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Sydney Airport Traffic Performance July 2014

Pax	Monthly performance			Year to date performance		
('000s) ¹	Jul-14	Jul-13	Growth (%)	YTD-14	YTD-13	Growth (%)
Domestic	2,190	2,183	+0.3%	14,379	14,230	+1.0%
International ²	1,116	1,127	-1.0%	7,515	7,239	+3.8%
DOC ³	2	6	-59.4%	25	43	-40.3%
Total	3,308	3,316	-0.2%	21,920	21,512	+1.9%

¹ Contains estimates with any adjustments to preliminary statistics to be included in the year to date results in future months.

² International excludes Domestic-On-Carriage.

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CEO Kerrie Mather said, "International passenger growth at Sydney Airport has been very solid for the 2014 year to date, up 3.8% on the prior corresponding period (pcp), with domestic passengers up 1.0% and total passengers up 1.9%. Load factors continued to increase on both international and domestic services.

"International traffic growth for the month of July reflected the cycling of the British and Irish Lions Rugby Tour in July 2013, which brought nearly 20,000 extra visitors to Sydney, particularly from the UK. Normalising the impact of the additional visitors, the underlying international growth rate was 4.1% for the year to date. The key markets that continued to generate growth in July were Indonesia (+29.5%), Malaysia (+27.8%), Taiwan (+15.4%), France (+11.3%) and India (+11.0%). The Eid al-Fitr festival, which last year occurred in August, drove increased passengers in July from Indonesia, while additional daily frequencies from Malaysia Airlines and AirAsia X continued to support Malaysian nationality growth.

"Chinese nationality traffic growth remains strong, up 7.8% in July and up 14.6% year to date. China is our second largest inbound market after New Zealand and represents 25% of international passenger growth year to date.

“We welcome numerous recent announcements of aircraft upgauging and increases in frequency on Sydney services including from Cathay Pacific (72,000 seats), China Airlines (54,000 seats), Philippine Airlines (38,000 seats), Qantas (26,000 seats) and Air Canada (24,000 seats).

“The domestic market is expected to show continued load factor improvement as previous capacity growth is absorbed, and LCC passenger numbers are forecast to grow as new route announcements from Tigerair and Jetstar take full effect.”

Key Points

- Cathay Pacific will upgauge one of its existing four Airbus A330-300 Hong Kong – Sydney services to a Boeing 777-300ER from December 2014. Annualised this will result in an extra 72,000 seats.
- China Airlines will increase its Taipei-Sydney service from four to seven weekly over the December-February peak season and use the addition to launch a new three weekly tag service to Christchurch. This will add 54,000 extra seats over the period.
- Philippine Airlines will increase its Manila – Sydney services from four weekly to five weekly using an Airbus A340-300. Annualised this will result in an extra 38,000 seats.
- Qantas will increase Sydney-Honolulu services from three to four a week and upgauge its aircraft from a Boeing 767 to an Airbus A330. Annualised this will result in an extra 26,000 seats.
- Air Canada will upgauge from a Boeing 777-200LR to a 777-300ER over the Northern winter on its Sydney-Vancouver/Toronto service. This will result in 24,000 extra seats over the period.
- Total passenger traffic for July is estimated to have decreased 0.2% on the pcg, with domestic traffic estimated to be up 0.3% on the pcg and international traffic (excluding domestic on-carriage) down 1.0% on the pcg.
- For international traffic, Indonesia (+29.5%), Malaysia (+27.8%), Taiwan (+15.4%), France (+11.3%) and India (+11.0%) were the major nationality markets that grew during July. The major nationality markets that declined over the month were the UK (-28.0%) and New Zealand (-5.7%), largely due to the impact of the Lions Rugby Tour in the previous year, along with Korea (-7.0%) and Germany (-4.9%).

Last 12 Months Traffic Data

('000s)	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	Total	Total	Growth
	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug-13 - Jul-14	Aug-12 - Jul-13	%
Dom	2,117	2,088	2,274	2,147	2,183	2,125	1,898	2,116	2,080	2,021	1,949	2,190	25,189	24,972	1.1%
Int	1,048	1,086	1,098	1,048	1,233	1,285	1,019	1,027	1,083	973	1,013	1,116	13,029	12,524	4.6%
DOC	4	5	7	6	5	5	4	4	4	3	4	2	53	88	-37.9%
Total	3,170	3,180	3,380	3,201	3,421	3,415	2,920	3,146	3,167	2,996	2,967	3,308	38,271	37,584	2.2%

All data is for arriving and departing passengers.

All data is taken from management accounts, is provisional and subject to revision.

All data has been rounded to the nearest thousand and in some instances the total may not be equal to the sum of the parts. Percentage changes have been calculated based on actual figures and not based on rounded balances.

Contains estimates with adjustments made to preliminary data in later months.

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