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Essential travel flights return to Ballina

Following Federal Government support of regional air services, the Ballina Byron Gateway Airport flight scheduled has increased and now has four return domestic services a week.

"This announcement is great news for our community who will once again have access to the State's capital. However, it's important to remember these new Sydney and Newcastle services are only for essential travel, such as healthcare workers or those needing medical treatment," said Julie Stewart, Manager of Ballina Byron Gateway Airport

"We also want to reassure passengers, terminal staff and the wider community that the airport is safe and secure. We've introduced a range of measures to stop the spread of COVID-19 including thermal screening and additional cleaning," added Ms Stewart.

The Ballina Byron Gateway Airport has increased their hygiene and cleaning procedures and introduced state-of-the-art thermal checking that screens each person's temperature when they enter or exit the terminal. Travellers are also reminded that only airline passengers and their carers can enter the airport terminal.

The Ballina Byron Gateway Airport and airlines have also introduced measures to ensure social distancing practices can be maintained in the terminal and on the aircraft.

The current Ballina Byron Gateway Airport schedule includes:

Jetstar Service (set to commence 23 April 2020)
Ballina to Sydney return service, each Thursday and Sunday.

FlyPelican Service (set to commence 20 April 2020)
Ballina to Sydney (via Newcastle) return service, each Tuesday and Friday.

Passengers are reminded to refer to the Australian Government Department of Health for advice regarding essential travel at *health.gov.au*

For all bookings and flight details please visit *jetstar.com.au* or *flypelican.com.au*

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