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REX CALLS FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FOR AIR SERVICES

Regional Express (Rex) announced today that it is inviting expressions of interest from regional cities in New South Wales interested in having a Regular Public Transport (RPT) air service to/from Sydney.

Rex's Chief Operating Officer, Mr Garry Filmer, said that arising from its latest network review and the recruitment of 14 pilots from the recently collapsed Brindabella Airlines, Rex had a window of opportunity to offer RPT services to a city within a 600 km radius from Sydney airport, not already serviced by Rex. This would be in addition to new services to Cobar and Mudgee which are being contemplated by its subsidiary Air Link.

Mr Filmer said, "Rex would allocate to the successful city peak morning and evening slots at Sydney airport which would allow professionals to conduct a full day of business in Sydney and return home the same day. This new route would have three return services on weekdays."

A typical schedule is shown in the Annex.

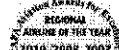
"This is a very rare opportunity for regional NSW to have a good new air service as there are no more available slots in the peak hours at Sydney airport," explained Mr Filmer.

"I invite local councils that are interested to write to us immediately as a decision has to be made within three weeks. Only cities that can sustain above 30,000 annual passengers will be considered. We hope to commence the new operations in March or April subject to regulatory approvals."

Expressions of interest can be sent via email to companysecretary@rex.com.au
Deadline: 31 January 2014

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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ANNEX

A typical schedule with peak morning and evening slots is shown below.

REGIONAL CITY TO SYDNEY *									
FLIGHT NO.	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
ZL953	6.30 am	7.55 am	●	●	●	●	●	●	
ZL955	11.00 am	12.30 pm	●	●	●	●	●	●	
ZL983	5.00 pm	6.30 pm	●	●	●	●	●		●

SYDNEY TO REGIONAL CITY *									
FLIGHT NO.	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
ZL954	9.15 am	10.40 am	●	●	●	●	●	●	
ZL982	2.55 pm	4.20 pm	●	●	●	●	●		●
ZL984	6.55 pm	8.20 pm	●	●	●	●	●		●

* Mock schedule only



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WEATHER

TODAY
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TOMORROW
Early fog. Max 16

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Rex named world's best

REGIONAL Express (Rex) has been named the world's best regional airline by the *Aviation Week and Space Technology* magazine for the sixth year running. Rex ranked fifth overall in the magazine's annual list of the world's top performing airlines, which were determined according to each carrier's financial health, earnings performance, capital

efficiency and business model performance. Australia's other major airlines, Qantas, Tiger Airways and Virgin Australia, ranked 50th, 59th and 65th respectively.

While the Rex Group's profits have significantly declined in the past two years, Rex's strong fundamentals have enabled it to maintain its place among the best performing airlines in the world," Rex executive chairman Lim Kim Hai said.

Meanwhile, Rex has rejected Goulburn's bid to have the airline service the city's airport, which could have seen it act as a stopover point for the airline's flights between Sydney and southern NSW centres. Goulburn had bid to become a

new destination for Rex after the airline called for expressions of interest from regional centres interested in having a regular air service to and from Sydney. But a Rex spokeswoman said Goulburn could not attract the passenger volume required to justify a service. "The letter submitted by Goulburn airport requesting a

Rex service to Sydney was not successful," the spokeswoman said. "Rex's call for expressions of interest on April 7 stated that only cities that can sustain above 30,000 annual passengers will be considered, due to the need to support three return services and the associated allocation of peak time slots at Sydney airport."

Morning-after message not being heard P-platers not in our crosshairs: police

From Front Page
breath analysis almost 12 hours after he stopped drinking.

Young Local Court last week heard *Smithers had consumed about 40 stubbies of full-strength beer the night before and – despite not getting behind the wheel for some time – blew a reading of .011 when pulled over by police on the Olympic Highway at Warhat on April 18.* Smithers pleaded guilty to driving with a novice range PCA, with magistrate Peter Dare giving him "a chance" by imposing no conviction and placing him on an 18-month good behaviour bond. "Now you know how long it (alcohol) takes to get in and out of your body," magistrate Dare said. "You only get this chance once in your life."

Facilitator of the Traffic Offenders Intervention Program (TOIP), run by the Wagga Police-Citizens Youth Club (PCYC), Jon Morgan said the consequences of drinking and driving were heavily advertised and the message was clear – "you're the person that puts yourself behind the steering wheel."

"It's continually reinforced but it's still something of concern," Mr Morgan said. "People still aren't getting the message. Mr Morgan said despite a number of factors being at play – age, gender, metabolism and alcohol content – the average rule was a minimum one hour recovery for each drink consumed. "For every beer you have, it takes an hour for that beer to get out of your system," he said.

More than 4000 people have participated in the Wagga TOIP since it began in 2002 and Mr Morgan said between 15 and 20 per cent of them had been "picked up" the morning after drinking.

"Most of them are trying to do the right thing (by waiting)," he said. "It just shows you how much alcohol is in your system ... a lot of it comes back to metabolism."



DRIVEN TO HELP: Manager of the Wagga PCYC Blake Dunn helps run the Traffic Offenders Intervention Program. In addition, the club runs a Safer Drivers course for learners, which Mr Dunn says gives them the best possible start behind the wheel. Picture: Kieren L Tilly

When asked if it was bad luck that P-platers were nabbed the next morning, Mr Morgan didn't see it that way.

"You cannot tell me for a second they didn't know (about the zero BAC limit)," he said. "It's not bad luck, it's making bad choices and bad decisions."

Forty-three participants were in the latest program at the weekend and statistics from the past 12 years indicate about 97 per cent don't re-offend upon completion. The course is full for the rest of the year.

– with *The Young Witness*

P-PLATERS aren't morning targets for police, one of the Riverina's top highway patrol cops says. Senior supervisor of the patrol's Riverina cluster Senior Sergeant Wayne McLachlan said officers regularly saw low-range readings the morning after – even for drivers with an unrestricted licence – but young motorists needed to be aware of how easy it can be to blow over. "At the end of the day, it doesn't take a great deal of alcohol to obtain a reading within that (the low range) category," Sergeant McLachlan said. "We certainly don't target P-platers, but we do target morning-after drink-driving. "We don't want alcohol-impaired drivers on the road in the morning when there's one of the highest amounts of traffic." Wagga police crime manager Detective Inspector Darren Cloake said it was vital young people understood the importance of their licence. "The licence is a privilege, not a right," he said.

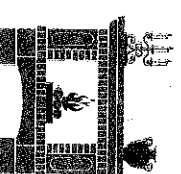
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