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Media release

Airport Upgrade Project Update

05 June, 2017:

Kangaroo Island Council is pleased to confirm that Qantas has announced new flights to Kangaroo Island.

Mayor Peter Clements said “One of the objectives of the Airport Upgrade Project was to enable larger aircraft to fly direct to Kangaroo Island. This will activate new markets by allowing time-poor consumers to fly efficiently into Kangaroo Island instead of the need to transit through Adelaide.”

“The new service from Melbourne engages Qantas with Kangaroo Island on a brand new route and will prove that the market will support this route. It will set in place partnerships that will allow longer term commitments in the future.”

With the establishment of additional services from Adelaide with Qantas there is the opportunity to add competition and flexibility for consumers. Kangaroo Island will appear on all of Qantas’s booking sites and consumers will enjoy seamless interchange through connecting airports. The timing of the scheduled services is linked to existing mainland domestic and international connections and therefore provides visitors with the best options for connecting to Kangaroo Island as quickly and cost-effectively as possible.

Qantas marketing reach through its international alliances is considerable and will provide global exposure for Kangaroo Island as a destination.

Throughout the engagement and negotiation process Council, the South Australian Tourism Commission (SATC), our specialist consultants Ailevon Pacific Aviation Consulting together with Adelaide Airport have worked very closely to deliver this commitment from Qantas.

Mayor Peter Clements said “Council acknowledges the strong partnership approach that the State Government has provided to achieve this announcement and the Airport Upgrade Project as a whole, and we look forward to continuing to develop airport opportunities for mutual benefit.”

FLIGHT DETAILS

Adelaide-Kangaroo Island service will commence in early December 2017 arriving late morning, operating five days / week until April and then three days / week over low season months.

Melbourne (Tullamarine) – Kangaroo Island service will commence in mid-December and is initially expected to operate three days / week for six weeks until the end of January.

Full details of the services, timing and pricing is available on the Qantas website <http://www.qantas.com/au/en/destinations/australia/sa/kangaroo-island.html#flights-to>

For further information on this project, please visit Council's Airport Upgrade webpage at www.kangarooislandcouncil.sa.gov.au or contact the CEO, Andrew Boardman, on kicouncil@kicouncil.sa.gov.au or 08 85534506.