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Canberra Airport celebrates first flight to Hobart with Link Airways

Today, Canberra Airport celebrates the first flight between Canberra and Hobart since 2013, in partnership with Link Airways. This comes after the Tasmanian Government's recent announcement to open borders to the ACT from October 26 and to NSW residents from 6 November 2020.

Flights have been increasingly popular since the announcement of the new service just 4 weeks ago, with the first four flights now sold out. Link Airways has promptly responded to the demand, adding additional services to assist passengers looking to travel before the end of the year.

Canberra Airport's Head of Aviation, Michael Thomson is pleased with the support for the new service and believes that is another boost for the region in our COVID recovery.

"We are delighted to see the steady return of aviation with flights consistently increasing each week as border restrictions ease across Australia and, with more flights and more destinations on offer like Hobart, we are confident that this will continue." Mr Thomson said.

Link Airways Chief Executive Officer, Andrew Major said Link Airways is delighted to expand their network, connecting local Canberrans with Hobart and to offer Hobart residents the opportunity to visit the nation's capital.

"As borders reopen, we're delighted to be a part of reconnecting loved ones who have been separated due to COVID, as well as supporting the local tourist economies of Canberra and Hobart. The demand for this route has been there from the beginning, so we're particularly pleased to now facilitate the route.

"The new partnership between Link Airways and Canberra Airport – two Canberra based companies – has come at just the right time and we're excited to see what the future holds. Already, we have introduced an additional route between Canberra and Newcastle, taking off from Friday 20 November," Mr Major said.

In 2021, the service will grow to 11 return flights per week on the 34-passenger seat Saab 340B Plus aircraft. Tickets are now on sale at linkairways.com or through on-line and shop front travel agents, with prices start from \$219 one-way.

For more information on how the Canberra Airport is working to keep passengers safe during and beyond COVID-19 go to: <https://www.canberraairport.com.au/>

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