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## MEDIA RELEASE

### REX RECOGNISES LONG TERM PARTNERSHIP WITH PARKES SHIRE COUNCIL

Regional Express (Rex) has today given due recognition to Parkes Shire Council for the longstanding partnership that has existed between the two parties since 2003. Today Rex has unveiled a Rex Saab 340 aircraft in special “*Parkes*” livery, as well as introducing a new \$99 Rex Community Fare scheme between Parkes and Sydney.

The Rex aircraft in unique Parkes livery was unveiled today as it operated the “Rex Hound Dog Express” (Flight ZL524) from Sydney to the Rex sponsored Parkes Elvis Festival. This followed special Elvis inspired celebrations held at the Rex Lounge at Sydney airport prior to departure.

Rex has also announced the introduction of a \$99 Rex Community Fare scheme between Parkes and Sydney that will see the community fare made available outside of 30 days prior to departure subject to availability, in addition to all remaining unsold seats being made available within 1 day prior to departure. The Rex Community Fare scheme will apply with immediate effect through until 30 June 2022 which mirrors the 5 year term of the partnership agreement between Rex and Parkes Shire Council.

Warrick Lodge, Rex’s General Manager Network Strategy & Sales said, “Rex and Parkes Shire Council have worked in collaboration since 2003. We have both endured periods of financial hardship but with a shared vision for the longer term goal of building a sustainable air service. It is extremely gratifying to see what can be achieved in the spirit of true partnership and it is fitting that we recognise the Council’s long-standing commitment with the unveiling of a Rex aircraft in special Parkes livery and through the introduction of a \$99 community fare scheme that will greatly benefit the local community of Parkes”

Parkes Shire Mayor, Cr Ken Keith (OAM) said that council warmly welcomed the gesture which recognised such a long lived, mutually beneficial partnership. “Council values the positive relationship with Regional Express over these years and welcomes the introduction of the Community Fare Scheme which will only enhance accessibility to Sydney for the Parkes community and the wider Central West Region” the Mayor said.

The “Rex Hound Dog Express” provided passengers with the opportunity to purchase a special package for the Parkes Elvis Festival with return flights, entertainment in the Sydney Rex Lounge, a festival pack and tickets to the Miss Priscilla Dinner in Parkes.

The Rex Community Fare (Rex Promo) is available for purchase via [www.rex.com.au](http://www.rex.com.au)

**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 59 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**.

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