



Rhys Boswell

Rhys Boswell, General Manager Strategy & Sustainability of Christchurch International Airport has spent 21 years of his 22-year professional life in airport management.

After obtaining a town planning masters qualification, he spent 4 years in Hong Kong working for the Hong Kong Airport Authority as a planning engineer during the construction and first year of operation at Chek Lap Kok.

In 2000, Rhys returned to New Zealand and has been employed with CIAL ever since. Rhys considers himself to be a “specialist generalist” and relishes the breadth of experience required of New Zealand airport managers. Rhys’ current role sees him responsible for such diverse issues as airport planning, property development, community engagement, environmental compliance and sustainable management.

Airport master planning and embracing technology

CIAL are early adopters of technology demonstrated through New Zealand's first trial of a fully autonomous electric vehicle on the CIAL campus. The trial is a collaboration between the airport and HMI Technologies, with support from the Christchurch City Council, the University of Canterbury, the NZ Transport Agency and the Ministry of Transport. Rhys will outline the CIAL Master Plan that will move them into the future and how technology can help Tomorrow