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PRESS RELEASE

## Rain Stops Play Rescue Helicopter Golf Tournament Postponed

The Lowe Corporation Rescue Helicopter Service have postponed their annual Golf Tournament, as heavy rain is predicted in the Bay.

The tournament, which is held annually at the Hill Country Estate Golf Course, was scheduled to take place on Friday 10 March and will now take place on Friday 31 March.

Marketing and Fundraising Manager, Laura Hyde, said, "Sadly the weather wasn't looking good for the event, and at the end of the day, while this is an important fundraiser for us, we have to bear in mind the safety and enjoyment of our guests – hence the decision to postpone"

The Golf Tournament is now in its 6<sup>th</sup> year, and sees local businesses compete for the coveted Rescue Helicopter Golf Trophy, which is currently held by 2016 defenders, First New Zealand Capital. The tournament is hosted by Lowe Corporation, and is sponsored by Ka Tahi Wines and ANZ, and is an important fundraising event for the Trust.

Any teams interested in taking part in the rescheduled date on 31<sup>st</sup> March should contact Laura on 06 878 1630 or email [mfm@hbhrt.org.nz](mailto:mfm@hbhrt.org.nz)

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**Photo:           The Rescue Helicopter Golf Tournament**

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### **About the Hawke's Bay Rescue Helicopter Trust**

The Lowe Corporation 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 320 lifesaving missions, helping those who need urgent medical care and transportation. The service is free of charge and available 24/7 to everyone in our community, but costs \$2.3million each year to operate. [www.hbhrt.org.nz](http://www.hbhrt.org.nz)