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MEDIA RELEASE

REX CELEBRATES TWO YEARS IN ARMIDALE

Regional Express (Rex) will be celebrating two years of services into Armidale with a breakfast to be held at Armidale Regional Airport on Friday, 20 May 2016.

The event will be held from 6 – 7:30am and will be attended by Rex executives, Member for the Northern Tablelands Mr Adam Marshall MP, and the local business community.

Rex commenced Regular Public Transport (RPT) services between Armidale and Sydney on 28 March 2014 following an expression of interest for air services offered by the airline. Key factors in Rex's decision included the then current passenger numbers, growth potential of the route, and local community support.

Rex has brought a reliable and competitive air service to the region, with 36 weekly flights, including peak morning and evening services, and 60,000 seats per annum, as well as the best on-time departure and lowest cancellation rates on the route for 2015*.

Rex Sales Manager for Armidale James Barnier said, "We have built a strong relationship with the local community, and would like to thank the community of Armidale and surrounds for their support over the past two years, and request their ongoing support to ensure that the Rex service is sustainable which in turn will continue to deliver significant socio-economic benefits to the region."

Member for the Northern Tablelands Adam Marshall said, "Rex has made a real mark in the air services for Armidale and the wider region."

"In the two years since they first landed at Armidale Regional Airport, passenger movements have increased substantially and Rex continues to offer a terrific service that is punctual and affordable."

"I congratulate Rex on its two-year anniversary and look forward to many more years flying with them."

Regional Express (Rex) is Australia's largest independent regional airline operating a fleet of more than 50 Saab 340 aircraft on some 1,500 weekly flights to 58 destinations throughout all states in Australia. In addition to the regional airline Regional Express, the **Rex Group** comprises wholly owned subsidiaries **Pel-Air Aviation** (air freight and charter operator), **Air Link** (Dubbo-based regional airline) and the **Australian Airline Pilot Academy**.

**According to the Bureau of Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Economics (BITRE) annual official results for the 2015 calendar year.*

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