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# Jetstar brings 200+ Christchurch emergency workers and families to the Gold Coast for Rugby League-

Low fares leader Jetstar will this weekend fly more than 200 local hero Christchurch emergency workers and their families to the Gold Coast for a much-needed break following the devastating February earthquake in that city.

The first of the emergency workers and their families arrive on the Gold Coast today, flown courtesy of Jetstar to attend the Australia v New Zealand Rugby League Test match on Friday and the Jetstar Gold Coast Titans v New Zealand Warriors NRL clash on Sunday.

Jetstar CEO Australia & NZ David Hall said Jetstar was proud to bring the Christchurch emergency workers and their families to the Gold Coast for a well-earned break.

“We’re delighted to be able to give back to the Christchurch community in this way after all the challenges that it has been through, and continues to go through,” Mr Hall said.

“Likewise, we also want to demonstrate our commitment to the rejuvenation of Queensland tourism which has also had its share of hardships as a result of natural disasters this year.

“Christchurch was the first destination Jetstar started flying to in New Zealand, and the Gold Coast is one of the most popular holiday destinations on our Australian network, so we’re thrilled to be joining them together for this fantastic sport tourism event, and at the same time support two worthwhile charitable causes,” Mr Hall said.

All 200+ VIP guests will stay in accommodation provided by the Australian Timeshare Industry and visit iconic Gold Coast attractions including Sea World over the Mother’s Day weekend.

Australian Timeshare Industry General Manager, Laura Younger, said: “We’re proud to be able to extend a warm Gold Coast welcome to these families who’ve had such a tough year so far. Our members jumped at the chance to offer up their apartments for this special weekend.”

ARL Chief Executive, Mr Geoff Carr, said: “The NRL games will provide a stage to honour the courage and spirit of all those people whose lives have been affected by the floods, Cyclone Yasi and the Christchurch earthquake.”

New Zealand Rugby League Chief Executive, Mr Jim Doyle, said the entire Test week would be memorable for both its historic significance and for the chance to provide a little cheer for some people from Christchurch and Queensland.

Jetstar recently announced its support of World Vision Australia’s Japan Disaster Appeal and New Zealand Red Cross’ 2011 Earthquake Appeal for Christchurch.

Until 30 June 2011, Jetstar is matching customer donations made through the booking flow, dollar for dollar up to a combined total of AUD\$100,000 for these two appeals.

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