



RESCUE: The BayTrust rescue helicopter flew to Ruatahuna to collect an elderly patient on Saturday.

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86-year-old rescued by helicopter in Ruatahuna

THE BayTrust rescue helicopter was called to Ruatahuna when a woman suffered a serious medical event on Saturday afternoon.

Pilot Barry Vincent said an

86-year-old woman from the area was flown to Rotorua Hospital in a serious condition.

The St John flight paramedic began treatment immediately upon arrival, assisted by a

Murupara ambulance crew.

The woman was stabilised before the helicopter, used due to the woman's remote location and the critical nature of her condition, left Rotorua.