

Media release

Growth for Newcastle Airport's passenger numbers

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Newcastle Airport's passenger numbers achieved an increase of 1.2% for the 2013/14 financial year, taking total passenger numbers to 1,189,683.

In addition, the total average load factor* for all flights for the financial year remained steady at 74%, above the industry year-to-date average of 71%**.

Brisbane and Melbourne continued to be strong performers for Newcastle, with more than 80% of total passengers travelling on these routes.

The Gold Coast service experienced growth of almost 30% year-on-year. This was driven by an increase in the number of flights offered by Jetstar on this route.

"These results are encouraging," commented Newcastle Airport's CEO, Paul Hughes, "particularly as we lost all our Canberra and some of our Sydney services with the collapse of Brindabella Airlines in the middle of the financial year.

"To record a positive growth result in the current challenging aviation domestic market is a significant achievement."

These results coincide with the commencement of the early works for the \$14.5 million terminal redevelopment which will increase the footprint of the terminal by almost 50%.

"We're certainly moving into a very exciting time for Newcastle Airport. Our passenger numbers prove the importance of the Airport as a transport hub for the region and I am looking forward to delivering a new terminal that supports our growth forecasts, benefiting the community," concluded Paul.

Year	Passenger numbers
2013/14	1,189,683
2012/13	1,176,025
2011/12	1,192,479

* Load factor is the ratio of passengers to seats available on a flight.

** Source: BITRE Domestic Airline Activity Top Results July 2004 - May 2014

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