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## MEDIA RELEASE

### REX CELEBRATES 1<sup>ST</sup> ANNIVERSARY IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Regional Express (Rex) is today celebrating its first year of Western Australian (WA) operations.

Rex has been operating the WA Government regulated Perth to Albany and Perth to Esperance Regular Public Transport (RPT) routes since 28 February 2016. The contract provides Rex with the sole right to service both routes for a five-year period.

Rex operates 23 weekly return services between Perth and Albany and 18 weekly return services between Perth and Esperance.

“Rex is extremely proud of its achievements in WA during its first year of operations, having either fulfilled or exceeded all contractual obligations,” said Warrick Lodge, Rex General Manager Network Strategy & Sales.

“In comparison to the previous contract holder, Virgin Australia Regional Airlines (VARA) who withdrew services citing a lack of viability on the routes, Rex has increased the number of services across the two routes by 35%.”

In addition to providing a comprehensive flight schedule with the option of same day return travel, Rex has also made airfares truly affordable to regional WA, implementing a special ‘Rex Promo’ community fare which was the first of its kind across the airline’s entire network.

“Rex is proud to have brought to the communities of Albany and Esperance, an affordable community fare at \$129 each way. We understand the importance of fare affordability for regional travellers, and are committed to providing regional WA with access to affordable fares,” said Mr Lodge.

The ‘Rex Promo’ community fare was implemented following community consultation and feedback regarding the historic cost of air travel on the routes. Rex has partnered with the City of Albany, the Shire of Esperance and Perth Airport to deliver lower fares to the community. Rex has guaranteed up to 30 percent of all seats available for sale are made available at the community fare level.

“We have built a strong relationship with the local communities of Albany and Esperance, and would like to thank the communities for their support,” said Mr Lodge.

“We would also like to thank all of our staff, including those in WA, who have worked hard over the past year to make the commencement of Rex services in WA a success.”

Rex will be celebrating the occasion with a small giveaway to all passengers travelling today on the Perth to Albany and Perth to Esperance routes.

# Regional Express

**Regional Express (Rex)** is Australia's largest independent regional airline operating a fleet of more than 50 Saab 340 aircraft on some 1,500 weekly flights to 58 destinations throughout all states in Australia. In addition to the regional airline Regional Express, the **Rex Group** comprises wholly owned subsidiaries **Pel-Air Aviation** (air freight and charter operator), **Air Link** (Dubbo-based regional airline) and the **Australian Airline Pilot Academy**.

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