



# Impact Report 2025



Saving lives, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.



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# A message from our CEO

After a year of incredible change and development, we're entering a very exciting time. The transformation of our rescue helicopter service has begun.

During 2025, we purchased four H145 helicopters from Rega Air Rescue in Switzerland. This was an enormous undertaking by the Trust, made possible thanks to support from our principal sponsor Westpac NZ, along with service operator GCH Aviation, Health NZ, and our generous community.

The first new H145 was welcomed to the service in December and we have already had very positive feedback from the pilots and crew. Helicopters two and three are currently being commissioned and will be joining the service in the first half of 2026.

As I write this I have just returned from Switzerland, where we finalised the purchase of the fourth and final aircraft. This fourth helicopter is a D3, a more advanced H145 with 5-blade technology. It will join the service in mid-2026 as Rescue One in Christchurch. It was amazing to be part of the test flight and to experience first-hand how smoothly this aircraft handled, which will greatly improve the patient experience.

This year, communities across the top of the South Island will see the iconic red rescue helicopters in the skies, as Westpac is expanding its sponsorship of the service to the West Coast and Nelson Marlborough regions. We

are incredibly grateful to Westpac for their continued commitment.

I'd like to personally thank ROA Mining for their support of the West Coast rescue service over the past 12 years. We are grateful that ROA is remaining the Principal Sponsor of the New Zealand Flying Doctor planes in Christchurch, showcasing its continued commitment to the health of the West Coast community.

2025 has been a year of incredible milestones for the service; it also marks a personal one for me. After close to eleven years at the helm of the Canterbury West Coast Air Rescue and New Zealand Flying Doctor Trusts, I am embarking on a new challenge as CEO – Cancer Society Southern. Like many, our family has been impacted by cancer and I look forward to the opportunity to create impact for another wonderful cause.

As I reflect on my time here, I am amazed how far

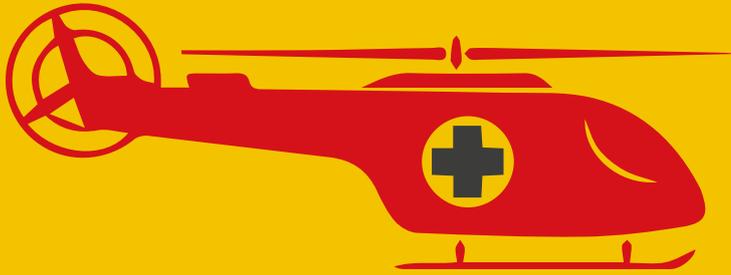
the service has come. The increase in missions has been matched by an increase in the training and equipment required by the crews. Thanks to the generous support of our community, the Trust has been able to meet those needs every step of the way. We have also moved from a fleet of BK117s through to having a fleet of advanced H145s, the very best aircraft for the life-saving work the crews undertake.

I know every time I see a rescue helicopter overhead, I will feel a profound sense of pride and confidence that I leave the service in the safest possible hands. Thanks to the commitment of our crew, our people, and our community, I know this life-saving service will continue to be there for those who need it most.



**Christine Prince**  
Chief Executive Officer

# 2025 in review



Canterbury Missions

691

Total Missions

1081

West Coast Missions

390



Night Vision Goggle Missions - Total

190  
(18%)

Night Vision Goggle Missions - Canterbury

131  
(19%)

Night Vision Goggle Missions - West Coast

59  
(15%)



Winch Missions - Total

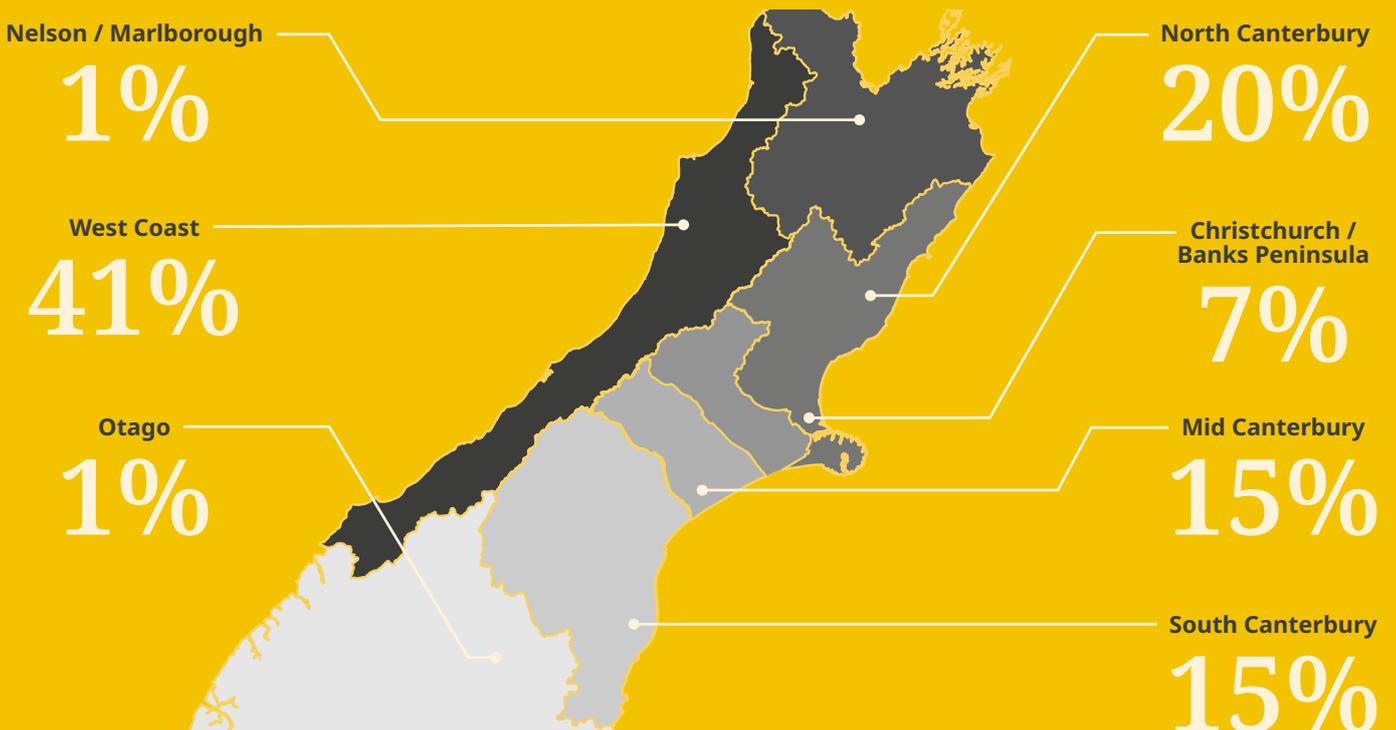
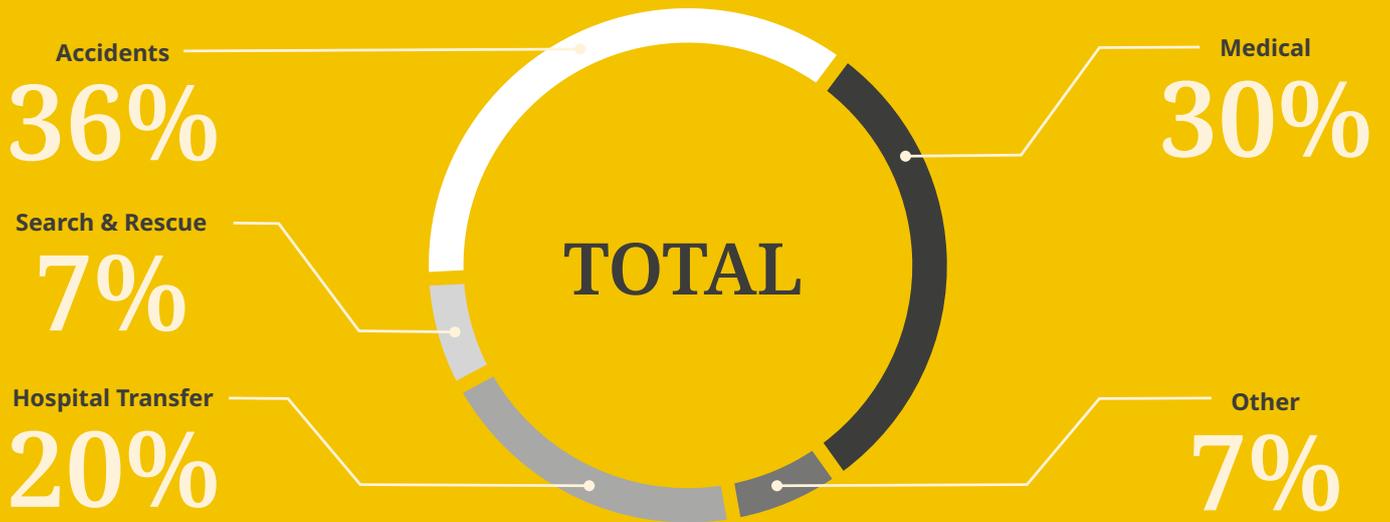
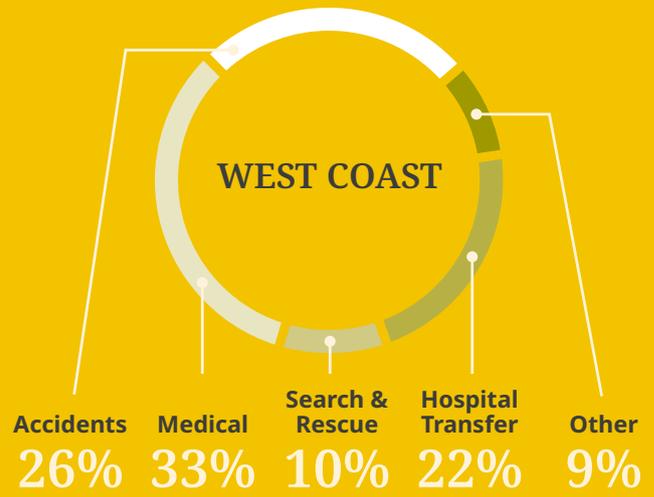
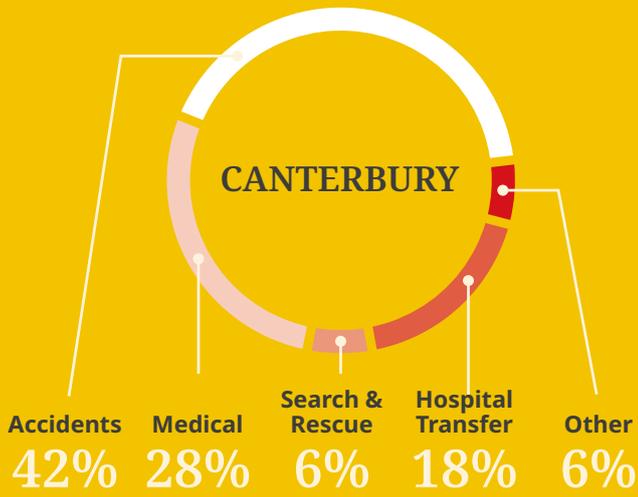
168  
(16%)

Winch Missions - Canterbury

91  
(13%)

Winch Missions - West Coast

77  
(20%)



## MISSION 2026 IN ACTION:

# The making of a Westpac Rescue Helicopter

This year has been one of significant progress for the service. We have now successfully secured and delivered three of the four helicopters that make up MISSION 2026, a major milestone in our commitment to providing the best possible emergency care across the region.

Our first helicopter arrived in August following a carefully co-ordinated journey from Switzerland. After travelling overland to Germany, it flew to Auckland where it was rebuilt and issued a special flight permit by the Civil Aviation Authority for the final flight down to Christchurch.

At GCH Aviation's engineering facility, the real work began.

"Each helicopter is disassembled to allow the installation and testing of various modifications," explains Chief Engineer Joel. "Emergency medical operations require specific

equipment to ensure the helicopter can operate safely 24/7 such as a night vision goggle compatible cockpit."

The rebuild involved installing:

### **RADIO SYSTEMS FOR EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS**

These systems let the helicopter crew communicate with emergency services and ground teams.

### **ADVANCED TRACKING AND COMMUNICATION PACKAGE**

An onboard computer that tracks the helicopter's location and enables real-time communication during missions.

### **ENGINE PROTECTION FILTER**

A protective air filter that is required in New Zealand to keep dust and debris out of the helicopter's engines.





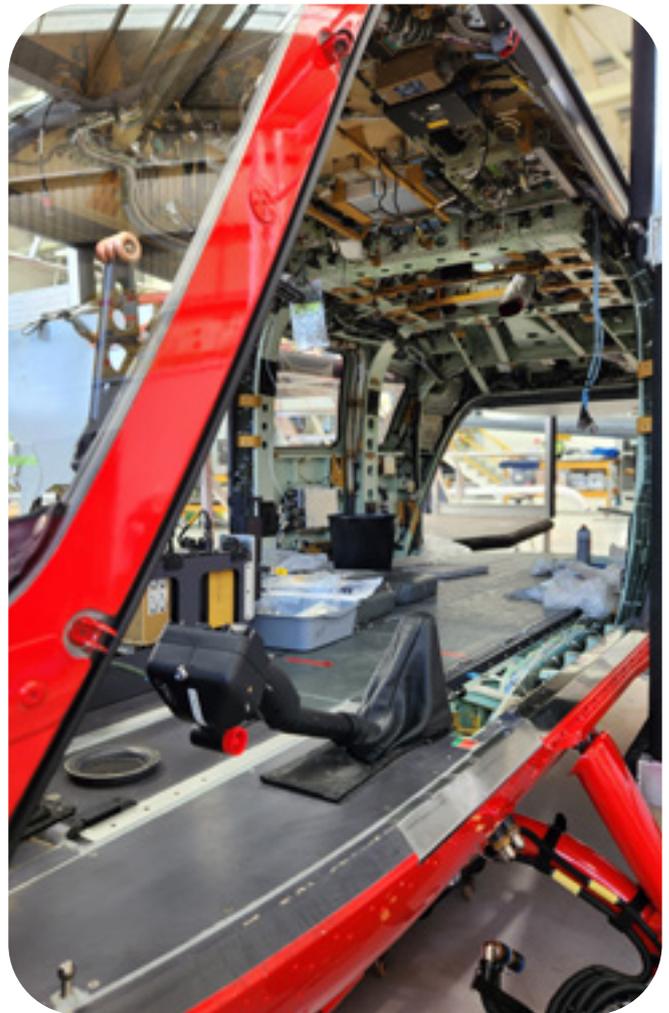
### **NIGHT VISION LIGHTING UPGRADE**

A modification to all the helicopter's lights (inside the cockpit, cabin, and exterior) to make them compatible with night vision goggles.

### **DIGITAL NAVIGATION AND MISSION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM**

An interactive digital system that includes maps, terrain awareness warnings, traffic alerts, and helps coordinate mission activities.

After this process, which took around three months, the helicopter was repainted into Westpac colours ready for its first flight.



## **The final chapter**

MISSION 2026 was launched in March 2024 with a clear vision: to save more lives across the region. While purchasing upgraded rescue helicopters was the cornerstone of the project, our mission is far from over.

As the Trust now owns the H145 fleet, overall expenditure has increased significantly.

Additional expenses remain, particularly for the medical configuration of helicopters two, three, and four, as well as the commissioning process to get these helicopters mission-ready.

We are also continuing to support specialist training on these world-class machines for the rescue crew.

We are working to raise an additional \$600,000 to get the H145 helicopters fully commissioned and operational.

*We are confident that, with our community's support, we will reach this target.*

Donations of any size are always welcomed: [airrescue.co.nz/mission2026](https://airrescue.co.nz/mission2026)



## MISSION 2026 IN ACTION:

# Coming in to land — the launch of IGA

On 11 December 2025, more than 180 guests watched as our first new H145 rescue helicopter made its inaugural landing at the GCH Aviation Air Rescue Base. With the registration number IGA, the helicopter was flown in by Air Rescue Pilot Regan Graham, accompanied by crew members Tom Hyland, Wayne Ledgerwood, and Adrian Hurst.

The helicopter was met with applause and cheers from the crowd, before a pause to recognise the significance of the occasion, with a blessing by Maaka Tau representing Ngāi Tūāhuriri and Mark Sullivan, Vicar of the Anglican Parish of Heathcote and Mt Pleasant.

The arrival of IGA was described by CEO Christine Prince as a defining moment for the

rescue helicopter service, signifying the start of the biggest transformation the service has seen in its 40-year history.

This event was an opportunity to recognise and thank those businesses, organisations and individuals who have placed their trust in us, believing in our vision for a modernised service and demonstrating unwavering commitment to bringing that vision to life.

After the formalities of the evening, guests had the chance to get up close and personal with IGA. They even got to see the beginning of a real rescue in action with the rescue crew responding to a Greymouth mission halfway through the event.

*“The H145 is the ideal machine to use across our challenging South Island terrain and can be flown using Instrument Flight Rules, which means we’ll be able to fly in more adverse weather. This machine is built for rescue missions – it’s fast, reliable, and designed to save lives.”*

**Rescue Helicopter Pilot Brent Fredericksen**





## TRUST & CONFIDENCE:

# Westpac NZ extends its support

At the launch of the first H145, Westpac NZ announced the extension of its sponsorship of the rescue helicopter service to the West Coast and Nelson Marlborough regions.

Westpac NZ has been sponsoring the rescue helicopter service in Canterbury for 30 years; this sponsorship extension will see the iconic red Westpac Rescue Helicopters taking pride of place across the entire mid and upper South Island, from Canterbury to the West Coast and up to Golden Bay and the Marlborough Sounds.

Westpac NZ Managing Director of Product, Sustainability and Marketing, Sarah Hearn, says rescue chopper crews do a wonderful job all day, every day, and often in challenging conditions to help keep our communities safe.

“We’re immensely proud of this longstanding partnership and we’re delighted to be extending it, deepening our involvement within the South Island and helping keep more Kiwi communities safe” Ms Hearn says.

Westpac’s commitment to the rescue helicopter service is extraordinary. For decades,

Westpac NZ has been more than a partner – they’ve been part of our mission. Their extended commitment to the rescue helicopter service is truly life-saving.

The West Coast will welcome the iconic red Westpac helicopter in the first half of 2026.



## NZ’s Most Trusted Charity — again!

The Westpac Rescue Helicopter has been voted 2025 Reader’s Digest Most Trusted Charity Brand for the second year running. This award is a powerful acknowledgement of the life-saving work the crews do every day. It’s also a reflection of the incredible trust and support we receive from the public. We simply couldn’t do it without you.





WITH GRATITUDE:

# Recognising ROA Mining

For the past 12 years, ROA Mining has been a valued sponsor and supporter of the rescue helicopter. ROA is continuing its commitment to its community through sponsorship of the NZ Flying Doctor Service.

ROA Mining's sponsorship of the rescue helicopter and now the NZ Flying Doctor

Service speaks volumes about ROA's unwavering dedication to the health and wellbeing of West Coast communities and its passion to support equitable access to healthcare.

We're deeply grateful for ROA Mining's enduring partnership.



## THE POWER OF COMMUNITY:

# Fuelling our missions through generosity

Every mission is powered by a community that believes in what we do.

During 2025, our community continued to amaze us with the extraordinary ways they have found to support the service. From speed shears to motorcycle rides, community events to competitions, these activities underpin the service, motivating the crew and fuelling our work.

Here are some of the highlights from 2025.

## August 2025: Back to Base Returns

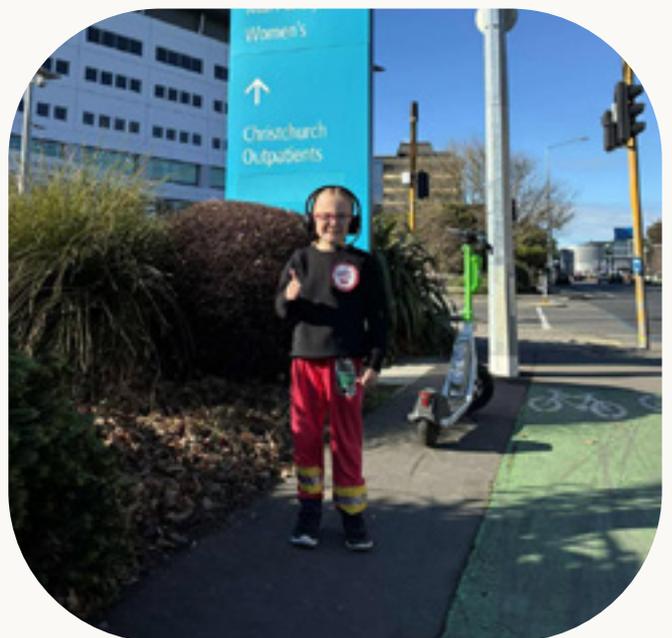
The Back to Base challenge returned in 2025, with 126 individuals and 16 teams taking part. Together, they raised more than \$64,000 by walking, running or cycling a collective 15,753 kilometres.

Age was no barrier to participation. Five-year-old Evie, who wants to be a “helicopter doctor” when she grows up, was one of the youngest participants. After finishing her 9 km walk from Christchurch Hospital to the base she met Doug Archbold, one of the oldest

participants. Doug still remembers the sound of the rescue helicopter as it reached him after an accident on his farm 28 years ago.

An enormous thank you to everyone who took part in the challenge and their friends and family who supported them along the way.

Feeling inspired? Back to Base will be back in August 2026 so keep an eye out for how you can boost your own wellbeing while helping the rescue helicopter get back to base.





## 7 August: Westpac Gala and Charity Auction

The 2025 Westpac Gala and Charity Auction returned a record-breaking result, with more than \$240,000 raised for the life-saving service.

In keeping with the Gala's Alpine theme, the Christchurch Town Hall was transformed for the event with stylised alpine peaks, an ice sculpture, and one lucky attendee taking home a Bullfrog spa pool valued at nearly \$30,000, a raffle prize generously donated by Alpine Spas.

The 270-strong crowd heard from Roz Koning, who was reunited with Critical Care Paramedic

Hernan Holliday. She credits Hernan and the crew for saving her life after she became trapped in a West Coast river.

Guests were treated to delicious food, wine and hospitality. Thank you to ANZCO Foods for supplying exceptional meats, Venues Ōtautahi for supporting us with a wonderful venue, and Stewart Dawson, for a sparkling donation of diamonds.

And of course, thank you to our principal sponsor Westpac NZ for hosting an incredible evening all in support of our rescue helicopter service.



Roz Koning and Hernan Holliday share the story of Roz's rescue at the Westpac Chopper Gala.

## May: Chopper Appeal

New Zealanders dug deep in 2025, raising a record \$1.5m for New Zealand's rescue helicopters – and \$337,434 of that was raised in Canterbury and the West Coast. With Westpac NZ funding the marketing and administration costs of Chopper Appeal, every dollar raised goes to the Canterbury West Coast Air Rescue Trust and your rescue helicopters. Thank you to everyone who donated.



## Qestral Village's Charity of Choice

For 12 months, the residents and staff at Qestral villages came together to raise funds for the Westpac Rescue Helicopter – and what an incredible job they did!

Through market days, themed events, raffles, and presentations, the Qestral lifestyle retirement villages raised an incredible

\$48,735.91 for the rescue helicopter. For many residents, a personal connection to the rescue helicopter service made the campaign even more meaningful.

To the residents and staff of Alpine View, Burlington, and Banbury Park – thank you!





## 18 November: Night for Flight

It was a night of hot pools, plunge pools, hydroslides, raffles, entertainment, and auctions — the Hanmer Springs Thermal Pools & Spa ‘Night for Flight’ event was certainly one to remember!

Held on a balmy Friday night, the pool complex opened its doors at 5 pm, charging just \$10 per person with all money going to with all money raised supporting the rescue

helicopter. The evening was action-filled, with entertainment, raffles and our very own CEO Christine Prince and Critical Care Paramedic Juliet Fitzpatrick braving the plunge pool challenge.

‘Night for Flight’ raised an astounding \$43,000 for the Westpac Rescue Helicopter and the Hanmer Springs Community Trust Helipad – an amazing result from a very special community.

## 10 October: Pleasant Point Charity Golf Tournament

Two golfing buddies who survived heart attacks within months of each other launched the Pleasant Point Charity Golf Tournament in 2025. They wanted to give back to the rescue helicopter service that saved them – one was even picked up on the green! Thank you, Warren and Garry, for organising such a beautiful day out and raising much-needed funds for the service.



## THE LIFE-SAVING DIFFERENCE THE HELICOPTER MAKES:

# When speed and skill matter most

When Grace Roxburgh started feeling unwell one November evening in 2024, everyone thought she was having a heart attack.

Then the Canterbury Westpac Rescue helicopter arrived.

"I remember the paramedic popping out of the helicopter, taking one look at me, and saying, 'This woman's not having a heart attack — she's got sepsis'," Grace says.

Sepsis is a life-threatening condition whereby a person's immune response to an infection can cause damage to their own tissues and organs. Sepsis can develop very quickly; immediate treatment is vital.

"The paramedic from the rescue helicopter quickly realised what was happening to me. I remember him saying, 'We need to hurry and get her to town.'"

By road, town is about two hours away from the North Canterbury beef and sheep farm where



Critical Care Paramedic Steve Pudney quickly realised how sick Grace was.



Grace with granddaughter Elsie, who has also been picked up by the Westpac Rescue Helicopter.

Grace and husband Hamish live. By helicopter, it was only 30 minutes.

"The helicopter arrived very quickly. It was dark, we had the fire brigade here and trucks on the road with flashing lights. We heard the helicopter coming and then it landed right next to us in the paddock," Grace says.

Westpac Rescue Helicopter Critical Care Paramedic Steve Pudney remembers meeting Grace that night.

"She was in the ambulance when we landed. I talked to the paramedics who thought because Grace was in pain and having trouble breathing she was having a heart attack, but that's not what I saw," Steve says.

Steve says Grace's low blood pressure, temperature and description of how she was feeling all pointed towards an infection that had turned septic.



Grace says the Westpac Rescue Helicopter has been a lifeline for her family.

“Sepsis is one of the biggest killers on the planet and it usually starts from a simple infection. Usually, the body can naturally fight an infection but if for some reason the body can’t, the infection gets into the blood and goes through the entire body.”

Steve gave Grace fluids to rehydrate her, antibiotics, and medications to tighten her blood vessels, to try to get her blood pressure up.

“It can be really daunting for rural ambulance officers when they come across patients who are critically unwell, like Grace was. The ambulance crew were very concerned for her. She needed the rescue helicopter. We brought the right clinical skillset to the scene and got her to hospital with the speed she required.”

The next 24-hours are a little vague for Grace.

“A few hours after getting to Christchurch Hospital a doctor said to me ‘You do not realise how sick you are’. That’s when I appreciated that if they had dawdled and put me in a road

ambulance I might have had a very different outcome.”

Doctors never managed to work out what caused Grace’s sepsis, but after “massive doses” of antibiotics she was on the mend.

This wasn’t the first time the Westpac Rescue Helicopter has been there for the Roxburgh family. In 2021, Grace’s granddaughter Elsie was picked up suffering from Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV).

“We all live on the same farm, with my daughter and her husband the third generation to farm here. Living rurally, and a long way from medical care, it’s hugely reassuring to know the Westpac Rescue Helicopter is there. I’m sure everyone else in the district feels the same.”

Grace and her family regularly see the rescue helicopter flying overhead.

“The rescue helicopter has truly been a lifeline for our family. Knowing it’s always there, should we need it, gives us real peace of mind.”



## JOINING FORCES ON THE WEST COAST:

# Remote mission sparks specialist training

When a woman badly injured her leg in a remote valley in Franz Josef, getting to her wasn't the problem. Getting her out was.

The critical care paramedic from the rescue helicopter needed help to move the patient to a place where she could be safely winched out. Help came in the form of LandSAR's South Westland Alpine Cliff Rescue team, who trekked in to reach them. They arrived at 11 pm, spent three hours moving the patient across very technical terrain to a safe winch spot, and then had to trek all the way out.

That 12-hour rescue mission sparked an idea — to train the Alpine Cliff Rescue team so they could be winched in to rescue sites, known as going 'down the wire'.

Thanks to funding from the Greymouth Masonic Lodge Charitable Trust, in a joint training exercise held in September 2025 six volunteers from Alpine Cliff Rescue were trained in down the wire operations. That training is already making an impact.

Crew Chief Rick Knight says he's been personally involved in missions where the Alpine Cliff Rescue team were crucial in getting critical care to a patient in need. He says the benefit of having Alpine Cliff Rescue trained in winch helicopter operations cannot be overstated.

Alpine Cliff Rescue Team Leader Marius Bron says the training keeps his team sharp, confident, and ready to respond when people need them most.

"Training with the rescue helicopter crew has been hugely valuable for our team and our community. It gives us real peace of mind knowing we're equipped to support their expert, critical care when it's needed most."

Being able to have the Alpine Cliff Rescue team join the rescue helicopter crew is an enormous benefit to rescue operations West Coast wide. We're hopeful that, with the support of the West Coast community, these joint training exercises will continue.



## Plucked off the side of a mountain

When West Coast Critical Care Paramedic Hernan Holliday spotted Dave on the side of a mountain, he knew the mountain runner was in a very precarious position.

“Rocks were still falling and there was a long way left to fall from where he had stopped,” Hernan says.

Dave was on a trail run with mates to Avalanche Peak in Arthur’s Pass when he slipped and slid 120 metres down a scree slope. The rescue helicopter was the only way to get the injured runner off the mountain.

Dave remembers being amazed at the skill of the rescue helicopter pilot.

“He sort of hollowed out some space in the scree and landed on one skid so the paramedic could get out to access me.”

Dave says once Hernan arrived, he knew he was in safe hands. He was right.

Hernan is one of the West Coast’s most highly trained medics. Originally from Argentina, Hernan has been a paramedic for nearly 30 years working across Argentina, London and Wellington. But Hernan, his English wife, and

their seven children have found their home on the West Coast.

“We love it here. We have so much scenery – hills, lakes, rivers, creeks, mountains, beaches. We have nearly everything we need. And I love the weather. I know that’s ironic as there’s a lot of rain, but the days are beautiful,” Hernan says.

Hernan knows more than most just how vital the rescue helicopter is to the West Coast.

“Very often when we arrive to a patient they say, ‘Thank god you’re here’. We do whatever we have to do for the patient to keep them safe and help them have a good outcome.”

Thanks to Hernan and the rescue helicopter crew, Dave got safely off the mountain that day and in to hospital.

“You never think you will be the person who needs to be picked up by the rescue helicopter but, unfortunately, I needed a lift that day,” Dave says.

*“They literally plucked me off the side of a mountain and for that, I will be forever grateful.”*

**Dave**

ADVANCED CARE, SUPERIOR TECHNOLOGY:

# Investing in life-saving equipment

Every mission demands speed, precision, and the ability to deliver advanced medical care in some of the most challenging environments imaginable. Modern technology allows our crews to diagnose faster, treat more effectively, and stabilise patients in critical moments long before they reach a hospital.

Our investment in advanced medical equipment ensures that the rescue helicopter crews can respond with confidence, capability, and provide the very highest standard of care.

This investment is only possible thanks to the generosity of Air Rescue & Community Services and our incredible donor community. Here is some of the equipment that your support has provided.



## Night Vision Goggles

Rescue helicopter crews across Canterbury and the West Coast are the first in New Zealand to have access to Fenn Night Vision Goggles. The Trust has purchased eight sets of these goggles, which are being introduced across the service now.



## Water rescue equipment

Going down to the wire into the water is a specialist skill, and having the right equipment is vital. The Trust has provided all crew with the latest individual Hyperfreak wetsuits, fins, snorkels, masks and gloves. Having these personalised sets of equipment helps ensure that when a call comes in for a water rescue, the crew can respond immediately.

## EMMA capnography kit

Used for critically ill patients who require pre-hospital emergency anaesthesia and mechanical ventilation, these kits work with defibrillator units to provide a secondary form of carbon dioxide monitoring. With adaptors to ensure the kits can be used on adults and infants, this equipment provides vital data that informs ongoing treatment decisions.



## Zoll monitor and defibrillator

The Zoll monitor and defibrillator units are purpose designed for pre-hospital emergency environments; they are light, durable and support all patients, from neonates to adults. These units lock onto the Aerolite bridge of the new fleet of H145s and can also be secured on the helicopter’s ceiling tracks, making it easier for paramedics to keep an eye on a patient’s vital signs. Every patient transported on the rescue helicopters will benefit from these devices, with the data they capture during flight relayed in real time to the receiving hospital, supporting a seamless transition to the specialist care the patient requires.



## ARES anti-spin device and leg extension board

Being winched into a helicopter on a stretcher can be a traumatic experience for patients, particularly as a spinning motion can occur in the rotor downwash or in windy conditions. The ARES anti-spin sail helps eliminate this from occurring and reduces the risk of requiring a tag-line from the ground to the stretcher. The purchase of a leg extension board allows crews to stabilise and support leg and spinal injuries during winch operations.

# Helipad expansion continues

The opening of the Geraldine helipad in September 2025 was a celebration of collective determination, shared purpose, and a commitment to saving lives.

The Geraldine Volunteer Fire Brigade led the fundraising campaign for the helipad. Senior Station Officer and fundraising committee chair Grant Stephens says the rescue helicopter is the fastest way their community can access critical care.

“The paramedics on the helicopter are so skilled it’s unbelievable. This emergency helipad will save seconds and save lives,” Grant says.

Grant says the Instrument Flight Rules capable helipad also improves the community’s access to reliable infrastructure, essential during times of need such as natural disasters.

The Trust supported the project, funding the helipad’s pilot activated lighting. The Geraldine helipad joins a growing list of IFR capable helipads servicing the region. We are currently working with communities in Fairlie, Methven and Hanmer Springs to enable this vital upgrade to their emergency infrastructure.





## CREATING A LIFE-SAVING LEGACY:

# Giving the gift of life

Over the last year we've been privileged to receive a number of gifts from those who have remembered us in their will. We are incredibly grateful and humbled to have been trusted with their legacy. It's a responsibility we take very seriously.

Every gift is unique. We would like to thank the families and friends of those who have left gifts to the rescue helicopter for honouring your loved one's wishes and for walking alongside us as we find the most fitting way to recognise their legacy.

By leaving a gift in your will to us, it ensures your generosity will live beyond your own lifetime. It directly supports our long-term financial future, enabling the rescue helicopter

service to continue providing an emergency response to accidents and medical events, critical patient transfers, and search and rescue operations today and into the future.

The gifts we have received over the last year have allowed us to invest in state-of-the-art equipment, provide specialist training to enhance the skills and capability of our crews, and support the transformation of our service through MISSION 2026. They have also given our community the security of an uninterrupted rescue helicopter service for years to come.

To those who have included us in their wills, our most heartfelt thanks. Your gift really will be the gift of life.



*We are always happy to meet or call you for a confidential, no-obligation chat about how your gift can make a difference.*

Please contact our Fundraising and Development Director Kathryn Marshall on [03 358 8244](tel:033588244) or email [kathryn@airrescue.co.nz](mailto:kathryn@airrescue.co.nz).

# The transformational impact of legacy giving

Robert Giltrap was humble, hard-working and a real collector.

He had a soft spot for a good clearing sale and, when his family questioned his purchases, would simply say with a smile, "It will come in handy one day."

"A lot of people would see dad as being very careful with his money, but they never saw how much he donated to charity. He had a big heart," daughter Jo Lochore says.

When Robert, a retired drainage contractor and farmer, died in 2024, his family was left with years of clearing sale bargains to dispose of. There was everything you could imagine, from a bathroom sink to full-scale earthmoving equipment.

"Once we decided that a clearing sale was the easiest way to deal with the cleanup, we chose to donate the proceeds to charity," Jo says.

When it came time to decide which charity, Jo remembered something her dad used to say.

"Whenever he made a payment to the rescue helicopter appeal, he would say, 'You never know, it might be one of you who needs it one day.'"

So, the family chose to farewell their dad with one final clearing sale, with all proceeds donated to the Canterbury West Coast Air Rescue Trust.

"It felt like the right way to give back to the rural community that had supported Dad throughout his years in business."

The family was grateful for the support of Bob Davidson from Rural Livestock and his team.

"It was a lot of work for Bob and the team at Rural Livestock and they donated much of their time and fees. It was a real community effort," Jo says.



The clearing sale was a huge success. Jo says her dad would have been very happy with the outcome.

"Dad always said the things he collected would come in handy one day. It turns out they ended up supporting the rescue helicopters, so he was right all along."

"The rescue helicopters were important to dad and he regularly donated to the Canterbury West Coast Air Rescue Trust during this life. This gift is a special way to remember him and ensure his generous spirit lives on."



# Grateful thanks

We are incredibly grateful to the many community groups, organisations and Trusts who have supported the rescue helicopter service during 2025. Your contributions help us keep the rescue helicopter flying, ensuring that this 24/7 emergency service is always on call to save lives.

We would also like to recognise those who have generously left a gift in their will to the Canterbury West Coast Air Rescue Trust. A legacy gift is one of the most impactful ways you can support the Trust; our most grateful thanks — your legacy is life-saving.

## Community Groups

Acorn Foundation  
Adventure Trailride  
Altrusa International of Ashburton Inc  
Anthony Wilding Retirement Village  
Aotea Club  
Ashburton Buffalo Lodge  
Ashburton Charity Golf Tournament  
Avon Tramping Club  
Banks Peninsula Track Ltd  
Belfast Redwood Combined Friendship Club  
Buller Union Parish  
Buller Vets Ltd  
Canterbury Hang Gliding & Paragliding Club  
Canterbury Jeep Club  
Canterbury Mountain Bike Club  
Canterbury Recreational 4WD Club  
Christchurch Casino  
Cope Shearing  
Darfield Glenroy Branch of Rural Women New Zealand  
Foothills Young Farmers Club  
Geraldine Volunteer Fire Brigade  
Halswell Friendship Club  
Hanmer Springs Thermal Pools & Spa  
Hard Antlers Social Club  
Hoki Hikers  
Inner Wheel Ashburton  
Jennian Homes Canterbury  
Kaiapoi Adult Riding Group  
Kaiapoi Walking Group  
Kaikōura Healthcare  
Kia Toa Bowling Club  
Lake Alexandrina Outlet Hutholders Society Inc  
Lake Alexandrina South-End Hutholders Society Inc  
Lake Tekapo Lions Charitable Trust  
Le Bons Bay Bachowners Association  
Lions Club of Amuri  
Lions Club of Ashburton Pakeke  
Lions Club of Cheviot  
Lions Club of Christchurch South  
Lions Club of Fairlie  
Lions Club of Geraldine  
Lions Club of Hawarden Waikari  
Lions Club of Hinds & Districts  
Lions Club of Malvern  
Lions Club of Seaward Kaikoura  
Motunau Charity Trailride  
New Brighton Working Men's Club  
New World Hokitika  
New Zealand Motor Caravan Association (West Coast Branch)  
North Canterbury 4WD Club  
North Canterbury Dive Club  
NZ Shelter Belt Trimmers Association Inc  
NZSki Limited  
Okeover U3A  
Organic Caterpillars  
Ornsby Motorcycle Training — Winter Ride  
Ostomy Support South  
Over Forties Tramping Club  
Papanui Rebus Club  
Paroa Women's Institute

Paulger Courts Craft Group  
 Pegasus Trampers  
 PGG Wrightson Ltd - Cash For Communities  
 Pioneer Trampers  
 Probus Club of Christchurch South West  
 Rakaia Lions Charitable Trust  
 Rangiora Country Women  
 Rangiora Patchwork Group  
 Rapid Relief Team (West Coast)  
 Redcliffs Bowling Club  
 Redwood Ladies Friendship Group  
 Retreads Motorcycle Club Canterbury  
 Riley Abbott & Family  
 Rock The Winter Blues  
 Rolleston Central Probus Club  
 Rotary Club of Ashburton Plains  
 Russley Probus Club  
 Scraps of Beauty  
 Shaw's Wire Ltd  
 Studio Pilates  
 Summerset Prebbleton  
 Taramakau Settlement  
 The Amberley Friendship Club  
 The Gums Partnership  
 The North Canterbury Hunting Competition  
 The Royal New Zealand Corps of Transport  
 Association Inc  
 Timaru Presbyterian Parish  
 Tuesday Trekkers  
 U3A Kate Sheppard  
 Waiau School  
 Waimate Strawberry Fare  
 West Coast Federation of Women's Institute  
 West Melton Probus Club  
 West Melton Wanderers  
 Westie Walkers  
 Winchester Rural Women

## Trusts and Foundations

Air Rescue & Community Services  
 Davidson Community Trust  
 Eeny Meeny Trust  
 Greymouth Masonic Lodge Charitable Trust



Haldon Reserve Trust  
 Jones Foundation  
 Mackenzie Charitable Fund  
 Minx Trust  
 Pamela Webb Charitable Trust  
 Perpetual Guardian — Air Rescue Fund  
 Sir John Hall Charitable Trust  
 St Vianney's Timaru Trust  
 The J.I. Urquhart Family Trust  
 The M L Paynter Trust  
 The Robert & Barbara Stewart Charitable Trust

## Gifts in wills

Estate of J Armstrong  
 Estate of L S Barr  
 Estate of A J Brown  
 Estate of G Bryant  
 Estate of R M Chappell  
 Estate of J Charters  
 Estate of D D Crichton  
 Estate of R Giltrap  
 Estate of B Green  
 Estate of W Greig  
 Estate of M Gualte  
 Estate of A Hill  
 Estate of R Ivison  
 Estate of A M Jones  
 Estate of K T Keane  
 Estate of D Marshall  
 Estate of R Monk  
 Estate of M A Nolan  
 Estate of L Smith  
 Estate of R Stringer  
 Estate of J D Taylor  
 Estate of A K Witty





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