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Ted's Eventful Day

Ted spent many days with his family enjoying their farm. He would go hunting, help his parents with the animals or hanging out with his brothers. On this particular occasion, he headed out with his family to the back section of their farm, in Patoka, and camped for the night before heading out for a goat hunt on a crisp Sunday morning.

Ted was walking besides his mum, with his two older brothers and dad ahead of them. They climbed over the boundary fence, into the native bush that borders the Mangaone stream, planning to walk around the edge of the gully looking for goats. Only a few minutes into the walk, Ted tripped, falling face first into a broken Kanuka trunk. As he fell, the sharp spike went into his open mouth and towards the back of his throat.

He had fallen with all of his weight onto the spike and his mum immediately knew this was very serious. He pulled a broken piece of the Kanuka stump from his mouth and immediately there was, what his mum would most accurately describe as, "a river of blood from his mouth. It was an image straight out of a horror movie



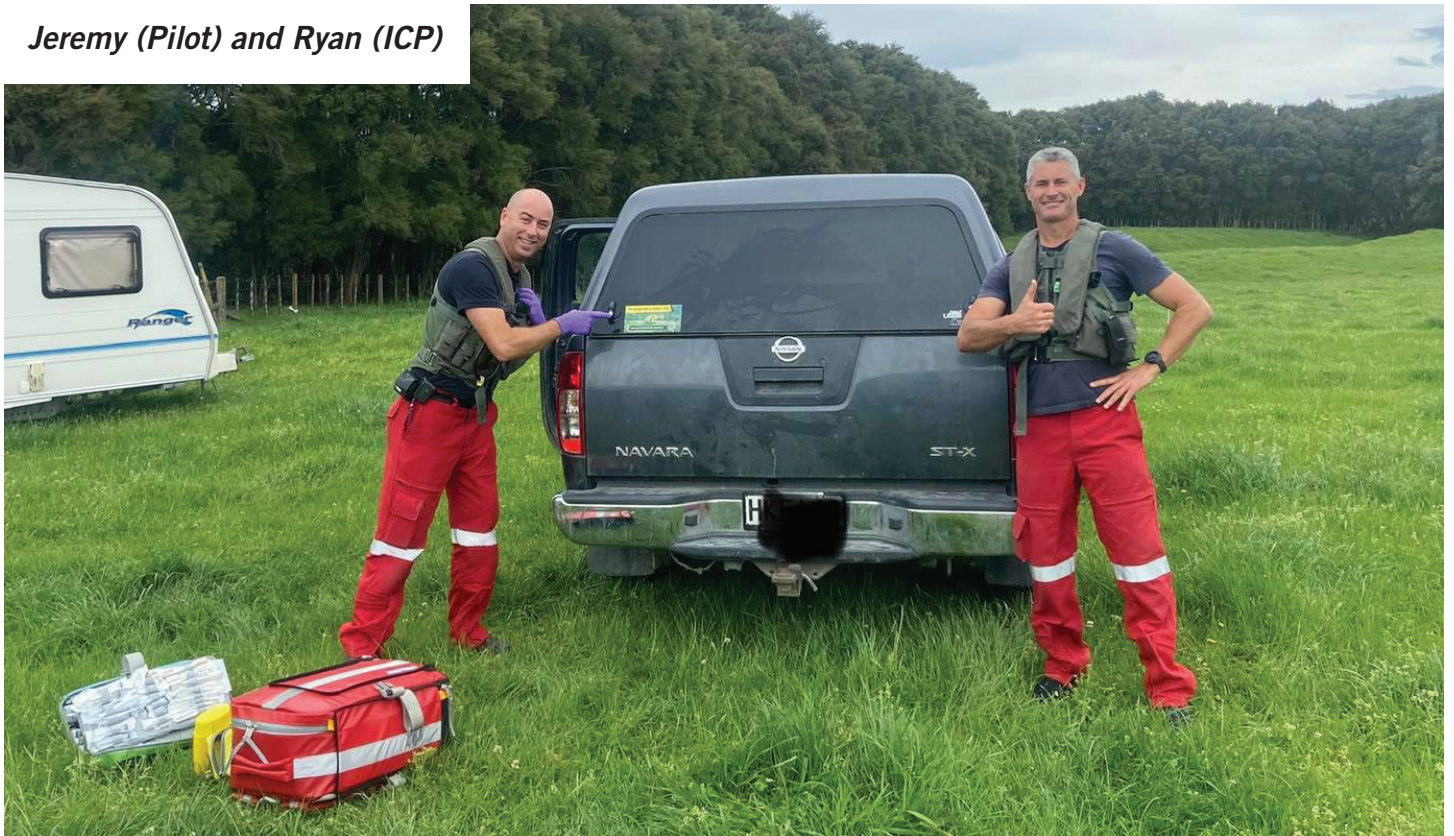
Ted in our helicopter

and a sight that I will not forget in a very long time!" Panic levels were understandably pretty high and due to his mum's medical knowledge as a trained vet, she knew that if major blood vessels in the mouth or throat are damaged, it can get serious very quickly so she called 111 immediately.

Thankfully the helicopter was dispatched immediately and arrived only a short time later. They were in an incredibly isolated position and over an hour's drive from town. Ted couldn't wait that long, he needed medical care and fast. Our crew of Jeremy as pilot, Shaun as crewman and

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Jeremy (Pilot) and Ryan (ICP)



Ryan as Intensive Care Paramedic were on the scene quickly and headed straight to Ted to give him the necessary medical care to ensure he was ready for the flight to Hawke's Bay Hospital.

Ted's mum Sally says, "the crew that came had actually picked Ted up as a baby when he was having a severe seizure and they remembered him. Ted has had a lot of medical challenges so far in his life and as a result can be a very difficult patient these days! The crew did an incredible job of calmly handling him and despite having to be heavily sedated to get him into the helicopter, we were soon on our way to Hawke's Bay Hospital".

Once Ted and his mum arrived in ED, the doctors discovered that the injury was only to the back of his mouth and cheek area and thankfully he had no major damage to the large blood vessels. Ted was taken to Taranaki Hospital for specialist oral surgery to repair the damage inside his mouth and after only two nights in hospital, he was back in his happy place, helping on the farm!

Ted's family have been supporters of our service for a long time and knew how important it was to saving lives in Hawke's Bay. Sally said,



"We have increased our annual donation to the Lowe Corporation Rescue Helicopter Service and would encourage anyone who can, to give a donation to this incredible organisation. We are so thankful for their care and professionalism and for helping our family when we needed them most".

■ A DAY IN THE LIFE OF BEING A RESCUE HELICOPTER PILOT

– JEREMY BRUCE

It is a stunning morning in Hawke's Bay and I head in to the hangar. I am taking over as duty pilot today and as we're in the middle of Summer, we know it's going to be a busy one!

This is our busiest time of the year without a doubt. We can be completing 2-3 missions a day all over Hawke's Bay. I get to work and we do our morning handover and brief with the crew before I head out to check the helicopter.

Our first page hits at 9.07am and it's a transfer to Wellington hospital for a patient with cardiac issues. The team from Hawke's Bay Hospital bring the patient over on the stretcher, we load her into the helicopter and take off to Wellington to get her to specialists waiting for her. The flight to Wellington can be a tricky one as the winds are often very strong and we have to land on Wellington Hospital roof. Today we were lucky and the flight was smooth, the patient was taken from the roof of the hospital straight into theatre to have a stent inserted and we headed back to Hawke's Bay ready for whomever else may need us.

We had just returned home and had time to eat our lunch when the pager went off again. This time for a young child in Porongahau who had broken his leg. Our highly experienced crew took off ready help the family. We landed in a short time and our Intensive Care Paramedic was quickly on the scene helping the young boy before we flew him and his mum to Hawke's Bay Hospital for further treatment.

The day continued quietly before later that evening we were tasked to the Kaweka Forest to a Personal Locator Beacon activation. Someone had become lost whilst tramping and as it was starting to get dark, had become confused and scared. They knew the only safe way out was by pushing their PLB knowing that help would soon be there. We flew in and located the party



Jeremy Bruce - Pilot

quickly before taking them to help waiting close by. This situation could've been so much worse if they hadn't pushed their PLB so we're so pleased they did so we could be there to get them.

We returned back to base, happy to know we had looked after the Hawke's Bay Community when they needed us.

Jeremy Bruce - Pilot



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. Here are just a few special people who have done some fundraising for us recently:

This is Jack and he is an incredibly generous young boy!

Jack would go past our mission board on his way to swimming and saw how many lives we saved. He wanted to help by raising funds to make a donation to our service. He would collect metal wherever and whenever he could to sell and has managed to raise \$800!!

Thank you so much to Jack and his family.



Jack and his granddad Ross.



Hastings Golf Club have a fundraising event called Pro-Am every year. Guthrie Bowron is the generous sponsor of the event and here are Ed and Alan handing over a \$10,000 cheque to our trust. Thanks to everyone involved!

RECENT MISSIONS:

17/1/22 The crew went to Barlow Hut in the Ruahines for a patient who had fallen and suffered a number of injuries. The team winched her out of the dense trees, assessed her and provided treatment before taking her to Hawke's Bay Hospital for further care.



14/1/22 Another busy day for our crew, starting the day with a hospital transfer to Wellington for a patient in need of specialist care. They then headed to Waipatiki Beach for a patient who had got into trouble in the water, thankfully they were ok and didn't need transport after they were assessed. They were then tasked to an MVA in Porangahau before heading to Tongariro for the final mission of the day.

29/12/21 We were tasked to Mohaka for a patient with stroke-like symptoms, before being asked to attend a car crash in CHB and then going over to Palmerston North to help search for some missing swimmers.



THANK YOU TO RIVERS TO RANGES AND OTHER LOCAL COMPANIES FOR DONATING THERMAL IMAGING BINOCULARS!

Jeremy Hanaray from Rivers to Ranges said:

“Recently while in my Rivers to Ranges store, I was chatting to some of the HB Rescue Helicopter Crew about their older thermal unit they use and I had suggested they should try out the latest thermal imaging technology, as there has been a huge shift in technology over the years. Unfortunately, these particular units are an expensive bit of kit.

A few weeks later it had really got me thinking about the thermal and I personally wanted the crew to have the best technology available to them as this could help save lives.

Being a passionate hunter and outdoor person myself I just wanted to make it happen, and with the help of a few local businesses and individual people we all pitched in and we were able to donate the new thermal unit to the team.

For me personally and through my business, I was extremely proud to be able to organize and donate the new thermal unit and what was just as pleasing was the contributions from the other



local businesses and individuals that came through which made the whole process that much easier.”

Other local businesses include: James Mabin - Pirtek Hawkes Bay, Sam Lamborn - Dundead Building, Ben Mundford - Power Farming, Brittany Power - FMG, John Holt Memorial Trust, ATi, Vet Services Hawkes Bay, Pete Single - Fernridge and The Somerville Family Trust.



OPEN DAYS CANCELLED

We are so disappointed to announce that both of our Open Days have had to be cancelled!

We had hoped to have an open day in both Waipukurau and Hastings this year to see even more of our wonderful supporters but unfortunately due to rules relating to gatherings in the traffic light system, we simply cannot make it work. Our main priority is keeping our crew, and our supporters safe so we could not hold an event where we cannot do that.

We will keep a close eye on the rules and once things change, we will have both of our Open Days back on and cant wait to see our wonderful supporters there!

**THANK
YOU!**

CAPE KIDNAPPERS TRAIL RUN – The team have supported us for a number of years and we are so appreciative of all they have done to keep our service available for Hawke's Bay. It is such a special Trail run, exploring areas that aren't open to the public, all whilst raising funds for our cause. Keep an eye out on their Facebook page facebook.com/capekidnapperstrailrun to find out more about their April 2nd event!

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