

20 September 2016

## Sydney Airport Traffic Performance August 2016

Pax (‘000s) <sup>1</sup>	Monthly performance			Year to date performance		
	Aug-16	Aug-15	Growth (%)	YTD-16	YTD-15	Growth (%)
Domestic	2,211	2,150	+2.9%	17,596	16,822	+4.6%
International <sup>2</sup>	1,191	1,106	+7.6%	9,742	8,896	+9.5%
Total	3,402	3,256	+4.5%	27,338	25,717	+6.3%

<sup>1</sup> Contains estimates with any adjustments to preliminary statistics included in the year to date results in future months.

<sup>2</sup> International includes Domestic-On-Carriage.

Sydney Airport Managing Director and CEO Kerrie Mather said, “International passenger growth for August was very strong, increasing 7.6% on the prior corresponding period (pcp) and an exceptional 9.5% in the year to date. The international result benefited from a seat capacity increase of 13.0% and inbound demand (+10.3%).

“The inbound nationalities which underpinned the international result were US (+29.3%), Japanese (+41.9%), Chinese (+11.1%), South Korean (+21.6%) and Indian (+17.8%). US nationals were the largest foreign contributor of inbound passengers, with an incremental 14,000, due primarily to the increase in seat capacity on US routes compared to the pcp.

“Australian outbound passengers grew 4.6%. Indonesia (+40.4%), Canada (+24.1%), Chile (+20.8%) and Thailand (+8.9%) were some of the best performing destinations for Australian travellers.

“Domestic passenger growth of 2.9% was driven equally by seat growth and load factor improvements.

“We were delighted to announce two new Chinese destinations this month, Chengdu to be served by Air China and Hangzhou by China Eastern. Both services will operate three times weekly on an A330-200 aircraft with approximately 235 seats. The new Air China Chengdu route is set to commence on 12 November and is expected to significantly boost tourism and trade to Sydney and NSW, bringing an additional 23,000 Chinese visitors per annum and \$89 million in additional visitor expenditure. The China Eastern service from Hangzhou, the capital of China’s Zhejiang province, will commence on 16 November and is expected to have a similar economic impact. These two routes again confirm Sydney Airport’s position as the world’s leading long haul airport for Chinese airlines with six Chinese carriers soon serving 12 mainland Chinese cities.”

## Key points

- Hainan Airlines' Sydney-Changsha route commenced on 13 September and its previous high season Xi'an service recommenced year round on 14 September. Combined these routes bring 104,000 seats annually.
- Air Niugini announced a third weekly flight on the Sydney-Port Moresby route effective 1 November.

## Top 10 Nationalities Travelling Through Sydney Airport

Rank	Nationality	Aug-16	YTD-16	Rank	Nationality	Aug-16	YTD-16
1	Australia	+4.6%	+7.5%	6	Korea	+21.6%	+21.3%
2	China	+11.1%	+18.8%	7	Japan	+41.9%	+28.3%
3	New Zealand	-4.0%	-0.3%	8	India	+17.8%	+12.4%
4	USA	+29.3%	+17.9%	9	Germany	+6.5%	+7.3%
5	UK	+2.4%	+4.9%	10	Malaysia	+4.3%	+7.1%

## Last 12 Months Traffic Data

('000s)													Total	Total	Growth
	Sep-15	Oct-15	Nov-15	Dec-15	Jan-16	Feb-16	Mar-16	Apr-16	May-16	Jun-16	Jul-16	Aug-16	Sep-15-Aug-16	Sep-14-Aug-15	%
Dom	2,201	2,347	2,265	2,307	2,221	2,114	2,301	2,229	2,130	2,055	2,335	2,211	26,715	25,661	+4.1%
Int	1,135	1,176	1,134	1,374	1,433	1,178	1,211	1,202	1,072	1,126	1,331	1,191	14,562	13,433	+8.4%
Total	3,335	3,524	3,399	3,681	3,654	3,292	3,512	3,431	3,201	3,181	3,666	3,402	41,277	39,094	+5.6%

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 figure.

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