

Media release

Flights to Canberra from Newcastle Airport to recommence in April

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Newcastle Airport is pleased to announce the recommencement of direct services between Newcastle and Canberra, from 27 April 2015*.

The service is to be operated by Pelican Airlines under the Fly Pelican brand on a 19-seat pressurised BAE Jetstream 32 aircraft. The airline plans to operate double-daily services Monday to Friday and a Sunday afternoon service.

“This announcement is excellent news. Hunter businesses have been demanding the return of direct services between Newcastle and Canberra since the end of 2013 when Brindabella Airlines went into administration.

Newcastle Airport management has been working behind the scenes to secure a new operator on the route and is delighted to see Fly Pelican reinstate this service,” said David Nye, Newcastle Airport’s Manager Aviation Business Development.

Fly Pelican will have aircraft based at Newcastle Airport allowing for an early departure to Canberra and late arrival back into Newcastle to facilitate a full business day in the nation’s capital.

The CEO of Fly Pelican, Paul Graham, said “The Newcastle-Canberra route has been without an air service for more than 16 months.

“Fly Pelican is extremely pleased to be providing this important service to Hunter travellers. It’s a service that has a proven history, and we are confident that from day one it will be well supported by Hunter business and will prosper.”

In addition to the Newcastle-Canberra service, the airline will also operate services from Newcastle to Sydney with onward connections to Mudgee.

Bookings will be available from 15 March 2015 at www.flypelican.com.au

*subject to regulatory approval

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