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**10th of December 2025**



Our GCH Aviation Awards celebrate our incredible staff, recognising those who embody our core values of Family, Legacy, Pride, Safety, and Quality. Colleagues voted to honour the outstanding dedication and effort of their peers—here are the 2025 award winners.



### **The Family Award**

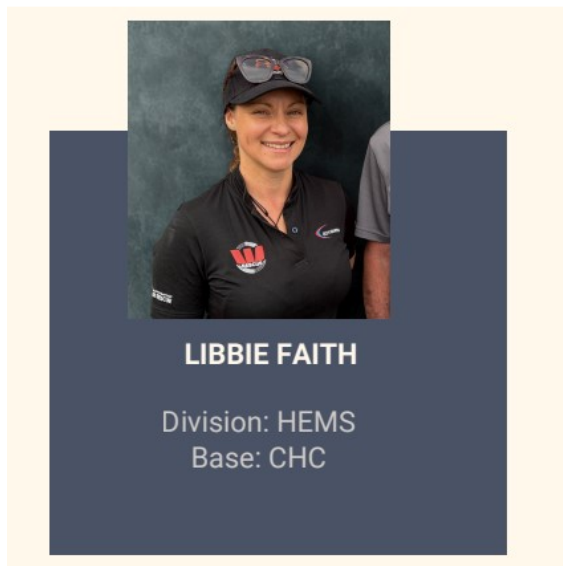
**This year's GCH Aviation Family Award goes to Billie Schulte, whose warmth and care**



### **The Quality Award**

Matt Hayes is receiving this year's Quality Award for consistently delivering exceptional work,

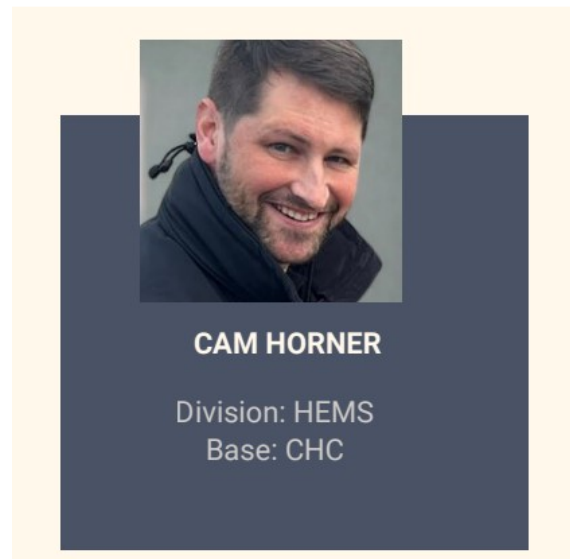
**bring our team together. Always remembering birthdays, milestones, and offering a kind word or lunch, Billie makes everyone feel valued.**



### **The Safety Award**

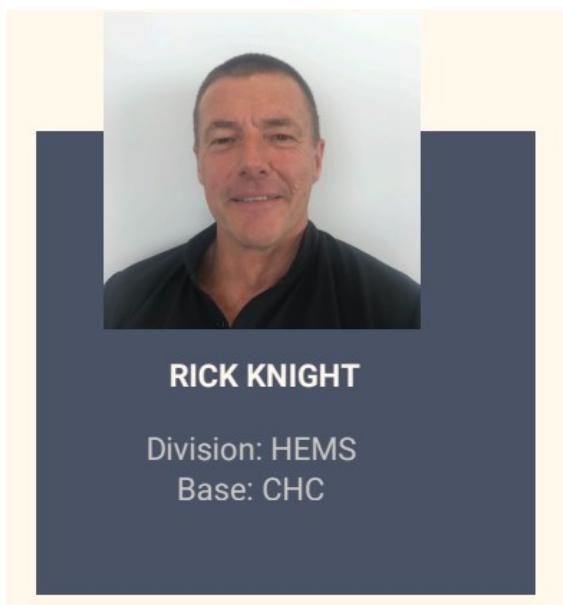
This year's Safety Award goes to Libbie who leads by example, consistently identifying and resolving safety issues while supporting both her team and management. Her professionalism, attention to detail, and willingness to take on extra responsibility have made Libbie a trusted and highly respected guardian of safety across GCH Aviation.

demonstrating professionalism, and balancing multiple demanding roles with dedication. His leadership, attitude, and commitment to excellence inspire his colleagues and elevate the entire Jet Operations team.



### **The Pride Award**

The Pride Award goes to Cameron Horner, whose dedication, professionalism, and willingness to go above and beyond have made a remarkable impact across GCH Aviation. His genuine pride in his work, active involvement in company initiatives, and positive influence on team culture set an inspiring standard for excellence.



### **The Legacy Award**

This year's Legacy Award goes to **Rick Knight**, a long-serving team member whose decades of dedication, mentorship, and exceptional service have shaped generations of medics and left a profound impact on GCH Aviation. His skill, leadership, and unwavering commitment—both professionally and personally—continue to inspire those around him and strengthen the culture of the organisation.



### **The Spirit Award**

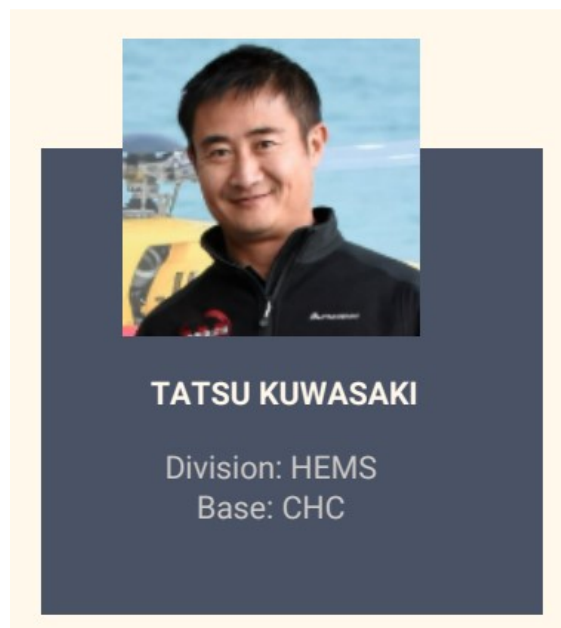
The Spirit Award goes to **Arthur Ruddenklau**, whose leadership, dedication, and commitment to safety, quality, and team wellbeing embody every core value of GCH Aviation. His genuine care for his staff, willingness to go above and beyond, and inspiring example make him a true cornerstone of the organisation.





### The Unsung Hero Award

This year's Unsung Hero award goes to **Howard Hunt**, whose quiet dedication, professionalism, and hard work keep the Greymouth commercial base running flawlessly. Despite often flying solo and working behind the scenes, his consistent excellence and commitment make an enormous impact on GCH Aviation.



### The Innovation Award

This year's Innovation Award goes to **Tatsu Kuwasaki**, whose expertise, forward-thinking mindset, and dedication to improving safety, efficiency, and clinical practice have profoundly strengthened the HEMS team. Their mentorship, professionalism, and positive influence make them an invaluable asset and a true embodiment of innovation at GCH Aviation.



### **The Rising Star Award**

The Rising Star Award goes to **Courtney Hawke**, whose positivity, dedication, and exceptional performance have quickly made a significant impact across the Christchurch and Nelson HEMS bases. With outstanding skill, professionalism, and potential, Courtney represents the bright future of GCH Aviation.

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### **The Good Vibes Award**

The Good Vibes Award goes to **Simon Fraser**, whose positivity, energy, and can-do attitude lift the spirits of everyone around him. From going above and beyond in daily tasks to supporting colleagues and taking on extra responsibilities, Simon makes GCH Aviation a better place every day.

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As we wrap up another whirlwind year at GCHA, I want to extend my sincere thanks to every one of you. Your dedication, resilience, and commitment to our customers, our communities, and each other have been the backbone of everything we achieved in 2025.

It hasn't always been easy - but somehow, much like Christmas lights pulled out of storage, we've managed to untangle ourselves, plug in, and still shine brilliantly

Thank you for showing up, stepping up, and lifting each other up.

As we look ahead to 2026, I'm genuinely excited for what's to come - a year of curiosity, smart challenges, courageous conversations, and continuous improvement. Together, we will keep strengthening "One GCHA" - building an organisation we're proud of and a future we shape with purpose.

Wishing you and your whānau a safe, joyful, and well-deserved festive season.

Anna

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## **Staff Appraisals – A Chance to Reflect, Refocus, and Grow**

This week I completed my appraisal. For me, a valuable opportunity to pause, reflect on the work I've been doing, and look ahead at how I can align my goals with GCH Aviation's wider strategies. It was a great reminder of how important it is for all of us to take time to celebrate our achievements, recognise where we can improve, and explore opportunities to upskill or strengthen our contribution.

Appraisals aren't just a tick-box exercise, they're our chance to have a voice, discuss what we need to perform at our best, and shape our own path forward. As we continue to grow as a company, every one of us plays a role in lifting our standards, developing new skills, and striving for excellence.

If you haven't had your appraisal yet, I encourage you to look forward to it as an empowering step in your professional journey. It's your moment to be heard, plan your goals, and take ownership of your future success. Enriching lives through our expertise in aviation!

Sheryl

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## **Christchurch Christmas Party**



The Christchurch Christmas Party was held at Drifters Hotel this year, providing a fantastic opportunity to catch up with colleagues and partners outside of work. Declan, Anna, and Jamie presented the core values awards, and the evening was a huge success filled with fun and celebration.



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## Nelson Christmas Party

The Nelson Christmas Party took place on Sunday at the Speights Ale House and was an amazing afternoon. Declan travelled up from Christchurch, making it great to catch up with familiar faces like Kodee and Ryan!



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## Arrival of the H145s

The two new H145s have landed all the way from Switzerland! Tony captured some incredible shots of them as they rolled into the hangar.







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## A&P & Santa Parade

Last month, the Christchurch Commercial Team had a busy but exciting time with the A&P Show and The Santa Parade! Over three operating days, the team completed approximately 80 flights over the city!

Christchurch families were thrilled to experience a helicopter at an affordable rate, and it was fantastic to get Garden City Helicopters' name out into the community—handing out stickers and croc charms to all the kids!

We enjoyed some amazing weather—for the most part—aside from a bit of hail towards the end!

Huge shoutout to Dan, Robyn, Miriam, Daniel, Jamie, Geoff, Simon, Geordie, Cam, Billie & Juliet for their amazing work!









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# Canterbury West Coast AIR RESCUE

Former Chef Adrian, assisted by Kaz, Cameron, and Juliet, helped Caroline from the Trust bring together a memorable night for the lucky bidders of the Crew in-home Cooking Experience, purchased at the Westpac Chopper Gala.

Adrian designed a fantastic menu featuring generous donated ingredients from Akaroa King Salmon and ANZCO Foods. A huge thank you from the Trust, our guests said it was an exceptional evening, and they were thrilled to support the service and will continue to do so in the future.









Scott and Ed, ready and waiting for their patient at Okains Bay.







It's that time of year – warm summer days, long evenings, and perfect moments for catching up with friends and family over a nice cold drink.

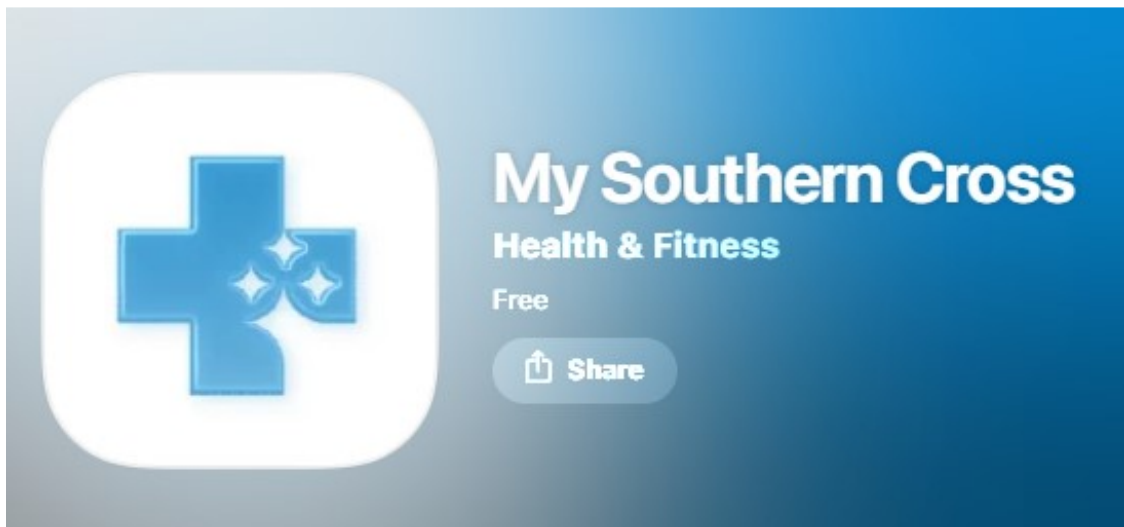
I've got just the thing for you! Every year I make **Elderflower Cordial** – a fragrant, lightly sweet syrup that's perfect with a glass of bubbles (some of you might know it as a "HUGO").

You can add it to just about anything – gin, vodka, sparkling water, cupcake icing, or even salad dressings. My personal favourite? Pouring it over **chocolate ice cream** or using it in a **mean salad dressing**.

Usually, I sell it at Christmas Markets for \$25, but I wanted to reach out to friends first. I'm offering it at **\$15 for a 375ml glass bottle**, complete with a handcrafted label (see picture).

Stock is limited, so let Annett know if you would like some!

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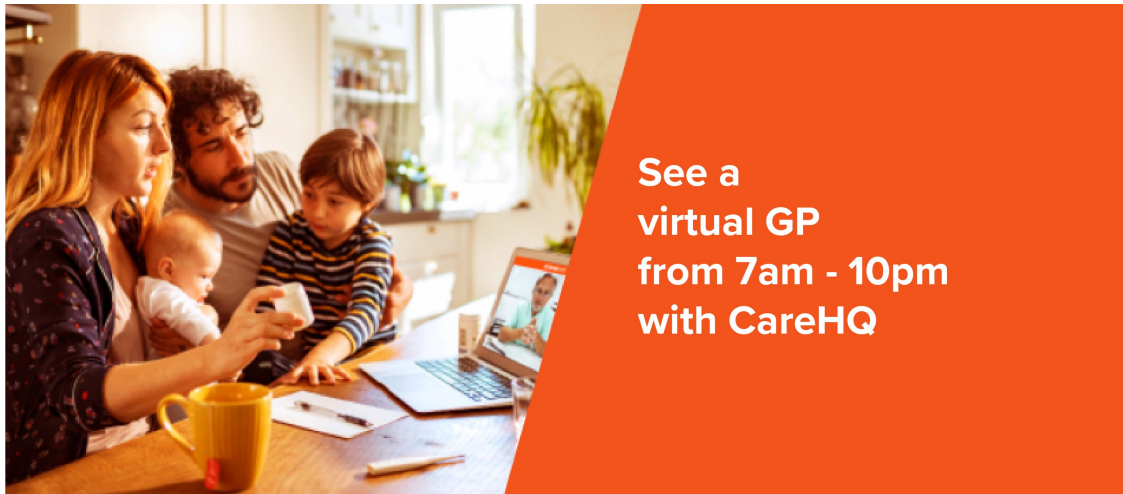
Heading Away This Christmas & New Year?

Make sure you have the Southern Cross app downloaded! Through the app, you can access CareHQ, a free online doctor service offering next-day—and sometimes same-day—appointments.

A CareHQ GP can help with most medical needs, sicknesses, or injuries, including:

- Respiratory infections & viruses
- Urine, ear & sinus infections
- Skin infections and rashes
- Stomach (gastro) viruses
- Headaches and migraine
- Repeat prescriptions for your pharmacy

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