Source: The Armidale Express, 28 Mar 14

Rex takes off

Regional Express has officially launched its Armidale to Sydney services this afternoon with the first plane touching down at 2pm.

Councillors, university representatives, Northern Tablelands MP Adam Marshall and community members were on hand for official ceremonies to welcome the airline back to the region.

Among the first lot of passengers was Sydneysider George Hoddle, who said he regularly visits Armidale for business and because his wife hails from the city.

"It's nice having another carrier," he said.

Meanwhile, councillor Andrew Murat said Armidale Dumaresq Council was also trying to secure an air service to Brisbane.

Approval to reproduce article given on 2 April 14.