



## NEW NORTHERN PENINSULA LINKS ANNOUNCED

16<sup>th</sup> April 2009

Skytrans today announced the introduction of new services linking Cairns and the Northern Peninsula Area.

The regional airline will begin the new services on 18<sup>th</sup> May 2009, initially offering three return flights a week before increasing this number to five.

"Skytrans has serviced many Cape communities including Coen, Lockhart River and Aurukun for several years. After the highly successful introduction of air services to Pormpuraaw and Kowanyama in February this year, it was clear to us that there was a need for a connection to the Northern Peninsula Area. We consulted with the communities and stakeholders and upon gaining their support, worked quickly to make it happen," said Skytrans Chief Executive Officer, Simon Wild.

The new schedule offers more than 14,000 seats annually with flights operating daily from Monday to Friday on Dash 8 (36 seater) aircraft. With an onboard entertainment system and refreshments available, Skytrans is confident that passengers will enjoy the journey and arrive at their destination relaxed and refreshed.

Fares start from a low \$270 one way. "More than 1,000 of these tickets will be released in the first three months of operation giving locals and visitors real value for money," Mr Wild said.

"We have listened to our customers and taken onboard their needs. For example, Skytrans passengers will now be able to travel with their pets who, subject to conditions, will be consigned as freight. Further, we have increased the baggage allowance by 5kgs free of charge for the first three months of operation, taking the total to 25kgs per passenger."

Skytrans flights to the Northern Peninsula Area depart from the Cairns Domestic Terminal and form part of a growing network of 25 destinations serviced by Skytrans throughout regional Queensland. Today's announcement follows the recent introduction of new services by Skytrans to Kowanyama, Pormpuraaw and Cooktown.

For bookings or further information the public are encouraged to visit Skytrans in person at 14-16 McLeod St, Cairns, online at [www.skytrans.com.au](http://www.skytrans.com.au) or phone 1300-759 872 (1300-SKYTRANS).

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