

Media release

Flying to Canberra just got easier

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FlyPelican has announced six additional flights per week on their popular Canberra service to meet growing passenger demand. These additional flights will be added during high demand periods.

The new schedule will commence on the 13th May with an additional flight departing Newcastle at 7:30am on Mondays, and additional 5:30pm services on Thursdays and Fridays giving travellers the option of up to four flights per day.

Newcastle Airport CEO Dr Peter Cock welcomed the news crediting the people of Newcastle and the greater Hunter Region for continuing to support their local Airport.

“Thanks to FlyPelican, locals can now have more options to fly to Canberra on Mondays and return at the end of the week on the 7:10pm service back to Newcastle. This new late departure time out of Canberra allows for a business meeting to finish at 5:30pm with ample time to travel from the CBD to Canberra Airport.”

FlyPelican General Manager Marty Hawley said “Newcastle to Canberra is one of our most popular services and to meet the needs of our clients we have increased the service at peak times.”

“The FlyPelican Newcastle to Canberra service is popular for business travellers across a range of industries sectors including the Department of Defence, Federal Government, property, law and finance.”

“We also carry leisure travellers interested in visiting our country’s capital to visit attractions like the Australian War Memorial, National Gallery of Australia and the Royal Australian Mint.”

With regular fares from just \$199.00 one-way, the direct service takes one hour and ten minutes, includes 20kg baggage allowance and free seat selection. FlyPelican travellers can collect Velocity Frequent Flyer points each time they purchase a flight.

FlyPelican Newcastle-Canberra flight schedule (as at Monday 13 May 2019), bookings can be made at www.flypelican.com.au:

Newcastle to Canberra									
Departs	Arrives	Duration	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
06:45	19:55	1hr 10min	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
07:30	08:40	1hr 10min	✓						
12:40	13:50	1hr 10min	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
16:30	17:40	1hr 10min	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
17:30	18:40	1hr 10mins				✓	✓		



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Canberra to Newcastle									
Departs	Arrives	Duration	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
08:25	09:35	1hr 10min	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
09:10	10:20	1hr 10min	✓						
14:50	16:00		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
18:10	19:20		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
19:10	20:20					✓	✓		

Ends.

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About Newcastle Airport

- > Named 'Major Airport of the Year' at the 2018 Australian Airports Association Industry Awards.
- > Newcastle Airport is the second international gateway into New South Wales and the second busiest airport in the state.
- > Serviced by Jetstar, Virgin Australia, QantasLink, Regional Express, and FlyPelican to eight direct domestic destinations and onward to more than 65 worldwide destinations.
- > Newcastle Airports has up to 288 flights per week.
- > Direct international flights to Auckland New Zealand flying Virgin Australia operated from 22 November 2018 - 17 February 2019. The 13-week seasonal service is the first international route in 16 years.
- > FY17/18 passenger results saw Newcastle Airport break its all-time FY record with 1,272,634 travellers passing through the terminal.
- > The record throughput is a result of 25-month consecutive year-on-year monthly passenger growth recorded up until December 2017.
- > A record-breaking 4,823 passengers travelled through Newcastle Airport on Thursday 24 November (the day before Newcastle Supercars). The same weekend (Thurs-Mon), saw more than 21,000 through the Airport.
- > In December 2018, Newcastle Airport welcomed its 18 millionth passenger through the terminal since 1995.
- > Newcastle Airport is the gateway to Australia's largest regional economy, with more than \$43 billion annual output and 48,500 businesses.
- > A significant economic driver, Newcastle Airport contributes more than \$1.1 billion to the state's economy each year. Of this, \$300 million is direct to the visitor economy, supporting 3,300 jobs.
- > Newcastle Airport is internationally ready, the international arrivals and departures fit-out completed in August 2017.
- > In its 70th anniversary year, Newcastle Airport continues to work with its airline partners to increase the number of flights to our current destinations, to add direct flights to even more destinations, and to work tirelessly to secure more international destinations.
- > The more people that choose to fly from Newcastle Airport will provide evidence to the airlines that the demand truly exists and that our region deserves more.
- > On 22 March 2018, Newcastle Airport released its 60-year Master Plan, which includes a 20-year blueprint for growth, projections and business development of the Airport.
- > 30 minutes north of Newcastle, Newcastle Airport is located adjacent to RAAF Base Williamtown on land leased from Department of Defence.
- > Newcastle Airport Pty Ltd is jointly owned by City of Newcastle and Port Stephens Council and is governed by an independent, skills-based Board of Directors.



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About FlyPelican

- > FlyPelican is Newcastle's local airline with its headquarters based at Newcastle Airport.
- > FlyPelican is a privately-owned Newcastle company.
- > FlyPelican has been successfully operating regular passenger services for 4 years, with a fleet of British Aerospace Jetstream 32 aircraft.
- > FlyPelican operates up to 100 scheduled flights per week with services from Newcastle, Canberra, Sydney, Dubbo, Ballina (Byron Bay), Mudgee and Taree.
- > FlyPelican holds a 100% safety record throughout the whole network, with a current on-time performance over 4 years at 90%.