

## **Press Release**

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## **Sharp Airlines Expands Services and goes direct!!**

Sharp Airlines, south-west Victoria's own airline, is expanding its services. From 1 September 2007 Sharp Airlines will be offering an additional 10 direct Portland/Essendon services from Monday to Friday....and this is on top of the successful launch of their new Saturday services.

Managing Director of Sharp Airlines, Malcolm Sharp, said the company saw a buoyant future for the Southern Grampians and Glenelg regions, giving it confidence to invest for the future.

"Since we introduced the Metroliner aircraft in April 2007 our passenger numbers have been steadily growing. The feedback we have received from the public has been tremendous and now passenger numbers are set to reach record levels in the coming 12 months."

From September Sharp Airlines will have a total of 54 flights per week with **10 direct** flights between Portland and Essendon and 24 flights per week between Portland, Hamilton and Essendon with 20 flights between Portland and Avalon.

"We intend to continue to provide the region with a stable, long-term solution that caters for the needs of business and those of the wider community well into the future," Mr Sharp said.

He urged intending passengers to check the Sharp Airlines website for flight schedules and fare specials.

For further information visit the Sharp Airlines Website at <a href="https://www.sharpairlines.com.au">www.sharpairlines.com.au</a>

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