

## **Rex Airlines to commence flights between Port Macquarie & Sydney**

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Port Macquarie-Hastings Council welcomes the exciting announcement that Rex Airlines will be commencing direct services between Port Macquarie and Sydney from 28 March.

The new services will provide travellers with more options and greater flexibility when flying to Sydney and beyond. The services will also fill the gap left within our connecting networks, following the withdrawal of some airline services last year.

The flights will be a major boost to our local economy, and offer an alternative link to our state's capital city.

Council's Director of Corporate Performance, Rebecca Olsen is pleased that our region continues to build on its connections, as our community looks to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic.

"The new Sydney services provided by Rex will be a fantastic boost for local tourism, businesses, and leisure travel," Ms Olsen said.

"The announcement by Rex is a strong vote of confidence for our community, with the new services adding significant capacity to cater for increasing demand for travel as COVID-19 restrictions ease", Ms Olsen said.

The airline plans to operate 3 return services each week day, providing same day return travel in each direction with a one-hour flight time. Rex will also operate Saturday morning and Sunday afternoon services resulting in 18 return services each week and more than 60,000 seats each year between Port Macquarie and Sydney.

Rex General Manager of Network Strategy, Warrick Lodge is pleased to be launching the new route, as part of Rex's major revamp of its regional network strategy.

"Rex has nearly 70 years of delivering airline services to regional Australia and is looking forward to bringing to Port Macquarie a thrice daily return service to Sydney that is safe, reliable, frequent and affordable. We recognise the significant socio-economic boost that the Rex service will bring to Port Macquarie and this will directly contribute to the economic recovery of the local community. We trust that the local community will support the Rex service to ensure that the local benefits to Port Macquarie are long lasting".

Rex is Australia's largest independent regional and domestic airline, operating a fleet of 34-seat Saab 340 aircraft on regional routes.

Rex Community Fares will start from \$119, inclusive of taxes.

**Bookings can be made from today via [rex.com.au](http://rex.com.au) or with any local travel agent.**

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