

## Media Release

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### SkyBus introduces additional weekend services

SkyBus has extended its weekend timetable to match the Monday to Friday timetable with 33 additional services every week.

Simon Cowen, SkyBus Managing Director, says that SkyBus is Australia's only public transport provider with an identical timetable seven days a week and it is the first time for SkyBus to introduce the uniform weekly timetable.

"Introducing the one timetable across seven days underlines the strong demand we have on weekends and makes it even easier for us to promote our 10 minute service every day. It is also simpler and more convenient for everyone.

"It is exciting to see airline passengers are using public transport by going on board SkyBus. This helps to reduce Melbourne's carbon emissions and traffic congestion.

"Not only are we increasing our services on the weekend, we are also providing peace-of-mind to our passengers through the simple message that SkyBus is running every day of the week, including public holidays. Our new timetable supports Melbourne Airport's success in attracting more flights to our city," Mr Cowen said.

Mr Cowen added: "The increase in the demand, particularly on the weekend, has shown people are more conscientious about where they spend their money and look for affordable travel alternatives during current economic times."

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## Fact Sheet

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- SkyBus operate 216 trips a day between Melbourne Airport and Southern Cross Station.
- SkyBus depart every 10 minutes from 8 am to 8 pm each day.
- SkyBus transport more than 1.7m passengers a year.
- 20 minutes travel - express to the airport.
- SkyBus employs 140 staff.
- SkyBus has a fleet of 35 buses operating in Melbourne only.
- SkyBus is a privately owned company, which has been operating for more than 30 years.
- SkyBus is the public transport link to Melbourne airport.

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