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MEDIA RELEASE

REX INCREASES FLIGHTS IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Following an announcement on June 30 2020, when Regional Express (Rex) declared that it had almost doubled the number of flights in Western Australia (WA) with effect from July 6, 2020, Rex is pleased to today announce that it is once again increasing its flight schedule in WA with effect from August 31, 2020.

Rex will increase the number of weekly return services between Perth and Carnarvon from five to eight, and between Perth and Monkey Mia (Shark Bay) from three to four. The eight weekly return services which are currently operating from Perth to Albany and Esperance will jump to 14 return services to Albany and 13 return services to Esperance. The new schedule is provided in the Annex.

The onset of the COVID-19 pandemic decimated Rex's passenger numbers, which initially dropped by more than 95%, forcing Rex to drastically reduce the frequency of flights and implement a minimum essential service to support continued essential travel. In partnership with the WA State Government and the Commonwealth Government Regional Airline Network Support (RANS) program, Rex operated four weekly services between Perth and Albany, four weekly return services between Perth and Esperance and three weekly return services between Perth and Carnarvon / Monkey Mia (Shark Bay). This minimum essential service was operated by Rex during April, May and June prior to almost doubling capacity from July 6, 2020.

Rex General Manager Network Strategy & Sales, Warrick Lodge said, "In partnership with the WA State and Commonwealth Governments, Rex is pleased to be increasing the number of flights in WA because we understand the importance of these flight increases to the socio-economic wellbeing of regional WA during these times of uncertainty. Although passenger numbers remain significantly lower than before the pandemic, it has been positive to see passenger numbers growing quite strongly, and we hope that the increased frequency of flights and improved schedule convenience will aid in assisting the economic recovery".

"To further support WA's regional communities, Rex has not only continued to provide the Rex Community Fare at pre-COVID prices, but from July 6 2020, Rex also relaxed the fare conditions so that all remaining unsold seats are available for purchase at the promotional Community Fare level within the seven days prior to departure. This has increased from the 24-hour window before departure which applied before COVID-19."

WA Premier, Mark McGowan, said, "It's initiatives like these that help in the recovery of the aviation sector and play an important role in getting local businesses and the tourism sector back on track."

Transport Minister, Rita Saffioti, said, "The new increases to regional air services are great news for locals who will now have increased choice of flying to and from Perth."

"The increased availability of community airfares has proved popular with more than 1870 fares sold in July compared to 914 fares sold in June."



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.

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 WESTERN AUSTRALIA SCHEDULES FROM 31 AUGUST 2020

Port	Route	Time	M 1	T 2	W 3	T 4	F 5	Sa 6	Su 7
ALBANY	Perth- Albany	0840-0950	•	•	•	•	•		
		1550-1700	•			•	•		
		1910-2020	•	•	•	•	•		•
	Albany- Perth	0630-0740	•	•	•	•	•		
		0800-0910						•	
		1105-1215	•	•	•	•	•		
	1725-1835	•			•	•			
ESPERANCE	Perth- Esperance	0815-0950	•	•	•		•		
		1405-1540	•			•	•		
		1830-2005	•	•	•	•	•		•
	Esperance- Perth	0630-0805	•	•	•	•	•		
		0800-0940						•	
		1015-1155	•	•	•		•		
	1605-1740	•			•	•			
CARNARVON	Perth- Carnarvon	0715-0930	•	•		•	•		
		1335-1630	•	•		•	•		
	Carnarvon- Perth	1005-1215	•	•		•	•		
		1705-1915	•	•		•	•		
MONKEY MIA (SHARK BAY)	Perth- Monkey Mia	1335-1525	•	•		•	•		
	Monkey Mia- Perth	1600-1915	•	•		•	•		