

# Media Release

## *Touch Down! Air New Zealand Returns to Hobart Today*

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Air New Zealand has touched down at Hobart Airport today, marking a return of the popular direct international flights between Hobart and Auckland.

Travellers can now fly from Tasmania to New Zealand three times a week, on Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday, as part of the returned service over the peak tourism season.

Hobart Airport Chief Financial and Commercial Officer Kate Gillies said this was great news for Tasmanian travellers and the state's tourism industry.

"There will be an additional 24,000 international seats inbound and outbound over the next five months," Ms Gillies said.

"For Tasmanian travellers it's a ticket to the world, they can clear customs in Hobart, and travel via Auckland to Los Angeles, San Francisco, New York, Hawaii and more.

"With one of these tickets, Tasmanians could literally have brunch in Salamanca and dinner in New York on the very same day.

"For Tasmanian tourism, this is a major coup, with thousands of extra visitors heading their way to stay, tour, eat and meet all our wonderful locals.

"The return of the Hobart to Auckland flights adds to the exciting developments at Hobart Airport; our \$130 million runway upgrade, \$200 million terminal redevelopment and investment of over \$20 million in the carparks, forecourt and road network.

"This is all part of our plan to build a better Hobart Airport that delivers more space, more choice and more jobs for Tasmanians."

Air New Zealand General Manager Australia Kathryn O'Brien shared her excitement about reconnecting customers between Tasmania and New Zealand in the coming months.

"We're thrilled to resume our seasonal services, once again linking Aussies to New Zealand's largest city. From Auckland, Tasmanians can connect to 19 domestic ports in New Zealand, or stopover for a getaway further afield in North America, Asia, or the Pacific Islands.

"New Zealand truly has something for every type of traveller. Whether you're looking to relax at one of the country's iconic wineries, get out in nature and explore, or enjoy a beach



escape, there are plenty of options for travel across the ditch. We look forward to welcoming Tasmanians onboard this summer.”

To celebrate the return of Air NZ flights to Hobart, Cadbury is welcoming passengers to their iconic home - transforming the airport into a sea of purple and giving away 4,000 blocks of freshly made Cadbury Dairy Milk Milk Chocolate.

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