

Specialist Commercial Helicopter Services



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Action Helicopters Limited





About Us

Action Helicopters Limited is a family owned business which began as Heli Glenorchy in 2015 and expanded to incorporate Heliworks Queenstown in September 2020. We operate a fleet of modern helicopters and have operational bases at Queenstown Airport and Glenorchy Aerodrome in Otago, New Zealand. Our services cover Otago, Southland, Fiordland, Westland and any other requirements in wider New Zealand.

We pride ourselves on our vastly experienced team who operate efficiently and effectively in all aspects of work. We offer a high quality, safety focused service that is easily tailored to meet any client's needs, utilising our diverse fleet and specialist equipment.



Bases



35 Mull Street
Glenorchy
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Frankton
Queenstown
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Being a family owned
business; Action Helicopters
pride themselves on
supporting our local
community and enjoy
supporting local events.



Who We Are



Director / Pilot
Nick Nicholson



Director / Maintenance Controller
Blair Christmas

Action Helicopters crew have a combined experience of approximately 70,000 flight hours which has included extensive heavy lifting, precision long-lining, fire-fighting, search and rescue, heli logging, filming, mustering and more.

Our pilots have a huge knowledge base and vast experience having worked both in New Zealand and locations overseas such as Canada, USA / Alaska, Papua New Guinea, Australia, Fiji and Antarctica.

Working from our southern location our pilots are accustomed with mountain flying, changable weather conditions and are always adaptable and reliable.

Our well informed office team comprises of local residents with extensive knowledge of helicopter operations and of the local area. Our wider team includes DG trained ground crew, mobile engineers, marketing and administration.

We embrace the skills that each team member brings to our company including practicality and adaptability.



Services

Action Helicopters is an authority in the commercial field. Our pilots regularly work with long-lines as part of our day to day operations. With our extensive equipment, expertise and competence we specialise in all commercial tasks.

Our Queenstown Hangar couples as a rescue base and offers a space for board meetings, contractor training, pre-job meetings and rescue training.

- Fire Fighting
- Avalanche Bombing
- SAR / Night Vision Capable
- HETS (Human Sling Operations)
- Logging & Tree Removal
- Aerial Surveying & Inspection
- Farm Support
- Frost Control / Cherry Drying
- Gravel /Concreting
- Precision Drill Placement
- Filming - Filming / Scouting / Crew Movement
- Rock Stabilisation / Sluicing & Meshing
- Pest Control / Culling
- Emergency Operations / Relief



Fleet - Twin Engine



ZK - ICE

**EUROCOPTER AS355 NP
TWIN ENGINE**

Empty Weight: 1601kg
Hook Capacity: 1100 kg

ZK - ICY

**Kawasaki BK117
TWIN ENGINE**

Empty Weight: 2058 kg
Hook Capacity: 1100 kg

ZK -HML

**EUROCOPTER AS355 F1
TWIN ENGINE**

Empty Weight: 1501kg
Hook Capacity: 600 kg

Coupled with the security of two engines the BK117 and AS355 range of helicopters can be single or dual crewed which makes them the leading machines for jobs such as human sling operations, low-level operations, urban interface fire-fighting and electrical / power line work.

Produced by Airbus Helicopters, the AS355NP has high-performance and reliability credentials that make it an extremely diverse machine. This helicopter was added to our fleet in April 2021, and is the only one in the South Island.

With two Turbomeca Arrius 1A1 engines, each with a rated power of 415kW, it still provides exceptional (OEI) single engine performance. The NP has maximum flight speeds of 278km/h and load capacity of 999kg internally and up to 1100kg on the cargo sling.

The larger MBB produced BK117-B2 twin engine helicopter provides seating for up to nine passengers (4 seat VIP configuration also available) and a lifting capacity of up to 1200kg.

Both the AS355 range and the BK117 have front seat passenger transmit capability, cargo pod and locker availability, forward facing passenger seats and low vibration in the cockpit.

Fleet - AS350 B3

The AS350 B3 is the heavy lift / high altitude / high performance version of the single engine Squirrel range, beating every other single engine helicopter in its category.



ZK - ITM 'The Raptor' **EUROCOPTER AS350 B3**

Empty Weight: 1359kg

Hook Capacity: 1400 kg



ZK - IGY **EUROCOPTER AS350 B3**

Empty Weight: 1260kg

Hook Capacity: 1400 kg



ZK - ILT **EUROCOPTER AS350 B3**

Empty Weight: 1354kg

Hook Capacity: 1400 kg

Fleet - AS350 B2

ZK -HGQ

EUROCOPTER AS350 B2

Empty Weight: 1334kg

Hook Capacity: 1100 kg



ZK -HYA

EUROCOPTER AS350 B2

Empty Weight: 1295kg

Hook Capacity: 1100 kg



ZK -IFT

MD500 Notar

Hook Capacity: 500 kg



AS350 B3 / B2s are renowned for their versatility. They have the ability to provide luxury passenger services with spacious unparalleled viewing, whilst also being commercial work-horses with capabilities unmatched by any other single engine aircraft in their category.

The Squirrel helicopter has split removable seats providing a large floor area for cargo over and above the external pod and locker capabilities. The B2 has a lift capacity of up to 1100kg and the B3 up to 1400kg.

These machines, configured with our specialist equipment, are available to tackle any commercial job, no matter how big or small.

Equipment & Capabilities

Standard

- Certified Long-lines, strops and riggings
- Remote Hooks
- Human Sling Capable
- Night Vision Capable
- 6 place Bike Racks
- Logging Grapple
- Pallet Lifter
- DG Certified Ground Crew
- 4WD Support Vehicles
- Mobile Aircraft Engineers



Search & Rescue

- HETS (Human Sling) Rescue capabilities
- NVG (Night Vision) capabilities
- NVG/HETS/Night Rated pilots
- Front passenger transmit capabilities
- Transponder capable



Fire

- 1200L Simplex Fire Bombing Belly Tank
- Cloudburst Fire Buckets - various sizes
- Red-One Fire Buckets - various sizes
- Front crew transmit capability
- FENZ Audited & Approved
- NVG Fire Capable - Twin or single
- Specialists in Urban Interface Wildfires
- Qualified US#3285, US#14564 Pilots
- On staff FENZ Fire-fighters / Air Support Supervisor / Medical Coresponders



Wire Work / Pole Installation

- Wire stringer with brake mechanism
- Pole lifting and placement - single or twin poles
- Twin or single engine helicopter operations

Equipment

Heavy Lifting / Precision Placement

- Remote Hook
- Meshing Bar
- Wire Stringer
- Logging Grapple
- 2 x Concrete / Gravel Buckets - remote operation
- Pallet Lifter



Film

- In house Meeker AFSP-V2 multi Camera Boom available
- Helicopters compatible with Airfilms and AFSP camera booms
- Long-line transportable Film Bins



Fuel

- 2 x 1900 Litre JET A1 Fuel Tanker - Trailer
- 1500 Litre JET A1 Fuel Tanker - Trailer
- 1850 Litre JET A1 Fuel Tanker - Trailer
- 6000 Litre JET A1 Fuel Truck



Company Safety

Action Helicopters Ltd is committed to maintaining an efficient, reliable service while providing a healthy, safe workplace environment for all staff and clients.



Action Helicopters Ltd is a Part 135 operator, working under CAA Air Operating Certificate No. AOC26884. We have two operational bases - the Glenorchy Airstrip and the Heliworks Hangar, Queenstown Airport.

We have robust CAA approved Safety Management Systems using comprehensive risk assessment and stringent health and safety practices to maintain our impeccable safety record.

Our Management Team and Quality Assurance Systems ensure:

- All pilots regularly undertake continued training including CRM training, wire avoidance, fire ground training and annual checks to ensure currency in type and continued competency.
- All staff competencies are annually checked including flight following procedures, emergency procedures and all other relevant procedures.
- All CAA rules and regulations are strictly adhered to and are reflected within our company Exposition.
- All clients and contractors are briefed, trained and signed off in accordance with our SMS.
- On-going communication with our aircraft engineering team including the use of an online maintenance program ensuring our helicopters are airworthy and safe.

The Team

Director / Pilot	Nick Nicholson	027 288 6973
Director / Maintenance Controller	Blair Christmas	022 699 1752
Operations Manager / Chief Pilot	Chris Jackson	027 475 2520
Health & Safety Manager	Jono Gillan	027 690 6800
Training Manager / Pilot	Kurt Schierning	027 441 4019
Administration / Accounts	Sonya Porteous	027 765 5125
Office Manager	Sonya Porteous	027 765 5125
Marketing Manager	Tess Kelly	021 509 530
Pilots	Eric Scott Eddie Pannett Russ Harris	Jason Laing Craig Lyders John Gardiner
Reservations / Operations	Brylee Percy Edyta Glowacka Gillian Terry / Doug Steele	GY: 03 442 9971 QT: 03 441 4011
Ground Crew / Operations	Wataru Kobayashi	
Engineering	Luke Hasselman	





NCTIR Kaikoura Coast Road Rebuild
Russ Harris - Heli Glenorchy 2018