



Sir Timothy Wallis

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Sir Timothy William Wallis

Sir Tim is a businessman and aviation entrepreneur who in the mid-1960s pioneered live deer recovery from helicopters in the South Island high country. This paved the way for the beginning of the deer farming industry of the 1970s, Sir Tim among the first to see the potential with his farm at Wanaka becoming a centre of excellence for high quality genetics.

Sir Tim is equally well known as the founder of the Alpine Fighter Collection, for which he bought and restored many World War II fighter aircraft, and the New Zealand Fighter Pilots Museum. In 1988 he founded the popular biennial “Warbirds over Wanaka” air show. More at home in the air than on the ground, Sir Tim’s passion has proven costly to his health, crashes in 1968 and 1996 finally leaving him medically unfit to fly. Sadly, two of his four sons, Matthew (Matt) and Nick, both Old Boys, have lost their lives in helicopter crashes.

Sir Tim was born and educated in Greymouth, before boarding at College.



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