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PRESS RELEASE

Change of venue announced for the Rescue Helicopter Cocktail Party

Due to unprecedented demand for tickets to this year's Cocktail Party in aid of the Hawke's Bay Rescue Helicopter Trust, the Hastings Karamu Rotary Club is delighted to announce a change of venue.

Now in its 25th year, this special anniversary Cocktail Party was due to take place at the Graeme Lowe Rescue Helicopter Hangar on Orchard Road on Friday 15th April, but will now take place at the A&P Showgrounds Exhibition Hall on the same date.

John Roil, Director of Community Service at the Hastings Karamu Rotary Club said, "This year, there has been a huge demand for tickets in advance of the event, which has meant that we have had to consider an alternative venue for the evening"

Ian Wilmot, General Manager at the Trust said "Because of the higher than expected number of guests for this year's Cocktail Party, it quickly became apparent that we couldn't keep to the original plan of hosting the event at the hangar, and continue to keep our Rescue Helicopter services operational throughout the event"

Mr Roil added, "This is a great position for us to be in, as the more people who attend the event, the more vital funds will be raised to support our life saving Rescue Helicopter Service"

The Hawke's Bay Rescue Helicopter provides a dedicated service in the Hawke's Bay region, and completes over 300 lifesaving missions each year, helping those who need urgent medical care and transportation. Every dollar raised from Cocktail Party will go towards helping to keep the Hawke's Bay Rescue Helicopter operational, free of charge at point of use, and available 24/7 to everyone in Hawke's Bay.

Tickets to the Cocktail Party cost just \$95, and is promising to be the best year yet as the event showcases 25 years of entertainment and support for the community.

To buy your tickets for the 25th Annual Cocktail Party, simply visit www.thecocktailparty.co.nz or call into ticket outlets at Thomsons Suits Hastings, Grieve Diamond Jewellers Hastings, Advintage Havelock North, House of Travel Havelock North, or Unichem Pharmacy Waipukurau.

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Photo: 25th Anniversary Banner

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About the Hastings Karamu Rotary Club

Founded in 1976 by a group of friends who wanted to make a difference in the Hawke's Bay community the Hastings Karamu Rotary Club is more than a club, we are a family. The Club reflects the vision of Rotary founder Paul Harris in fostering the spirit of both individuals and groups to reach out in service to help others less fortunate in the community. As part of our service commitment the Hastings Karamu Rotary Club supports a wide range of medical, charitable, youth and education programmes within our province and actively supports many other national and international Rotary activities.

About the Hawke's Bay Rescue Helicopter Trust

The Hawke's Bay Rescue Helicopter is a charitable trust, which provides a dedicated Rescue Helicopter service to the Hawke's Bay region. Each year the Rescue Helicopter Crew completes over 300 lifesaving missions, helping those who need urgent medical care and transportation www.hbhrt.org.nz