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REGULAR FLIGHTS TO AND FROM MUDGEES CONTINUE

Mid-Western Regional Council is working closely with FlyPelican to ensure the regular passenger service between Mudgees and Sydney remains operational as the aviation industry faces major challenges due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Council will provide financial support to FlyPelican to help maintain three return flights per week for essential work and medical travel.

Mayor, Des Kennedy said Council recognises the high value of a regular passenger service to and from the region.

“This service is a critical transport link, which is why Councillors unanimously voted in favour of this motion,” Cr Kennedy said.

“FlyPelican has been successfully flying the Mudgees to Sydney route for five years and it would be a major blow to the region to see it lost as has been the case with other airlines recently.

“Under current guidelines, domestic airline travel is still permitted for essential work or medical appointments, so I’d encourage those who have need to travel to use this service.”

FlyPelican Executive Director, Marty Hawley said flights will continue on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursday.

“There’s no doubt these are challenging times, particularly for the aviation industry and I’d like to thank Mid-Western Regional Council for their proactive approach in securing regional airline travel.

“We’ve been flying to and from Mudgees since 2015 and look forward to working with Mid-Western Regional Council to see this service continue well into the future.”

FlyPelican is currently flying Mudgees to Sydney return Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. For a schedule or to book visit www.flypelican.com.au

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