

# Making a difference

Mobile Surgical works in partnership with Health New Zealand - Te Whatu Ora and your local health professionals to provide low risk, elective day surgery for rural New Zealanders.

The service has been operating since March 2002 and since then we have treated over 33,000 patients, primarily in rural New Zealand.

## EQUITABLE ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE

The Mobile Surgical Unit – Te Waka Hauora, provides patients with the opportunity to receive treatment in their own community, close to their family/whānau and their support people. This has many benefits including removing the burden of travel and accommodation.

Chris Heath, anaesthetic technician, based in Wanaka says “All Kiwis deserve access to quality healthcare no matter where they live, so bringing our surgical unit to their local area is very much appreciated by the local communities – they tell us this time and time again.”



Chris Heath, anaesthetic technician, Mobile Surgical



Website:  
[mobilesurgical.co.nz](http://mobilesurgical.co.nz)

## About us

Mobile Health Group operates a fleet of specialised healthcare vehicles, making health services accessible everywhere in Aotearoa New Zealand. We believe no matter where they live, people will be able to access the medical care they need.



**Mobile Surgical**  
Day surgery for rural New Zealand  
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In addition to the surgical unit we also operate:



**Mobile Medical**  
Non-invasive kidney stone treatment  
[mobilemedical.co.nz](http://mobilemedical.co.nz)



**Mobile Imaging**  
PET-CT imaging for regional communities  
[mobileimaging.co.nz](http://mobileimaging.co.nz)



**My Health Hub**  
Education for health professionals  
[myhealthhub.co.nz](http://myhealthhub.co.nz)

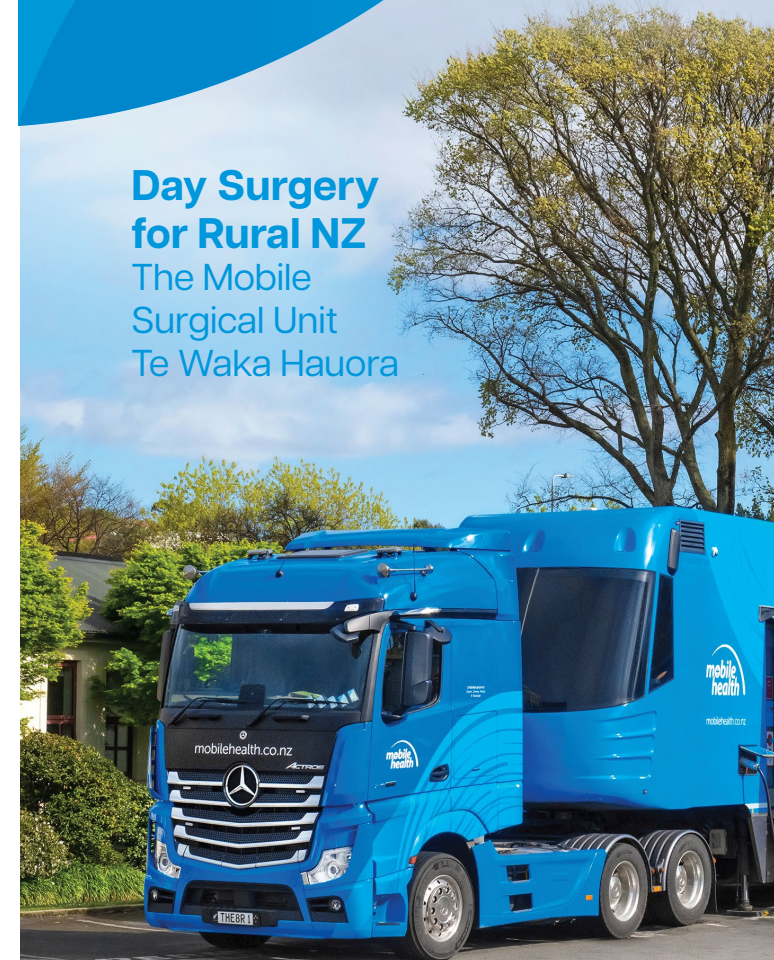
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# mobile surgical

## Day Surgery for Rural NZ

The Mobile Surgical Unit  
Te Waka Hauora



## What we do

We provide low risk elective day surgery in rural communities which do not have local access to a full operating theatre.

Patients are referred by their local GP to their district hospital who place them on the mobile surgical unit operating list where appropriate.

The unit is equipped for a wide range of specialties including:

- General surgery
- Orthopaedics
- Gynaecology
- Dental
- Endoscopy
- Plastic surgery



Virtual tour:  
[mobilehealth.co.nz/tour](http://mobilehealth.co.nz/tour)

## Our team

The surgical team includes eight clinical staff:

Surgeon +  
Anaesthetist



The surgeon and anaesthetist have overall responsibility for your care.

Anaesthetic  
Tech + Clinical  
Nurse



An anaesthetic technician and a clinical nurse leader co-ordinates the day and oversees the local nursing team.

4 x  
Local  
Nurses



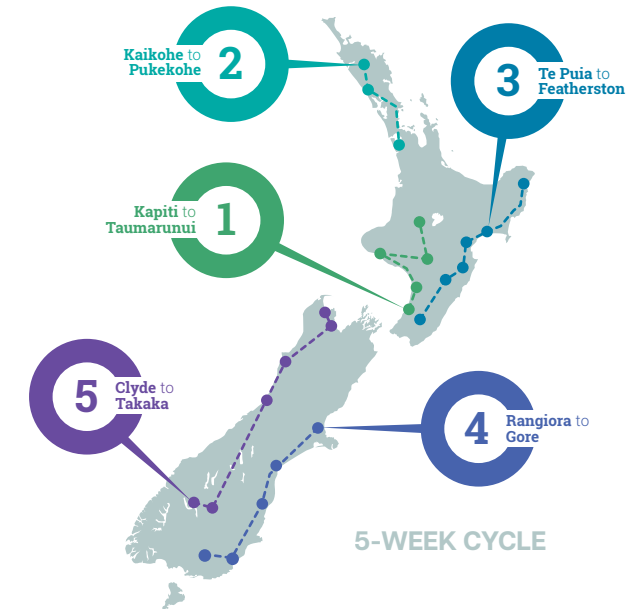
Four nurses from each rural town work as scrub nurse, circulating nurse, and recovery and discharge nurses.

The team is supported by a steerologist (driver) who sets up and oversees the surgical unit.



## Where we go

The surgical unit travels to 27 rural locations on a 5-week cycle which includes three weeks in the North Island and two weeks in the South Island. Each evening the surgical unit is packed up and driven to the next town.



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Kapiti Levin Hawera Taihape Taumarunui Tokoroa	Kaikohe Dargaville Whangārei Pukekohe	Te Puia Wairoa Napier Waipukurau Dannevirke Featherston	Rangiora Ashburton Oamaru Balclutha Gore	Clyde Queenstown Greymouth Westport Motueka Takaka

