



**The Chartered
Institute of Logistics
and Transport**

Bio for Peter Townsend CNZM

Peter Townsend CNZM held the position as CEO of The Canterbury Employment Chamber of Commerce for 21 years retiring from this role in November 2017. Peter is highly respected and has been a key leader in the city's recovery and regeneration through the challenging period since the Christchurch earthquakes.

Peter left a lasting legacy with the Chamber, with many successful initiatives including being heavily involved with the Government's earthquake subsidy scheme that saw more than \$250 million provided in support of affected businesses. More than 60,000 people benefited from the wage subsidy. He is recognised as being relentlessly positive and championed Canterbury through it's a difficult period.

Made a Companion of the New Zealand Order of Merit in 2013, Peter is a professional Director and currently serves on several boards, including that of, Crown earthquake rebuild agency Otakaro Ltd, Pegasus Health Charitable Ltd, The Royal New Zealand Air Force Museum Trust Board, the Hillary Institute of Leadership, a Member of The Callahan Innovation Grants Committee and is the Hon Consul of Chile for the South Island.

One of Peter's personal memories is travelling to the Antarctica ,and being left alone for few hours in Scott's hut at Cape Evans.

Peter is a person who will stand up and lead against the toughest odds. He has a wealth of business and life experience and is always willing to help and share this with others.

He believes a key lesson in life is to "Make the most of every moment with the objective at the end of it all, of being able to say "Wow what a Ride !".