largest independent airline has got to be happy with that."

Chief Operating Officer Neville Howell was delighted to receive the award on behalf of Rex.

"We are honoured to be Australia's undisputed favourite regional airline. This outcome is a reflection of Rex’s commitment to regional travellers in providing the most reliable and safest air travel with affordable fares and heartfelt country hospitality."

"Full credit goes to our staff who have worked tirelessly to achieve the best on-time performance results in Australia with a cancellation rate that is five times lower than QantasLink's*."

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 52 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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* According to the 2013/14 Domestic Airline On-Time Performance Report by the Bureau of Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Economics.

