

MEDIA RELEASE

FlyPelican to Increase Air Services between Newcastle and Canberra.

Less than three weeks after the return of a direct service between Canberra and Newcastle, FlyPelican is adding more services in response to passenger demand.

FlyPelican CEO Paul Graham said he was thrilled to be introducing additional flights to the Newcastle – Canberra – Newcastle services after only a few weeks in operation.

"Since we launched FlyPelican service on 1 June, our forward loadings have exceeded expectations and demand for additional services on Monday mornings, Thursday and Friday evenings is already warranted," Mr Graham said "We will introduce these services after the school holiday period commencing 20th July 2015."

Canberra Airport Head of Aviation Matthew Brown congratulated FlyPelican on the success of the first few weeks of the reinstated service. "The demise of regular, scheduled flights on this route 18 months ago when Brindabella Airlines went into receivership had nothing to do with the popularity of the services between Canberra to Newcastle," Mr Brown said.

Newcastle Airport's Manager Aviation Business Development, David Nye, said he was not surprised by the increase in services as the Airport had received many messages of support for the return of direct flights to Canberra.

"FlyPelican only commenced services from Newcastle at the beginning of this month but, the increase in services has come quickly. I'm not surprised. There was, and has continued to be, high demand for direct services between Newcastle and Canberra," said David.

The NTL-CBR route is serviced by FlyPelican's British Aerospace Jetstream 32, 19 seater aircraft, currently with morning and afternoon services Monday to Friday, an additional weekend service on Sunday afternoons and now with additional Monday morning and Thursday and Friday afternoon services commencing 20th July.

Bookings can be made on the airline's website <u>www.flypelican.com.au</u> with fares starting at \$149 one way.



Newcastle / Canberra

	Depart		Arrive	
Monday – Friday	Newcastle	0645	Canberra	0755
Monday – Friday	Newcastle	1630	Canberra	1740
Monday –	Newcastle	1010	Canberra	1120
Thursday + Friday	Newcastle	1240	Canberra	1350
Sunday	Newcastle	1630	Canberra	1740
Monday – Friday	Canberra	0825	Newcastle	0935
Monday – Friday	Canberra	1810	Newcastle	1920
Monday –	Canberra	1240	Newcastle	1350
Thursday + Friday	Canberra	1450	Newcastle	1600
Sunday	Canberra	1810	Newcastle	1920

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