



NEW AIR SERVICES TO LINK REGIONAL NSW TO DUBBO WELCOMED

Dubbo City Regional Airport is extending its reach even further, with the re-introduction of passenger air services to Cobar, Bourke, Walgett and Lightning Ridge. It has been more than a decade since some of these regional areas have been connected to air services, and Mayor of the Dubbo Region Ben Shields says this will open up more opportunities for business and tourism in Dubbo.

“To allow these small towns direct access to the ‘capital city of the west’ means that Dubbo is really making its mark as the state’s best place to conduct business, and pleasure,” Clr Shields said.

“Recent upgrades at the Dubbo City Regional Airport means that we’re well-positioned to accommodate the growth in services, and with the Draft Airport Masterplan going on display last week, it shows that council is continuing to invest in the future of the region,” Clr Shields said.

The flights will carry more than 14,000 seats a year, facilitated by FlyPelican, and Dubbo-based Air Link, to keep Dubbo connected to the bush. \$8 million dollars from the State Government and the Far North West Joint Organisation also means that the cost of seats will remain realistic and affordable.

“With incredible health services, tourism attractions like Dubbo Gaol, and the Western Plains Cultural Centre, Dubbo is a major service centre for these bush communities, which is why I welcome these air services,” Clr Shields said.

“This is a great win for our western cousins, and for Dubbo, to help expand tourism in our respective regions, and drive economic growth,” he said.

The first flights to Cobar with FlyPelican will be taking off at the end of September, while flights to and from Walgett and Lightning Ridge with Air Link will launch in early November. More information about flight services can be found at www.flypelican.com.au and www.airlinkairlines.com.au.

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