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Ian and Roni

LOGGING SURVIVOR TURNS LIFESAVING VOLUNTEER

Giving back to the Lowe Corporation Rescue Helicopter Service through volunteering whenever he can is the least that Ian Sime says he can do, after almost losing his life and limbs in a horrific forestry logging accident.

Driving trucks and logging is in Ian's blood, a career that had become 'second nature' for him and spanned 25 years. That all ended three years ago when a one tonne log was knocked off a stack before being loaded at a skid site near Te Pohue, devastatingly pinning Ian underneath.

At 3:40am amidst the noise of machinery and in the dark, Ian regained consciousness and says he started screaming for help.

"I remember coming to and trying to pull my legs out from under this six metre log and knew straight away that I was in serious trouble. I saw my hat almost completely embedded in the mud next to me and thought, this is it. I'm going to die."

After seven painstaking minutes that Ian recalls 'felt like an eternity', the next truck arrived and the loader driver caught sight of Ian. Hawke's Bay's rescue helicopter was radioed and arrived on site 35 minutes later.

When the log was craned off, Ian immediately phoned his family.

"I rang my partner Roni to say goodbye to her and the kids, in case I didn't make it. I knew my legs were pretty banged up, but I could still breath okay. The best sound I've ever heard was the sound of that chopper arriving. It gave me hope of survival and I knew at that moment that help was on its way and I had a fighting chance."

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Patient ready for flight

Following four months in hospital (six weeks being in rehabilitation), Ian has made an almost full recovery from his injuries which included: compound fractures to his left tibia and fibula, right femur fracture below the hip, triple fracture to his pelvis and liver lacerations.

A total of three surgeries that extended to Ian's ankle, knee and shoulder have left him with a slight limp and the devastating news that he's unable to drive trucks again. Yet despite losing the ability to do what he loves, Ian remains optimistic about the future.

"I'm alive aren't I! My body might not be a hundy but I'm alive and I'm grateful for that."

Nowadays, volunteering for the lifesaving service has become Ian's new driving force, helping donate his time at events to help promote the work of Hawke's Bay's Rescue Helicopter.

"This is my chance to give something back to the service, it was my lifeline when I critically needed it and has been saving countless other lives for years. My Mum was a huge supporter and that has certainly rubbed off on me. Only now have I felt ready to tell my story but I feel it's important to share what I've been through so others realise that these things can happen to anyone, at any time.

"There's no doubt in my mind, if the chopper wasn't there that day, I wouldn't be here. What they do is simply amazing."

Hawke's Bay's Rescue Helicopter relies on grants and donations to operate. If you'd like to make a donation to help keep this lifesaving service free and available 24/7, please visit our website www.hbrescuehelicopter.org.nz or call (06) 878 1630.



Are you taking part in the 2024 Hawke's Bay Cape Trail Run? Whether you are running or walking, taking part in the 6km, 15km, the half marathon 21km or the 34km, you know when you step out you'll be supporting our lifesaving service.

Scheduled for the 28th September 2024, the Cole Murray Cape Trail Run course is set mostly on private land not generally accessible to the public and includes windswept beaches, native forest, waterfalls, river gorges and stunning coastal farmland.

Ticket sales close 10am Thursday 26th of September at: www.capekidnappertrailrun.co.nz

Get your ticket today and support the Hawke's Bay Rescue Helicopter Trust.

Looking for a little support or resources to help with your fundraising event? Contact us today on (06) 878 1630.

DON'T MISS OUT SUPPORTING OUR KEY FUNDRAISING ACTIVITY THIS YEAR.

The 2024 HBRHT 'Drive, Ride, Play' Lottery offers THREE incredible prizes with proceeds from ticket sales directly supporting our life saving service across Hawke's Bay.

Tickets are limited and just \$45 each - get yours today on our website hbhrt.org.nz or call 06 878 1630.
Thanks for your support and good luck!

LOWE CORPORATION RESCUE HELICOPTER

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1ST PRIZE Ford Ranger Wildtrak V6 3.0L, valued at over \$86,000

2ND PRIZE 2 X Scott E-Mountain bikes with HBMTB club adult passes, valued over \$15,000

3RD PRIZE Apple technology package, valued over \$4,500

MEET THE CREW - MICHAELA HORSEFIELD

We're excited to announce the crew's newest recruit, Michaela Horsefield.

At 25, Michaela joined the crew in July and has been loving it so much she reckons she never wants to leave!

"I knew I'd love it. But I didn't realise how much I would actually enjoy waking up and going to work; no day is the same, and you're always pushing yourself and learning new things."

Following five years in the Air Force, Michaela decided to return home to the Bay earlier this year where she was born and raised.

"Being in the Air Force gave me an appreciation for aviation, and by coming here (to the trust's crew) I get the best of both. I get to enjoy the aviation side as well as still helping out medically. It's really the best, and it's got everything."

Since the start of July, Michaela has completed all her basic crew day checks, a few night checks and is now working day shifts without an instructor.

When asked what her favourite part of the job is so far, Michaela says, "I haven't done many jobs myself yet as I'm still learning the ropes, but winching is fantastic, I love doing that."

"Sometimes in the military, they say you're a 'full-lifer'; I think I'm a full-lifer here - until I can't anyway!"



THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING GROUPS/CLUBS WHO HAVE DONATED TO THE TRUST RECENTLY

Findex Community Fund **\$1,500**

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Heretaunga Tramping Club **\$1,250**

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Cardiac Companions Hastings **\$1,756**

St Columbas Presbyterian Church
\$1,000

Wairoa Lighthouse Lions Club **\$1,000**

Waipawa Co-Operating Parish
Opportunity Shop **\$1,200**

We also appreciate the support from the following:

Craigs Investment Partners 50K Challenge | Ewan McGregor & Cynthia Bowers - 2024 Garden Open Day
James runs (more or less) the HB Marathon | Rapid Relief Team | Summerset in the Orchard - Resident's Committee
PGG Wrightson's - Cash for Communities Programme

HB Mountain Bike Club | Wairoa Veterinary Club Inc | Trinity Lands | Neil Chambers | The Chingford Trust
Little Elms Trust – Ride in a Truck Day | Bay Espresso Coffee Roasters

COMMUNITY CHEER

We are so grateful to the Hawke's Bay community for supporting our service so we can be available 24/7 for our region. Below are a few special people who have been raising funds for us recently.

DO YOU HAVE AN IDEA FOR A FUNDRAISER?

Please email us at mfm@hbhrt.org.nz or call **06 878 1630** to discuss how we can help you, help us!



Winter Olympics 2024

This year Waipukurau's groundbreaking grassroots event the Winter Olympics raised enough money to launch its unique unicorn logo well and truly off the ground, with a coveted branding spot on the tail of Hawke's Bay's Rescue Helicopter.

Not only did the popular showjumping competition raise an impressive \$50,000 for the Hawke's Bay Rescue Helicopter Trust, the amount raised earned the event's dedicated team a three year sponsor's logo on the region's lifesaving aircraft.

We were thrilled to host their dedicated team of organisers and volunteers at the Lowe Corporation Rescue Helicopter hangar in Hastings recently. A huge thank you to Claire Wilson and her hardworking crew for all that you put into the Winter Olympics event, and for selecting us as this year's charity recipient.



The Passing of a Local Legend

On behalf of the team and crew at Hawke's Bay's Rescue Helicopter, we express our deep sadness at the passing of local legend and friend of the service, Hamilton Logan.

Hamilton recently made a visit to the hangar where he was extremely proud to point out why the Hawke's Bay Rescue Helicopter was one of his three chosen lifesaving charities, in his quest to raise funds walking 100kms in his 100th year.

Hamilton didn't quite reach his 100 kilometre milestone but in our eyes he was a true champ. Thank you Hamilton for all that you achieved in your remarkable life. Your legacy through your 'Second Chance At Life' Fund will continue to support our service for many years to come.



No Bull Ball

Recently we were joined at the hangar by helicopter supporter Poppy Renton. Poppy organised and ran the "No Bull Ball" as a fundraiser for our life-saving service and our friends at the Rural Support Trust Hawke's Bay.

She managed to raise an amazing \$17,226 for our two services and we are so thankful for all the hard work she put into making the event such a success. Thanks Poppy!

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Westpac Chopper Appeal

In a record breaking year for the Westpac Chopper Appeal, Hawke's Bay's Rescue Helicopter has been bolstered by over \$37,000.

New Zealanders have raised \$1.44 million for the national network of rescue helicopters - the highest total in the annual appeal's history.

Hawke's Bay Rescue Helicopter Trust Chief Executive Andy Quayle is thankful to everyone who has gone out of their way to support the chopper's life-saving services.

"The amount raised locally despite the current cost of living challenges, shows the generosity of Kiwis and how much we all value our chopper crew.

"Whether it's a little or a lot, your donation goes a really long way to help keep our chopper in the air 24/7, 365 days a year. We're urging anyone who missed the Chopper Appeal to support our vital service by buying a ticket to this year's lottery draw. You never know, you could win a Ford Ranger in the process!"



CORPORATE CHEER



We are incredibly grateful for the recent \$10,000 corporate donation and visit from some of the team at Investment Banking and Wealth Management Specialists, Jarden Hawke's Bay.

Jarden Director Sam Howard is delighted to be backing our life saving service.

"Our team at Jarden enjoys a strong relationship with Hawke's Bay's Rescue Helicopter Trust. Their exceptional work during the cyclone made them an obvious choice for part of our post-cyclone funding support for our region. We are proud to contribute and encourage other local businesses to also lend their support."

(Left to Right): Deborah Murdoch, Carly Parnell, Emma De Pree, Brent Greig, Jodie Harrington, Anna Kay.

We are so thankful once again to Mike and the team at Mitre 10 Waipukurau who came to the rescue when our trusty Masport BBQ gave up.

Mike organised to swap our Masport for a brand new Weber Q2000 which will keep the team fed and fuelled for many years to come.

Thanks Mike!



In May, we welcomed Shane from PGG Wrightson Ltd and Russell from Ballance Agri-Nutrients to the hanger. This big cheque acknowledges the donation they made as part of their "Cash for Communities" programme.

Thank you so much to both organisations for not only this donation but their ongoing support of our service.

PGG's Shane, Pilot Charlie, Paramedic Donna, Crewman Marina and Michaela, Ballance Agri-Nutrient's Russell and Trust CEO Andy Quayle.

/// CORPORATE SPONSOR SPOTLIGHT

Pan Pac

We are excited and extremely grateful to Pan Pac Forest Products Ltd who recently extended their sponsorship of the Hawke's Bay Rescue Helicopter Trust for another three years.

Pan Pac has been a major supporter of HBRHT since 2008. We thank Tony, Josh and the team for their support and look forward to three more great years together.

(Pictured): Josh Hanayama, Deputy Managing Director Pan Pac, Andy Quayle HBRHT CEO and Tony Clifford, Managing Director Pan Pac.

Unison

Following over twenty years of generous corporate sponsorship, Unison Networks Ltd has renewed its commitment to Hawke's Bay's Rescue Helicopter for a further three years.

Hawke's Bay Rescue Helicopter Trust Chief Executive Andy Quayle was delighted to show Unison Network Group Chief Executive Jaun Park around the hangar on a recent visit.

He adds "we appreciate Unison's continued commitment to our Hawke's Bay community via their support of the Hawke's Bay Rescue Helicopter. Without local corporate sponsorship of this scale and consistency, we would struggle to provide the service that we do. Our sincere thanks to Unison."



Top left: Pan Pac, bottom-left: Metalcraft, right: Unison

Metalcraft

Recently we were privileged to welcome the teams from Metalcraft Roofing and ReoFab to the hangar.

The team are now in their second year as a Platinum sponsor for our service. It all started when Peter was grabbing a coffee at a local coffee cart and started chatting to Base Manager Bill and Crewman Wayne, and the rest is history.

Thank you so much for your support and for bringing the team in to say hi.

/// RECENT MISSIONS



01/04/24

Our crew was involved in a gruelling 13 hour air search for a fisherman off a commercial fishing vessel near Waimarama beach.

Maritime NZ's Rescue Coordination Centre ran the grid search which included rescue helicopter services from Auckland, Gisborne and Hastings, Coastguard Hawke's Bay and other vessels in the area.

25/7/24

Police were alerted at 3.15am on Thursday July 24 that a man was missing from a boat about 10 nautical miles east of White Island/Whakaari, in Whakatane.

Hawke's Bay's Rescue Helicopter crew was tasked by Air Desk the following day to join in the search, alongside several other assets.

Sadly the man's body was located and recovered by our helicopter crew after 8.5 hours of scouring.

30/06/24

Hawke's Bay's Rescue Helicopter team were called to a motorbike accident on a rural property in Argyll East.

Patient Tom Twist, who sustained multiple injuries to his leg recalls the moment help arrived.

"As I lay there concentrating on my breathing, trying to block out the pain, I knew help was on its way along with some pain relief! Luckily for me that day, when my mate phoned 111 the LCRH was at base and could come straight away. No less than 20 minutes later I heard that beautiful sound chopping through the air.

The service from the crew was outstanding - so professional and efficient, even calling me later on that afternoon to check in on me. I can't thank them enough."



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