

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Flights to Port Macquarie are set to take off this weekend**

On Sunday 1 November, Canberra Airport will celebrate the commencement of direct flights between Canberra and Port Macquarie in partnership with Port Macquarie Airport and regional airline FlyPelican. This is the first time that Canberrans can fly direct to Port Macquarie and represents another exciting chapter in the ongoing partnership between Canberra Airport and FlyPelican.

FlyPelican has been a long-time partner of Canberra Airport, with successful routes including Canberra to Ballina/Byron and Canberra to Newcastle. The partnership has been an integral part of the COVID-19 recovery, boosting the aviation and tourism industry within Canberra and regional New South Wales.

Head of Aviation, Michael Thomson, said Canberra Airport's new flights to Port Macquarie have been well received amongst local Canberrans and business as they are perfectly timed ahead of the summer holiday season.

"We are pleased to extend our offering to Port Macquarie, connecting Canberra to more regional New South Wales locations and communities. As we come into the Christmas and summer period, there has never been a better time to explore Australia and support local businesses," Mr Thomson said.

Chief Executive Officer, Marty Hawley said FlyPelican are thrilled to expand their network out of the nation's capital and connect with the much-loved destination of Port Macquarie.

"FlyPelican is excited to create this new direct flight connection between the Australian capital and the mid-north coast of NSW, the demand for these two destinations to connect has been strong and we welcome our new customers onboard our expanding network" Mr Hawley said.

Last Friday 23 October, Canberra Airport welcomed the commencement of direct flights between Canberra and the Sunshine Coast with Alliance Airlines, and will welcome Link Airways with direct flights to Hobart from 5 November.

For more information on how Canberra Airport is working to keep passengers and visitors safe during and beyond COVID-19 go to [canberraairport.com.au](http://canberraairport.com.au)

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