

Media release

More choice for Newcastle Airport passengers

2012

Residents from throughout the region are flying from Newcastle Airport in record numbers. The period of January to June 2012 saw a total of 580,443 passengers pass through the Airport; representing a 0.5% increase compared with the same period last year. These figures are the best January to June period ever recorded at Newcastle Airport.

The Newcastle – Brisbane route had the highest load factor in Australia during the month of March*; and in the month of June, Newcastle Airport experienced passenger growth of 6.7% when compared with ash-cloud affected June 2011.

Newcastle Airport’s Manager Aviation Business Development, David Nye, said the ash cloud negatively impacted the Airport’s passenger numbers by approximately 3,000 passengers last year. The reinstatement of these passengers, combined with events such as the State of Origin, the June long weekend, and increased services contributed to an extra 6,000 passengers in June 2012 compared with 2011.

“The first six months of the year have been bolstered with additional services, particularly to Sydney and the North Coast with the introduction of Regional Express late last year.

“We’ve had such a positive start to the first half of 2012; and I’m confident this will continue. Just last week Jetstar confirmed they’ll be increasing services to the Gold Coast in time for the next school holidays, and increasing services to Melbourne from late October,” David said.

“If we continue to meet our forecasted figures, these additional services should help to deliver us a record year,” concluded David.

These figures are evidence that the Airport is on track for growth as more passengers catch on to the ease of flying from Newcastle Airport.

2011	2012	% increase from
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	passengers	passengers	2011
June	84,935	90,861	+6.7%
January - Jun	577,824	580,443	+0.5%

* According to BITRE statistics March

2012 http://www.bitre.gov.au/publications/ongoing/domestic_airline_activity-monthly_publications.aspx

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