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More Newcastle to Canberra flights scheduled

Less than three weeks after the return of a direct service between Canberra and Newcastle, FlyPelican is adding more services in response to passenger demand.

FlyPelican CEO Paul Graham said he was thrilled to be introducing additional flights to the Newcastle – Canberra – Newcastle services after only a few weeks in operation.

“Since we launched the FlyPelican service on 1 June, our forward loadings have exceeded expectations and demand for additional services on Monday mornings, Thursday and Friday evenings is already warranted,” Mr Graham said.

“We will introduce these services after the school holiday period commencing Monday 20th July 2015.”

Canberra Airport Head of Aviation Matthew Brown congratulated FlyPelican on the success of the first few weeks of the reinstated service.

“The demise of regular, scheduled flights on this route 18 months ago when Brindabella Airlines went into receivership had nothing to do with the popularity of the services between Canberra and Newcastle,” Mr Brown said.

“We were confident that both business and leisure travellers would take up the option to fly directly between the two cities if given the opportunity, rather than hubbing through Sydney, driving or catching the train – all of which takes much longer and wastes productive time.

“That confidence has proven to be well-founded and we look forward to supporting the continued growth of the FlyPelican services between Canberra and Newcastle.”

The NTL-CBR route is serviced by FlyPelican’s British Aerospace Jetstream 32, 19 seater aircraft, currently with morning and afternoon services Monday to Friday, an additional weekend service on Sunday afternoons and additional Monday morning and Thursday and Friday afternoon services commencing 20 July.

Bookings can be made on the airline’s website www.flypelican.com.au with fares starting at \$149 one way.

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