



## Northland's dedicated rescue helicopter service



### Who we are

When the people of Northland decided to set up a rescue helicopter service back in 1988, they aimed to provide one that was wholly community-owned and supported. NEST has achieved this and aims to retain its foundations within the community it serves.

Your emergency rescue helicopters HELIMED 1, HELIMED 2 and HELIMED 3 operate 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, providing an air ambulance service for Northland residents and visitors – they fly to you when you need them most.

NEST and your Northland Electricity Rescue helicopters are proudly supported by generous sponsors and community donations. Our three emergency helicopters and dedicated team of professionals have been providing medical flights, air ambulance services, and search and rescue for over 25 years.

### What we do

We provide the people of Northland with an excellent, safe, effective and efficient service, and will do so by maintaining its present course – one of providing first class flight crews aboard top class aircraft.

We not only provide rescue services at accident scenes, but we also do a lot of inter-hospital patient transfers. We specialise in transporting NICU and PIQU babies and code stemi patients too.

The emergency rescue helicopters are crewed on every mission by either one or two members of a full-time team of St John Flight Intensive Care Paramedics (ICPs) who play an integral role in providing the medical care and treatment to all sick and injured patients transported.



## Fast facts

- NEST is a non-profit registered charity. The people of Northland own it.
- The Board of Trustees comprises representatives from the Northland community with a diverse range of skill sets including experience in aviation, ambulance, medical, and commerce.
- The three Sikorsky S-76 aircraft are secure, high-speed vessels that have the capability to fly up to 724 kilometres in a single trip.
- All flights are operated with two pilots and an IFR (instrument flight rated) capability, meaning that the aircraft can fly very safely, even in extreme conditions.
- One third of operations are at night. Night vision goggles allow pilots to see clearly during these rescues.
- Winches are equipped in two of the S-76's which provide additional rescue options to pilots.
- Dedicated, specialised ambulance and hospital crews maintain the highest standards of patient care and adhere to best practice intensive care guidelines.
- In the past 25 years NEST has carried over 16,000 patients.

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