

Christchurch Airport pays tribute to Norm Thompson

Christchurch Airport is hailing the contribution made by Air New Zealand's deputy CEO as he announces his intention to leave the airline next year.

Norm Thompson will step down from his role next June, after almost 45 years with the national carrier.

Jim Boulton, Christchurch Airport CEO, says he enjoys his association with Mr Thompson and admires the contribution he has made.

"Norm has made an enormous contribution over many years," he says, "not only to Air New Zealand, but also to aviation and tourism.

"I have known Norm for 25 years and admire him as a person and as a considerable contributor to the industry we are both passionate about.

"We have done much good work together, through the airline and airport, but also through Norm's role as chair of the Tourism Industry Association.

"I wish him well as he prepares for the next stage of his life and takes on new interesting roles. I am sure our paths will continue to cross and look forward to working with him in some capacity in the future."