



SKYTRANS ENHANCES COOKTOWN SERVICES

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Skytrans has announced today a new and improved schedule between Cairns and Cooktown which will come into effect from April 6th. Responding to community and customer feedback, the airline has committed to an expanded schedule operating weekdays which will see return flights to the destination increased from 8 to 15 flights per week.

Skytrans Chief Executive Officer, Simon Wild says "We previously made alterations to improve the level of service offered on this route by introducing the larger Dash 8 aircraft with full cabin service. To counteract the huge increase in capacity offered by this 36 passenger type over the existing 9 passenger aircraft, the schedule was reduced accordingly. It has become apparent over the past 6 months that frequency of flights is more important to our customers than aircraft size, as many flights were underutilised."

Skytrans Management recently met with local users of the service in an open forum in Cooktown. "The feedback was overwhelmingly in favour of additional services," said Mr Wild.

"We have therefore altered our schedule to increase the number of return services from 8 to 15 flights per week beginning in early April."

Major improvements to the current schedule are the introduction of an additional return flight daily on weekdays, morning arrivals into Cooktown on Fridays, daily arrivals into Cairns scheduled prior to the commencement of the business day, and the re-instatement of three return flight Wednesday schedule. These flights will operate on the 9 passenger Beechcraft B200 aircraft.

"Skytrans flights to Cooktown depart from the Cairns Domestic Terminal and form part of a growing network of 24 destinations throughout regional Queensland," he said.

Bookings can be made in person at 14-16 McLeod St, online at www.skytrans.com.au, or by phoning 1300-759 872 (1300-SKYTRANS).

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