



## Press Release

### Norfolk Air Schedules October 2009 – September 2010

Norfolk Air this week released its operating schedule for the next 12 months, with the primary objective being to minimise potential disruption to our customers that occurs when there are late revisions to schedules, as was the case in May of this year when the revised winter schedule was implemented from the beginning of June.

In designing the revised schedule, the management of Norfolk Air has undertaken extensive analysis of the current and past loadings, collaborated with our industry partners and applied various forecasting models along with taking a cautious view of where the economic recovery is at and how it will impact travel to Norfolk Island.

With the revised schedule, Norfolk Air will again have the Boeing 737-300 fully based on Norfolk Island from Saturday 19 September 2009 and it is planned that this will be ongoing during the entire schedule over the next 12 months.

The most notable and imminent change will be that from Wednesday 21 October 2009, instead of operating separate flights to Brisbane and Sydney, the flights will be combined and a triangulated service will operate Norfolk – Brisbane – Sydney – Norfolk each Wednesday. This will become a permanent feature of the schedule except for the Wednesday prior to and the Wednesday immediately after Christmas this year, where dedicated flights will again be operated to Brisbane and Sydney.

The weekly Newcastle services will resume from Monday 21 September 2009 as planned and will continue each week until 10 May 2010 inclusive. After that date, it is planned to again suspend the Newcastle service until late September 2010, similar to the situation applied for the winter period this year.

Other features of the planned schedule include:

- Seasonal suspensions of the Saturday flights to/from Sydney will occur between the following dates: 30 January – 28 February 2010; 10 April – 29 May 2010; and 19 June – 18 September 2010, all dates being inclusive.
  
- Additionally, the Brisbane Sunday flights will be suspended from 20 June – 19 September 2010 inclusive for the winter low season.

The planned schedule will provide sufficient capacity to meet most analysts' optimistic growth forecasts, yet trims excess operating costs wherever possible. Importantly, should Norfolk Air identify that there is sustained recovery and growth in passenger demand to travel to Norfolk Island, the new schedule with the aircraft based here will allow the addition of flights with as little as 3 months' lead time.

The fully revised schedule is being implemented into the Norfolk Air booking system by our Australian-based system provider over the next few days and the changes should be fully reflected by the middle of next week at the latest. Our code-share partners at Qantas have been informed of the changes to the schedule and have moved to implement them.

Norfolk Air looks forward to your continued support.

Jeff Murdoch  
**Chief Executive Officer**