

# Media Release

## Record Breaking Start to 2024 for Hobart Airport

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Hobart Airport has rewritten the record books with an unprecedented 764,417 travellers arriving at Tasmania's most popular gateway in the first three months of 2024.

This smashes the previous record of 754,597 passengers recorded in January to March 2019, before COVID hit, by close to 10,000.

It's also a huge jump of 63,300 extra travellers more than the 701,103 passengers in the first quarter of 2023.

Hobart Airport CEO Norris Carter said the latest data had landed on the eve of one of the busiest periods for Hobart Airport, the school holidays.

"There's no question that Tasmania is in hot demand, with a record-breaking number of passengers travelling through Hobart Airport in the three months to the end of March this year," Mr Carter said.

"It's a great thing for local hotels, restaurants, attractions, shops and the whole state. It's clear that we've really hit our strides again as a must-see travel destination, and the airlines have responded with extra flights.

"This is why we're investing \$200 million to double the size of the terminal by 2027, with more seats, security screening, departure gates, baggage carousels, and food and retail outlets."

The travel trend will continue across the upcoming school holidays, with the airlines adding seats from across the school holidays, right through to the ANZAC Day long weekend. Mr Carter said Hobart Airport was expecting an additional 33,000 extra visitors through the terminal from Easter through to the end of April.

"This is a huge 12 per cent increase in travellers compared with the same busy holiday period last year, with around an extra 10 flights per day on the busiest days" Mr Carter said. "For all the families preparing for the fun, but potentially stressful, school holiday travel time, there are some simple things they can do to make it a little bit easier.

"Check with your airline for all the latest updates on flight times; allow plenty of time to park, check-in and clear security; at security, put your laptops, iPads, keys, phones, and coins in the trays; and keep an eye out for our staff and volunteers, who are there to help.

"We thank travellers for their patience and wish everyone a great time over the school holiday break."

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