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## **Originair Increases Services**

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Originair is about to introduce a further Jetstream 32 aircraft to its fleet allowing increased services.

Commencing Monday May 3rd, the airline will overnight an aircraft and crew in Hamilton allowing it to offer an early morning departure direct to Palmerston North and on to Nelson. The reverse will occur each weekday evening with the aircraft departing Nelson with a direct flight to Palmerston North and on to Hamilton departing at 5.10pm arriving at 6pm.

Originair CEO, Robert Inglis, said since it commenced its' services to and from Hamilton on October 19th last year, following Air New Zealand withdrawing from the Hamilton to Palmerston North route. Our intention had always been to introduce a morning departure between the two cities, allowing business travellers, from Hamilton, a full business day in Palmerston North with an evening direct return flight and we are pleased to now be able to commence these flights.

The new services complement Originairs' current services. These changes also allow an increase in services between Nelson and Palmerston North, reflecting growing demand on this popular direct service, where we shortly plan to offer double daily services between this city pair.

The airlines' direct Hamilton flights to Nelson each Friday evening, returning on Sunday evening, remain unchanged, as do the Friday and Sunday services between Nelson and Wellington.

Mr Inglis said, the solid support the airline has received on its' services is encouraging and appreciated.

## Background

Originair has its' roots in more than 30 years of professional passenger airline operation.

In 1979, Robert Inglis started Air Nelson, which was bought by Air New Zealand. Robert and partner Nicki Smith, went onto start Origin Pacific Airways in 1996. Origin Pacific's keen pricing, convenient schedules, reliability and 100 per cent safety record, made it a favourite airline for regional customers for ten years.

Robert and Nicki took the opportunity to develop their existing operation and Nelson Tasman-based airline, Originair was established in 2015.

Originair is New Zealand owned and operated, providing safe, comfortable, point-to-point travel nationally, including charter services on demand.

Originair prides itself on delivering excellent on-time performance, direct and personal customer service, and reliably mid-range pricing. Its' experienced crew are compassionate and friendly and strive to always provide flexibility and choice to Originair customers.

For further comment or interview opportunities, please contact Robert Inglis -

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