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MEDIA RELEASE

REX INCREASES FLIGHTS IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Regional Express (Rex) has serviced the Perth Albany and Perth Esperance routes since February 2016 and the Perth Carnarvon Monkey Mia (Shark Bay) route since July 2018. The routes are regulated under a deed of agreement between Rex and the WA State Government.

Prior to COVID-19, Rex was operating 23 weekly return services between Perth and Albany, 18 weekly return services between Perth and Esperance, and 12 weekly return services between Perth and Carnarvon / Monkey Mia (Shark Bay). The combination of flight frequency, service reliability and the successful Rex Community Fare scheme directly contributed to record passenger numbers on all routes, with around 25%-30% of all Rex's WA passengers travelling on the Rex Community Fare scheme. Over the same period, most of the other regional routes in WA saw a significant decline with the mining boom coming to an end.

When COVID-19 hit, Rex's passenger numbers dropped by more than 95%, forcing Rex to implement a minimum essential service to support continued essential travel, particularly but not limited to medical-related travel. In partnership with the WA State Government and the Commonwealth Government Regional Airline Network Support (RANS) program, Rex operated 4 weekly services between Perth and Albany, 4 weekly return services between Perth and Esperance and 3 weekly return services between Perth and Carnarvon / Monkey Mia (Shark Bay).

Rex today announces that it will almost double its flights in Western Australia with effect from Monday 6 July 2020. Rex will increase the number of weekly return services on the Albany and Esperance routes from 4 to 8 weekly return services, and increase the number of weekly return services on the Carnarvon / Monkey Mia (Shark Bay) route from 3 to 5 weekly return services. The new schedule is provided in the Annex.

Rex General Manager Network Strategy & Sales, Warrick Lodge said, "It takes a great leap of faith for us to double the number of services entirely at our own risk when the current flights are not even achieving the pre-COVID load factors. However, we are very encouraged by the continued support from the WA State Government and the Commonwealth Government and we are doing this as our way of giving back to the community."

"Not only will this add more frequencies to each route, but importantly it will make day-return travel possible for the first time since the start of the crisis."

"To further support the community which has been as badly affected as us, Rex is not only continuing to provide the Rex Community Fares (CF) at pre-crisis prices, but we are relaxing the fare conditions to sell all remaining seats within 7 days prior to departure as a CF instead of the 24-hour condition applied previously."

The Community Fare (Rex Promo) is priced at \$139 for Albany, \$138 for Esperance, \$158 for Monkey Mia and \$199 for Carnarvon and it is available for each way travel.



“We are heartened to see that more than 40% of all sales are being made at Community Fare rates in some cases. We know the savings mean a lot to many residents and we are happy to play our small role in the recovery effort.”

Regional Express (Rex) is Australia’s largest independent regional airline operating a fleet of 60 Saab 340 aircraft (pre-COVID) on some 1,500 weekly flights to 60 destinations throughout all states in Australia. In addition to the regional airline **Rex**, the **Rex Group** comprises wholly owned subsidiaries **Pel-Air Aviation** (air freight, aeromedical and charter operator) and the two pilot academies **Australian Airline Pilot Academy** in Wagga Wagga and Ballarat.

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ANNEX

REX NEW WESTERN AUSTRALIA SCHEDULES FROM 6 JULY 2020

Port	Route	Time	M	T	W	T	F
ALBANY	Perth- Albany	0750-0900	●		●		●
		1305-1415		●		●	
		1650-1800	●		●		●
	Albany- Perth	0925-1035	●				●
		0935-1045			●		
		1440-1550		●		●	
	1825-1935	●		●		●	
ESPERANCE	Perth- Esperance	0725-0900	●	●	●	●	●
		1525-1700	●			●	●
	Esperance- Perth	0925-1105	●		●	●	●
		1050-1230		●			
	1725-1900	●			●	●	
CARNARVON	Perth- Carnarvon	0700 0915	●				●
		1335-1630	●			●	●
	Carnarvon- Perth	0955-1205	●				●
		1705-1915	●			●	●
MONKEY MIA (SHARK BAY)	Perth- Monkey Mia	1335-1535	●			●	●
	Monkey Mia- Perth	1600-1915	●			●	●