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Tigerair Australia To Launch New Low Cost Services Between Melbourne and Canberra

Tigerair Australia today announced a new route providing daily return services between Melbourne and Canberra.

In great news for the people of Melbourne and Canberra, the new service will mean over 2500 additional visitor seats every week through both airports.

Details of the service, including schedules, will be announced this week, and fares will go on sale later this week on the Tigerair Australia website www.tigerair.com.au.

Tigerair Australia CEO Rob Sharp says this is great news for consumers, tourism and the economy as Tigerair continues to respond to consumer demand and, at the same time, deliver a great value low cost offering for Canberra.

“We have witnessed overwhelming demand and are proud to provide the only low cost services between Canberra and Melbourne. We are confident the new route will prove popular for our core market of budget and leisure travellers”.

“In further good news for consumers, we are bringing a new-look Tigerair to Canberra”.

“Our customers love low fares but they also want friendly service and on time flights. Tigerair Australia was rebranded in July 2013 and I’m thrilled to say that we are delivering on the promise of consistent delivery of affordable, reliable air travel with great customer service”.

“Our great value fares stimulate demand and grow the air travel market which is a win-win for us all.”

ACT Chief Minister, Andrew Barr, said today's announcement of new daily services between Canberra and Melbourne would be a significant boost to the ACT economy.

“These flights will generate \$17 million a year in the Gross Regional Product of the Canberra catchment and, importantly, create an additional 124 jobs.

“This is such an exciting time for aviation in Canberra. International flights will start for the first time next month and we can now add this low cost link to Melbourne that Canberrans have been crying out for”, Mr Barr said.

Capital Airport Group’s Managing Director, Stephen Byron, said Tigerair’s new service represented a tremendous new opportunity and choice for the people of Canberra and Melbourne.

“Canberrans are great travellers – and the Tigerair service will provide 2,500 reasons every week to travel to Melbourne and home again. And it gives Melburnians the same opportunity to come to Canberra”, Mr Byron said.

“Today’s announcement links Melbourne, voted the world's most liveable city for a sixth consecutive year, according to the Economist Intelligence Unit, with Canberra - Australia’s most interesting city.



“We are, of course, famous for our incredible institutions, and we were delighted to learn last week that the War Memorial was the recipient of TripAdvisor’s Travellers’ Choice Award for the number one landmark in both Australia and the South Pacific for 2016”.

Mr Byron thanked Tigerair Australia for valuing Canberra as a destination, and the Chief Minister for the government’s support in helping the Canberra Airport Group inject vibrancy and economic resilience into the capital.

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