Aviation

When did Air Niugini start?

Air Niugini commenced operations on the 1st of November 1973 when the first Fokker F27 Friendship lifted off from Jacksons Airport on a flight to Lae, Rabaul and Kieta. I believe this flight was designated PX100.

In its first year Air Niugini carried 350,000 passengers (85,000 more than forecast) and flew more than 27,000 hours.

Grand Chief Sir **Michael Somare**, then Chief Minister of the Territories, cut the ribbon.

Unique solution ID: #2291
Author: Trevor
Last update: 2016-11-03 15:50