

## UP, UP AND AWAY



UP, UP AND AWAY: William Birdling, 91, a New Zealand World War II Pathfinder Lancaster bomber pilot, with Angel Flight New Zealand pilot Roger Dickey before their flight to Paraparaumu on Monday afternoon. Angel Flight New Zealand is a charity which coordinates non-emergency flights, assisting people who are financially disadvantaged with a medical condition and long distances to travel, by flying them to an airport near their medical treatment facility. It was the first flight of its kind to have operated from Taupo. The service doesn't stop there, an Earth Angel meets every flight and drives the passenger to their appointment. Mr Birdling has relocated to a rest home closer to his family in Waikanae.

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