

Media release

Newcastle Airport passengers at five-year high

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February passenger numbers at Newcastle Airport reached a new high with 89,926 passengers using the airport during the month. This is the highest February passenger throughput figure since 2012.

The increased passenger throughput was driven by strong load factors and increased capacity into Newcastle by all airlines.

All major routes recorded double digit percentage growth in seat capacity.

“I’m delighted with these results, particularly as February is typically a slow month for travel,” said Newcastle Airport’s CEO, Dr Peter Cock. “This is because there are no holidays in this month and it’s really the first full month of business for the year so business travel is slow.”

Compared to February last year the airlines added 20% more seats into Newcastle across all destinations. This extra capacity was led by QantasLink on the Brisbane service, Virgin Australia on the Melbourne service, Jetstar on the Gold Coast service, and FlyPelican on the Sydney and Canberra services.

“Even when the extra day for the leap year was removed, it was still a very strong February.

“To see our market take up this additional capacity and record the strongest February in five years is encouraging. We will continue to lift our engagement with airlines to deliver more domestic services and hope to soon secure international services to better serve our region.”

Summer 2016 has also been a success at Newcastle Airport. Total passenger throughput for December to February was 287,543; a 7.5% increase from summer last year.

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