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Special thanks to Cape Kidnappers for their support.**

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## REMARKABLE RECOVERY

In September, experienced pilot, Chris Mansell, was working 4km west of Hawke's Bay airport. He was on the last load of weed spraying before going on to another job at an adjoining property.

He had just started spraying the gully when he hit power wires running diagonally across the gully. Chris had been following power wires but did not see the other wires teeing off at right angles heading towards the top of the gully.

The next moment Chris woke up in the gully trapped under the helicopter. He had been knocked unconscious but was unsure for how long or what had happened.

Chris said he started to wake up but didn't know where he was. "Then my head began to clear and I could hear noises. My vision was coming and going and I was in a lot of pain with my arm trapped under the helicopter. At the time I didn't realize the extent of my injuries".

Chris's actual injuries sustained from the crash were: two fractured vertebrae in the neck; multiple broken ribs with the majority of ribs broken on his right hand side; a collapsed lung; dislocated elbow; compound fracture to his arm; nerve damage to both the arm and hand; skin removed to the bone on the arm and fuel burns to the arm and right side of body.

Chris knew that Angus, his loader driver, would have expected him to return within 25 minutes from the run. He realized he may have a long wait until emergency services would be activated.

For Angus, the alarm bells started to ring when Chris did not return from his run. After trying to contact Chris he decided to call 111. Angus then went out to look for Chris on the property where he located the accident site.

Police were the next on the scene and shortly after were brought across by the local farmer. The Rescue Helicopter arrived followed by the Fire and Ambulance crews. The scene was hard to access even though it was only 4km from the Hawke's Bay Airport.

Chris said "I was very relieved to hear the sound of the Rescue Helicopter. It meant I was going to end the pain and they were going to get me out of the crashed helicopter. I felt a range of very intense feelings when the Rescue Helicopter arrived. I remember the flight back to the Rescue Helicopter landing pad and seeing my wife, Paula, and saying to her that I'm going to be OK".

Chris can not remember anything else from that day after arriving at the Hospital Emergency Department.

Chris amazingly stayed at Hawke's Bay Hospital for only 3 weeks and in that time underwent multiple operations including surgery at the Burns Unit at the Hutt Hospital in Wellington. It is wonderful to be able to report that Chris's recovery is progressing extremely well. Four months after the accident

Chris feels he is ninety per cent of the way to making a full recovery.

Chris said he has focused on his recovery and recuperation by spending essential time with physiotherapists and the 'SwimGym.' He said one of the best things from the accident is he has been able to spend a lot of quality time with his wife and two girls. Chris said the efforts of the Rescue Helicopter team and the treatment received from the Hawke's Bay Hospital's Intensive Care, Emergency Department, Orthopedic Ward, Out Patient Services and Hutt Hospital has been outstanding.

"At the time of the accident it was very emotional experience knowing that good friends and people you worked with were the ones directly involved in saving your life" Chris said.

### ROSS MUNRO, ADVANCED PARAMEDIC'S PERSPECTIVE

As the Rescue Helicopter Crew was taking off from the helipad, information came through from the Police that Chris was alive, trapped and in a great deal of pain. The information gave the Crew hope that he was going to survive.

As the Rescue Helicopter flew to the accident scene Ross said to the Crew that he would need their help.

"When we arrived I got into the cockpit and made direct eye contact with Chris. I was relieved to see that Chris was alive but his general appearance gave me cause to have grave concern for his wellbeing", said Ross.

Ross reassured Chris that he was going to be fine. On closer examination Ross found that Chris had severe injuries to his chest, shoulder and arm and that he was saturated in aviation fuel.

With great difficulty Ross managed to establish an IV line to administer much needed pain relief and sedate Chris before the helicopter could be lifted off his trapped arm. Ross said that there was a great team effort by all emergency services at the scene to extract Chris from the wreckage. Afterwards Ross talked about the huge emotional component to the whole experience and 'esprit de corps,' the bond shared by people who face diversity together.

Chris is a relief pilot for the Hawke's Bay Helicopter Rescue Trust. He had previously worked as the Base Pilot for the Taupo Rescue Helicopter before deciding to establish his own agricultural-based helicopter business in Hawke's Bay.



Chris Mansell (left) talks to Rescue Helicopter Crew, Ross Munro, Brent Williams and Brett How

## MORE FM SHOWS SUPPORT

We are pleased to announce MORE FM have come on board to support the Rescue Helicopter with radio sponsorship. Make sure you tune into MORE FM on 92.7FM



Pilot, Brent Williams with MORE FM Announcers Mark McCarron and Dave Nicholas

## OUTSTANDING GENEROSITY

For the past 17 years the staff members at Silver Fern Farms Takapau have supported the Rescue Helicopter with their payroll giving scheme. To date over \$180,000 has been raised for the Rescue Helicopter Trust.

Graham Orviss, Silver Fern Farms, said the staff members realise the important role the Rescue Helicopter plays in the Hawke's Bay region.

We know it is an essential service for our staff if they need urgent medical transport.

Staff members are given the option to donate a small amount from their weekly pay cheque to the Rescue Helicopter Trust. The amounts vary from 50 cents to \$1.00.

Louise Harvey, Community Liaison Manager, said the Trust was extremely grateful for the ongoing and generous support shown by the staff members at the Takapau plant. It is extraordinary how the weekly amounts add up during the year.

If your business is interested in payroll giving, please contact Louise Harvey on 878 1630.



Stu Cruden, Silver Fern Farms Manager (right) with James Robin & Darryl Russell & Sophie Winterburn (from left) who have all supported since 1992.

## WINCH TRAINING MORE ACCESSIBLE

Each year the Crew members undertake winch training to remain current for their roles with the Rescue Helicopter. Training is essential to maintain a high quality Rescue Helicopter service.

The idea came about from past Chief Crewman, Greg Harman, who could see the potential in having a winch platform inside the hangar. The crew put the item on the 'wish list' and when funding was received from the W&B Sturme Charitable Trust it enabled the Pilots to start planning and developing the concept.

The Rescue Helicopter would like to acknowledge the generous donation received from the W&B Sturme Charitable Trust. The donation was used to fund the indoor training winch and the purchase a new radar altimeter. The radar altimeter is an essential piece of equipment used by the crew to gauge the helicopter's height above the terrain.

## ANOTHER BUSY YEAR

The Lowe Corporation Rescue Helicopter Service again had another busy year with 367 missions in 2008. The number of missions has continued to remain high with the majority of flights being ACC emergency and inter-hospital patient transfers.

Trust Chief Executive, Tony Robinson, said that once again vehicle accidents accounted for the greatest percentage of ACC emergency funded missions. He also noted farm accidents involving quad bikes were still a particular feature. Head and back injuries remained the most common type of injury encountered.



Pilot, Dean Herrick, helps Dr Forbes Bennett practise on the new winch platform.

## ANNUAL RESCUE HELICOPTER COCKTAIL PARTY

You are invited to attend...

The annual Hastings Karamu Rotary Club fundraising event for the Lowe Corporation Rescue Helicopter Service will be held at the Hawke's Bay Opera House on Friday 6th March.

Nick Story, Hastings Karamu Rotary Club's event committee organiser, said the annual fundraiser was a great way for the community to show their support for an essential Hawke's Bay service. All funds raised from the evening will be going directly to the Trust.

This year's event will again be hosted at the Hawke's Bay Opera House. During the evening guests will be able to enjoy great Hawke's Bay food by Dish Catering and Craggy Range wine as well as Domain Chandon champagne.

MC for the evening is the well known personality Paul Holmes. There will also be a charity auction and raffle with prizes generously donated by local businesses.

Tickets are \$85 per person. The Rotary Club will look to sell 600 tickets for the event.

Special thanks to all the major sponsors: IMS Payroll, Advintage and Hawke's Bay Opera House, associate sponsors and auction donors for the event.

Tickets are on sale from the following outlets:

- Thomson's Suits (Hastings) • Grieve Diamond Jeweller's (Hastings)
- Advintage (Havelock North)

It would be great to see you there. For more details please call Louise Harvey, Trust Community Liaison Manager on 0800 111 246 or go to [www.hbrescuehelicopter.org.nz](http://www.hbrescuehelicopter.org.nz)



## AUCTION ITEMS A GREAT DRAWCARD

As usual the Hastings Karamu Rotary Club's cocktail party to raise money for the Rescue Helicopter has an exciting range of auction items and in 2009 the interest should be as high as ever. There are 12 quality auction items and a raffle prepared for the evening

Here is a preview of the auction items...

- **Flight Centre** are providing a 'Trip of a lifetime' with two airline tickets to Italy with stopovers in Rome, Tuscany, Sorrento, Assisi and Venice. This is an unforgettable opportunity which no doubt will create quite a stir on the night.
- For sports fans there is a full day with **Ian Smith** and the expert commentary team in the box at McLean Park during the forthcoming test between India and the Black Caps.
- Wine making and dinner experience at **Elephant Hill**
- **Rathmoy** pheasant shooting and luxury lodge package
- The ultimate BMW package courtesy of **Jeff Gray BMW**
- **Craggy Range** private 'at home' dining experience for eight
- One hour plane flight around Hawke's Bay with **Nilsson and Watson House of Travel**
- **Ngamatea** hunting and fishing experience
- Express yourself with a guitar, drum kit and amplifier courtesy of **Direct Imports**
- **Craggy Range's** award winning 50 litre of Sophia 2008
- **Dick Frizzell** is one of New Zealand's most famous contemporary artists and a unique item this year offers you the opportunity to have an afternoon's painting with Dick at his Haumoana studio.
- **Skyline Aviation** helicopter flight to **Cape Kidnappers** for a weekend escape, including golf for two



This is the most exciting auction yet and for those buyers on the night, 2009 will be a very memorable year. There will be a raffle on the night with nine individual prizes to be won. Special thank you to all the individuals and businesses who have generously donated auction and raffle items.

## FASHION PREVIEW FOR FUNRAISER

If you need some inspiration for the Cocktail Party fundraiser... 'Papillon' are holding a special fashion preview evening on Thursday 26th February from 5-7pm. For more information please contact Gretchen at Papillon on 877 0355.



## FARMLANDS & BAYER HELP SUPPORT

During the months of February and March \$10.00 will go to the Rescue Helicopter from all Bayer Animal Health products for purchases over \$200.00 at Farmlands' branches in Hastings, Napier and Waipukurau.

## UP AND COMING EVENTS



The Rescue Helicopter is very grateful to be benefiting from the Hawke's Bay Traverse Multisport Race on Saturday 30th May. The event involves mountain running, kayaking, cycling and mountain biking. For more information please go to [www.hbtraverse.co.nz](http://www.hbtraverse.co.nz)

If you would like to hold an event to support the Rescue Helicopter please contact Louise Harvey on 878 1630 or [louise@hbrescuehelicopter.org.nz](mailto:louise@hbrescuehelicopter.org.nz)

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