

MEDIA RELEASE

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Canberra and Launceston linked by a new direct service

Scheduled direct flights between Canberra and Launceston have commenced today (Wednesday, 6 May 2026)

Canberra Airport’s Head of Aviation, Michael Thomson, said the new direct service makes it easier for Canberrans to plan a relaxed getaway to Northern Tasmania. “New direct flights from Canberra to Launceston with Link Airways make it easy to enjoy Tasmania’s foodie scene, cool climate wines and stunning natural landscapes, all without stopovers. The service also gives visitors from Northern Tasmania a convenient way to explore everything Canberra has to offer.”

Jeff Boyd, Manager of Network Strategy at Link Airways, said, “We are very pleased to commence direct flights for passengers wanting to travel to Launceston and Northern Tasmania, and Tasmanians to visit the National Capital. It strengthens connectivity between the two regions and benefits business, government and leisure travellers. It also creates new convenient connections for travellers through Link Airways’ codeshare partnership with Virgin Australia, providing great connectivity thanks to Virgin Australia’s expansive route network.”

Passengers can earn Velocity Frequent Flyer Points* under the award-winning Velocity Frequent Flyer program when they travel. Link Airways is also pleased to provide complimentary pre-departure Virgin Australia Lounge access at Canberra Airport for customers travelling on ‘Flexible’ and ‘Freedom’ fares.

The Saab 340B Plus aircraft offers full in-flight cabin service. The standard in-flight offering includes hot and cold beverages and premium snacks, with complimentary beer and wine available on all afternoon and evening services.

To mark the first flight, departing passengers were treated to branded cupcakes and a photo opportunity before take-off, while arriving passengers later in the afternoon received a Visit Canberra goodie bag featuring a visitor guide, local honey and chocolates.

Days of operation	Canberra → Launceston	Launceston → Canberra
Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Sunday	Departs 11.30am Arrives 1.20pm	Departs 1.50pm Arrives 3.35pm

Bookings are available now via Link Airways and through Virgin Australia (codeshare) channels, including travel agents.

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