

# Sharp Airlines – Warrnambool Service to commence in February 2015



## **South West Victoria Service For release Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2014**

Sharp Airlines will commence services from Essendon to Warrnambool\* on Monday February 2<sup>nd</sup> 2015. Flights will operate to Warrnambool and return Monday to Sunday servicing the needs of South West Victoria. Director Malcolm Sharp announced the new service saying “This is an important announcement for the region as the social and economic benefits of a regional airline service cannot be underestimated.”

The move to incorporate the Warrnambool service was welcomed by the Member for South West Coast Dr Denis Napthine. “This is wonderful news for Warrnambool and the broader south west community. This daily week day connection to Melbourne will open new opportunities for business to connect with their city partners, for increased tourism and for locals who need faster access to Melbourne. I wish Sharp Airlines every success in this new venture” Dr Napthine said.

Mr Sharp highlighted the support received from local government. “The support we have received from Warrnambool City Council and Glenelg Shires has been very gratifying and we look forward to continuing to build a strong relationship with local government”.

The move to incorporate the Warrnambool service was welcomed by Warrnambool Mayor, Councillor Michael Neoh. “The return of passenger air services to and from Warrnambool is exciting news for our region” Cr Neoh said. “We regularly receive comment from industry representatives that they would have preferred to have flown into Warrnambool to carry out their business.”

Mr Sharp confirmed that reservations for the Warrnambool\* service will be taken immediately, they are still subject to regulatory approval. “We will be offering very competitive fares for travellers and encourage customers to check the schedule on our website [www.sharpairlines.com.au](http://www.sharpairlines.com.au).

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