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MEDIA RELEASE

REX ANNOUNCES COMMUNITY FARE FOR REMOTE AND OUTBACK QUEENSLAND

Regional Express (Rex) has today announced the introduction of the highly successful Rex Community Fare scheme throughout remote and outback Queensland. The Rex Community Fare scheme will be made available to 23 Queensland (QLD) communities across the Rex operated Western 1 and 2 routes from Brisbane, the Northern 1 and 2 routes from Townsville and the Gulf route from Cairns.

In addition to the Community Fare linking remote and outback QLD with Brisbane, Townsville and Cairns, the discounted fare will also be offered between the regional communities resulting in more than 70 different fare combinations throughout the State. The Community Fare will be available outside of 60 days prior to departure subject to Community Fare availability in addition to all remaining unsold seats within 24 hours prior to departure being made available as Community Fares. The QLD Community Fare will initially be operated under a six month trial for sales and travel from August 2019 until January 2020. *Please refer to Annex A for the fare levels to/from Brisbane, Townsville, Cairns and Mount Isa.*

The Federal Senate report that was released on the 7th of June 2019 into the operation, regulation and funding of air route service delivery to rural and remote communities gave high praise to the Rex Community Fare scheme. The Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee made nine recommendations in the report, with the ninth recommendation calling for the community fare approach to be generalised across more regional air services to make last-minute travel more affordable.

Warrick Lodge, Rex General Manager Network Strategy & Sales said, "Rex pioneered the revolutionary Community-Fare scheme for regional air services, and we are very pleased to be expanding the scheme throughout remote and outback QLD with many communities doing it tough due to the prolonged drought conditions".

"I would like to thank Brisbane Airport Corporation, Toowoomba Wellcamp Airport and a number of the smaller regional airports for supporting the introduction of the Rex Community Fare throughout remote and outback QLD with varied incentive type arrangements that are designed to mutually benefit the airport, the airline and the communities. Without this partnership approach between the airline and the airports, the introduction of the Rex Community Fare throughout QLD would not be possible".

Transport and Main Roads Minister, Mark Bailey, welcomed the announcement, saying it was another boost for regional communities during the Year of Outback Tourism.

"The Palaszczuk Government already works closely with operators like Rex to offer affordable travel options for regional Queenslanders through our local fare scheme and regulated air routes," Mr Bailey said.

"Programs like this by the business community, add to the \$14.5 billion we're delivering in roads and transport for regional Queensland, supporting communities by connecting them."

The Rex Community Fare (Rex Promo) is available for purchase via 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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Annex A

Rex Community Fare Levels to/from Brisbane, Townsville, Cairns and Mount Isa

Between Brisbane and:	Previous Best Fare	Rex Community Fare
Wellcamp	\$152.00	\$119.00
St George	\$213.00	\$155.00
Cunnamulla	\$255.00	\$185.00
Thargomindah	\$279.00	\$199.00
Charleville	\$242.00	\$179.00
Quilpie	\$256.00	\$185.00
Windorah	\$299.00	\$219.00
Birdsville	\$350.00	\$249.00
Bedourie	\$355.00	\$255.00
Boulia	\$366.00	\$260.00
Mount Isa	\$399.00	\$299.00

Between Townsville and:	Previous Best Fare	Community Fare
Winton	\$207.00	\$149.00
Longreach	\$231.00	\$179.00
Hughenden	\$161.00	\$119.00
Richmond	\$186.00	\$135.00
Julia Creek	\$225.00	\$163.00
Mount Isa	\$309.00	\$199.00

Between Cairns and:	Previous Best Fare	Community Fare
Normanton	\$274.00	\$209.00
Karumba	\$274.00	\$209.00
Burketown	\$318.00	\$239.00
Doomadgee	\$341.00	\$249.00
Mount Isa	\$274.00	\$199.00*

Note * direct non-stop services only

Between Mount Isa and:	Previous Best Fare	Community Fare
Boulia	\$135.00	\$109.00
Bedourie	\$179.00	\$139.00
Birdsville	\$235.00	\$179.00
Julia Creek	\$125.00	\$109.00
Richmond	\$146.00	\$129.00
Hughenden	\$202.00	\$155.00
Doomadgee	\$213.00	\$165.00
Burketown	\$218.00	\$165.00