

News Release

REX BOOSTS BATHURST SERVICES

28 January 2004: Australia's largest independent regional airline, Rex, has announced an upgrade of flights between Bathurst and Sydney.

From February 9th Rex is committing an additional aircraft to services in the Central West to cater for growth on services to Bathurst and Parkes, with each city now having its own dedicated flights on weekdays.

This replaces much of current schedules where flights from Sydney to Bathurst travel on to Parkes and vice versa.

The new schedules follow the start of the joint promotion by the Bathurst City Council and Rex in December, which has seen fares reduced to start from \$89 one-way.

The promotion involves Council reducing its local head tax and a matching financial commitment from Rex.

Rex's head of commercial, Hans van Pelt, said the cooperative approach of Bathurst City Council had given the airline the confidence to further enhance its services.

"This upgrade can largely be attributed to the pro-active approach the Council has taken to making air travel affordable for more people between Bathurst and Sydney," Mr van Pelt said.

"While the promotion between Rex and Council has only been in place for just over a month, similar arrangements with other regional centres have been a great success in attracting more people to travel by air.

"With this initiative in place, together with the new flight schedule, air travel between Bathurst and Sydney is now as convenient and affordable as ever.

"The new schedule means a greater availability of seats between Bathurst and Sydney, particularly on peak business services, as well as a greater number of discount fares for Bathurst customers," Mr van Pelt said.

He said the introduction of the \$89 fare just before Christmas had been a great boost for many travellers over the summer holiday period. The fare can be accessed by passengers and travel agents at rex.com.au.

New Bathurst schedule

Flight	Depart Bathurst	Arrive Sydney	Days available
ZL250	6.40am	7.25am	Monday-Saturday
ZL252	9.55am	10.40am	Monday-Friday
ZL258	5.40pm	6.25pm	Monday-Friday
ZL252	11.25am	12.10pm	Saturday
ZL258	5.20pm	6.05pm	Sunday

Flight	Depart Sydney	Arrive Bathurst	Days available
ZL251	8.45am	9.30am	Monday-Saturday
ZL257	4.30pm	5.15pm	Monday-Friday
ZL259	6.35pm	7.20pm	Sunday-Friday
ZL257	2.40pm	3.25pm	Sunday

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