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MEDIA RELEASE

REX ANNOUNCES IMPROVED MERIMBULA SCHEDULE

Regional Express (Rex) today announced an improved Merimbula flight schedule that will see enhancements to both the Melbourne and Sydney services with effect from Monday 21 March 2011.

The new Merimbula to Melbourne schedule will allow for day return travel each Friday and the scheduled flight times have been completely overhauled. New morning and afternoon flights have been scheduled to better suit the needs of both business and leisure customers and the new Merimbula to Melbourne schedule will deliver a 14% increase in the number of seats on the route.

The Merimbula to Sydney schedule will also see improved timings for business customers that require day return travel to and from Sydney. In addition, the revised schedule provides Rex with increased ability to schedule additional services during periods of high demand such as long weekends, school holidays and during summer.

On Time Performance will also be enhanced as a result of improved efficiencies relating to the way in which Rex schedules both the Rex aircraft and flight crew.

GM Network Strategy & Sales Warrick Lodge said, "The improvements that have been made to the Merimbula flight schedules are focused on improving schedule convenience and on time performance. Importantly it also improves Rex's ability to schedule additional services during periods of high demand. It is really quite exciting to be opening up a new chapter that will see the ability to conduct same day return travel between Merimbula and Melbourne."

"Merimbula has been our radar for some time however the global pilot shortage in FY08 that was followed by the GFC made it impossible to achieve such plans when elsewhere across the network we were forced to exit some routes. Rex has been working closely with Merimbula Airport's Ian Baker for many months in a coordinated approach to deliver these schedule improvements. The positive working relationship that exists between Rex and Merimbula Airport has been an instrumental part of the process." Mr Lodge said.

Commenting on the schedule improvements Merimbula Airport's Ian Baker said, "This is a fantastic opportunity created by Rex. It will benefit the community greatly allowing for a more flexible time in Melbourne particularly for our business clients. The inclusion of a day return service on Fridays creates Melbourne as a major business and leisure destination. I would like to thank Rex for their continued commitment to improving services to the Bega Valley Shire communities."

Regional Express (Rex) is Australia's largest independent regional airline operating a fleet of more than 40 Saab 340 aircraft on some 1,300 weekly flights to 35 destinations throughout New South Wales, Victoria, Tasmania, South Australia and Queensland. The Rex Group comprises Regional Express, air freight and charter operator Pel-Air Aviation and Dubbo-based regional airline Air Link, as well as the pilot academy Australian Airline Pilot Academy.

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New Schedules:

Regional Express

| MERIMBULA - MELBOURNE  | | | | | | | | | |
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| FLIGHT NO. | DEPARTURE | ARRIVAL | M | T | W | T | F | S | S |
| ZL3469 | 9.00 am | 10.25 am | ● | ● | ● | | ● | ● | |
| ZL3477 | 2.10 pm | 3.35 pm | | | | | | | ● |
| ZL3493 | 6.40 pm | 8.05 pm | | | | ● | ● | | |

| MELBOURNE - MERIMBULA  | | | | | | | | | |
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| FLIGHT NO. | DEPARTURE | ARRIVAL | M | T | W | T | F | S | S |
| ZL3468 | 7.20 am | 8.40 am | ● | ● | ● | | ● | ● | |
| ZL3476 | 12.30 pm | 1.50 pm | | | | | | | ● |
| ZL3492 | 5.00 pm | 6.20 pm | | | | ● | ● | | |

| MERIMBULA - SYDNEY  | | | | | | | | | |
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| FLIGHT NO. | DEPARTURE | ARRIVAL | M | T | W | T | F | S | S |
| ZL114 | 6.30 am | 8.15 am | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | |
| ZL118 | 11.05 am | 12.15 pm | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | |
| ZL126 | 1.35 pm | 2.45 pm | | | | | | ● | ● |
| ZL134 | 4.00 pm | 5.50 pm | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | | ● |

| SYDNEY - MERIMBULA  | | | | | | | | | |
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| FLIGHT NO. | DEPARTURE | ARRIVAL | M | T | W | T | F | S | S |
| ZL117 | 9.05 am | 10.45 am | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | |
| ZL123 | 12.05 pm | 1.15 pm | | | | | | ● | ● |
| ZL133 | 2.30 pm | 3.40 pm | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | | ● |
| ZL139 | 6.50 pm | 8.25 pm | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | | ● |

