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QAL GROUP RECORDS BUSIEST NOVEMBER IN HISTORY

Queensland Airports Limited (QAL) has recorded its busiest November ever, collectively growing 4.8 per cent on November 2016.

Together, almost 700,000 passengers passed through the four ports, with Gold Coast, Townsville, and Mount Isa airports all recording growth on the year prior.

A summary of results is provided in the table below:

Airport	November 2017	November 2016	Growth
Gold Coast	544,012	524,811	3.7%
Townsville	135,321	124,335	8.8%
Mount Isa	16,895	15,242	10.8%
Longreach	2,566	2,567	0%
Total passengers	698,794	666,955	4.8%

QAL CEO Chris Mills said Gold Coast Airport benefited from strong demand in domestic and long haul international services this month.

“It’s pleasing to report another record month of growth at Gold Coast Airport. Our increase in passenger movements this November shows the strength of the region,” Mr Mills said.

“We saw a fascinating blend of business, tourism and schoolies travellers in the terminal this month.

“Gold Coast Airport’s biggest market is Sydney which showed a 6 per cent increase for the month of November. Internationally the growth in long haul markets, in particular Singapore and Japan, was very strong.”

“We are excited to have further increased capacity with the launch of direct services to Hobart with Tigerair this month. These services will provide a welcome boost for tourism in both cities and have arrived right in time for the busy summer holiday period.”

Momentum at Townsville Airport has continued to reach new heights, with the port recording an 8.8 per cent increase on last year.

“Whilst the Bali services have been affected by volcanic activity, Townsville’s domestic market has been going from strength to strength, assisted by the addition of Tigerair’s Melbourne services earlier this year.”

“This is great for the Townsville economy, and underlines the importance of getting on with the capital upgrades in the airport, which are required to meet future growth.”

Mount Isa Airport was again a standout this month, recording a 10.8 per cent increase in passenger movements on last year.

“This has been the trend for Mount Isa Airport all year, which is a clear indicator that the Isa economy is on the up.

“We are seeing significant and substantial developments commence across the North West, which is bolstering economic development and jobs in the region.

After a strong result in October, Longreach airport passenger numbers for November were steady when compared to the year prior.

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