

# Shire of Exmouth **MEDIA RELEASE**



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## SUMMARY:

- Affordable airfare program extended between April and October 2020 with more than 7,380 discount seats on offer – 3,000 pax capacity increase on last year
  - Introduction of Airbus A320 on Saturday and Sunday flights increasing capacity
  - Initiative supports jobs and helps boost the local economy
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### **Affordable airfare program between Perth and Exmouth extended**

The Shire of Exmouth is pleased to announce, that Qantas, in partnership with the State Government, through Tourism Western Australia, will extend its affordable airfare program for six months from April 10 to October 12, 2020, on selected flights between Perth and Exmouth following a successful trial earlier this year.

The program extension is part of the State Government's commitment to work with airlines and other partners to introduce affordable fares where possible, encouraging more people to holiday in regional WA, while making a trip to the city more economical for regional residents.

The special weekend fares of \$169 one-way will be available on selected flights taken from Friday through Monday when booked 45 days ahead of travel. These fares can be booked online or through travel agents.

Qantas will also introduce the larger Airbus A320 on the Saturday and Sunday flights over the six-month season, providing 3,000 additional seats to Exmouth compared to 2019. The Shire of Exmouth has approved funding for new belt loaders to accommodate the larger aircraft.

### **SOE Comments attributed to the CEO Cameron Woods:**

"Very pleased with the negotiations that enabled an extension of the Year 1 trial fares which had a 91% uptake."

"The extension of the trial period includes all Exmouth peak and shoulder season periods which will extend and grow our peak season and ensure both the whale shark and humpback whale swim seasons are accommodated."

"The Shire extends its thanks to Tourism WA and Qantas for the investment in the Ningaloo destination and looks forward to progressing a trial connection with Broome next season."

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