

Media release

Region helps airport reach new January heights

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Newcastle Airport has recorded its busiest January ever on record. Passenger throughput for January 2017 at the state's second busiest airport came in at 108,606 passengers.

"This figure is a 12.7% increase on January last year," said Newcastle Airport's CEO, Dr Peter Cock. "For an airport to have double-digit growth in this climate is almost unheard of; most airports are sitting at domestic growth of around 2-3%.

"As records continue to tumble month-on-month, our region is reaping the benefits. It's becoming easier to connect to major ports for business, and easier to connect and spend time with loved ones.

"This coming Easter period the current timetables are showing 15% more seats to and from Newcastle Airport when compared with the same time last year as airlines continue to respond to local demand.

"By flying local you're spending more time at your destination, rather than wasting time on the road getting to the airport."

The January results follow a record year for Newcastle Airport in 2016 where another passenger record was set with more than 1.2 million passengers using the terminal during a calendar year. This represented annual growth of 5.5%.

"We're continuing to work with the airlines and local business to deliver more frequency on existing routes, pitch for new destinations, and for the airlines to provide more connectivity through the hubs of Brisbane, Gold Coast, and Melbourne.

"The airlines have again put on extra seats, this time during March and April to Brisbane and Melbourne. And, it's easy to see why, there's plenty of reasons to travel next month: the Quiksilver Pro is being held on the Gold Coast, the Jets take on Melbourne City on 18 March in Melbourne, and of course, the Formula1 will be in Melbourne from 23 March. If you're looking for an excuse to travel next month, I think I just gave you three," concluded Peter.

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