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## MEDIA RELEASE

### REX AND BROKEN HILL CITY COUNCIL RENEW PARTNERSHIP FOR A FURTHER FIVE YEARS

Regional Express (Rex) and Broken Hill City Council have renewed a longstanding partnership agreement for a further five years until 30 June 2024. The partnership agreement will see Rex continue to operate existing services from Broken Hill to Adelaide, Sydney, Dubbo, Mildura and Melbourne, as well as the introduction of the Rex Community Fare scheme between Broken Hill and Melbourne.

The \$199 Community Fare will be available on up to 30 per cent of the total seats between Broken Hill and Melbourne (via Mildura) for advanced bookings of at least 30 days prior to departure. In addition, all remaining seats within 24 hours prior to departure will be available at the Community Fare (Rex Promo) level. The Community Fare is already offered between Broken Hill and Sydney for \$199 on direct flights, as well as between Broken Hill and Adelaide for \$139 on flights via Mildura.

Warrick Lodge, Rex General Manager Network Strategy & Sales said, "The renewed five year agreement between Rex and Broken Hill City Council aims to provide both parties with a level of certainty in an environment where the economic conditions remain challenging. The agreement is an extension of the previous agreement with the addition of a \$199 Community Fare between Broken Hill and Melbourne. This adds to the already successful \$199 Community Fare between Broken Hill and Sydney, and \$139 Community Fare between Broken Hill and Adelaide.

"The Rex Community Fare scheme is now available between the 'Silver City' and the three capital cities Adelaide, Sydney and Melbourne and will deliver tremendous socio-economic benefits for the local Broken Hill community."

Mayor Darriea Turley AM said Council is very pleased to be entering a new agreement with Rex that secures air transport to and from Broken Hill for the next five years.

"During negotiations, we stressed the importance of affordability for locals who use the service, and Rex has responded with the introduction of a low-cost Community Fare between Broken Hill and Melbourne, meaning we now have \$199 flights between our three closest capital cities," said Mayor Turley.

"I believe this is a testament to the strong relationship that has been forged between this Council and Rex, and both parties' commitment to strike a balance between the needs of locals, and the financial challenges associated with regional air travel."

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 60 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, aeromedical and charter operator) and the **Australian Airline Pilot Academy**.

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