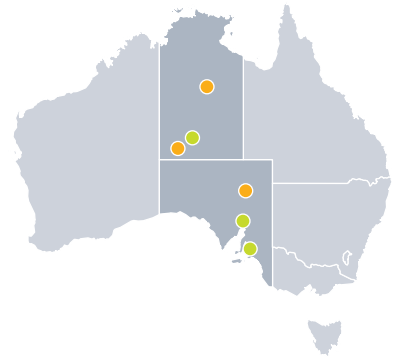




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# From the Chairman & CEO



**DAVID HILLS**  
Chairman



**JOHN LYNCH**  
Chief Executive Officer

**We are truly excited to be celebrating our 80th Anniversary since the Reverend John Flynn's vision of a 'mantle of safety' across this vast land became reality.**

Today our vital emergency services and life-saving care remain in earnest while, in more recent years, the RFDS has expanded its mission to also provide excellence in primary healthcare to all Australians.

For some time we have employed a Community Health Nurse for the health clinics with our general practitioners, and we have also been able to negotiate with the Department of Health the employment of a Mental Health Nurse to address the needs of patients in rural and remote areas, working in collaboration with remote area psychiatrists.

Today, the RFDS delivers via direct provision or facilitation a relevant and robust Primary Care Outreach Program whereby clinic flights depart from Port Augusta nearly every day of every week providing rural and isolated communities with regular access to general practitioners, physiotherapists, diabetic educators, occupational therapists, mental health workers and speech pathologists.

In partnership with the State Government we are the provider of First Aid Courses for individuals as well as providers/facilitators of Remote Emergency Training programs for GPs throughout the State in conjunction with the Rural Doctors Workforce Agency.

We are delighted to have secured sponsorship from BHP Billiton to fund an Aboriginal Health Coordinator who works with our primary care team, Port Augusta Hospital, and the communities themselves, to provide best practice admission, care and discharge planning.

Central Operations also broke new ground in the area of 'preventative' health care when it developed and launched its Healthy Living Program last year aimed at reducing rates of illness relating to low exercise levels and poor diet such as diabetes and cardiovascular disease.

Collectively, these developments coincide with the broad strategic vision for our organisation to be a robust and pro-active provider of health services aiming to address the ever-changing needs of all Australians.

It was in 2001 that we also standardised our fleet of aircraft to the Pilatus PC-12. Over the next four years we will undertake a program of replacing five aircraft which were initially acquired as part of this program in 1995/96.

In addition to aircraft, we have also invested \$6 million to develop the new facility at Port Augusta, refurbishments to our Adelaide operations and the maintenance of staff accommodation where provided.

Planning is now under way for upgrades in Alice Springs, both to our hangar facility and tourist precinct.

From a human resource perspective, we have introduced a Threat and Error Management Program which provides a systematic approach to recognising the roles of every discipline across our organisation, maintaining patient outcome as the priority.

We have also conducted, in conjunction with the University of SA, an assessment of the risk of fatigue within our workforce. As a result, additional crews to meet roster availability and a better work/life balance for our staff overall have been employed.

It is a privilege to be part of this truly iconic Australian organisation. We are indeed fortunate to be able to wake up each morning and go to work with the knowledge that someone amongst our staff will make a difference to someone, somewhere that day.

On behalf of the organisation we thank you for being part of our extended family, and encourage you to stay with us on this journey into an exciting future.

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**FRONT COVER:** Port Augusta-based RFDS crew members Dr Alistair Miller, (Medical Officer), Trish Mansfield (Community Mental Health Nurse), Greg McNaughton (Pilot) and Christine Freeman (Community Health Nurse) prepare for another primary health clinic in the Gawler Ranges in March. (Image courtesy *The Australian*)

**RIGHT:** 'Wings on the Road' support vehicle driver and volunteer Robert McGibbon, Adelaide, waiting for the riders... you can tell where by the signs!



## Outback bike trek 'lands' \$20,000

**EIGHTEEN GRUELLING DAYS** of off-road cycling, 5am starts – and saddle sores – came to an emotional end when the 'Wings on the Road' outback bike trek was greeted by family and friends at the RFDS Adelaide Base on April 16.

The 10 volunteer riders touched the hearts of pastoralists in the far north of the state as they passed through and camped overnight at remote stations and historic townships as part of the 1700km journey from Alice Springs to Adelaide to raise funds for the RFDS.

The challenging bike trek followed the scenic Old Ghan train route which, fittingly, traversed three operating RFDS bases and health clinics at Alice Springs, Marree and Port Augusta.

The outback bike trek was the brain-child of two participating RFDS staff members, Phil Moran, Port Augusta Base Manager and George Karlis, General Manager of Safety Quality and Risk.

"We thought this would be a great thing to do during this, the 80th Anniversary of the RFDS," George said.

"And it has been an incredible experience. At every turn we were welcomed with open arms and given numerous large and unexpected donations.

"Near Hamilton Station we came across a bus load of British tourists who happily made donations and we enjoyed a road-side chat. Wherever we were, we found that the RFDS is deeply valued and highly regarded.

"As someone who works for the RFDS, it certainly makes you feel fortunate and honoured."

The team of cyclists also included two other RFDS staff from Port Augusta – Medical Officer Dr Andy Killcross and Pilot Esther Veldstra.

"We want to give our special thanks to the volunteers who formed our road support crew. They did an absolutely fantastic job, keeping us hydrated and fed and providing us with a constant stream of encouragement," George said.

"Our appreciation equally goes to our main sponsors Dick Smith, The Ghan, VO Whiting and Son, Prairie Hotel, Helen Taylor, North Point Toyota Port Augusta.

'Wings on the Road' riders Phil Moran, RFDS Base Manager Port Augusta, Dr Andy Killcross, RFDS Medical Officer, Port Augusta and Andrew Swain, Adelaide.



"And many thanks to the riders for their fundraising efforts, and to those who assisted us in any way including donations to the RFDS.

"The combined effort will raise around \$20,000 to support the vital work of the RFDS.

"That's a wonderful result, and we'll continue to be encouraged by that whilst we nurse our tired legs and saddle sores," George said.



# Taking GPs back to the bush

## THE ROYAL FLYING DOCTOR SERVICE

(RFDS) is doing its bit to keep doctors in the bush by offering a tremendous learning experience in rural and remote medicine.

RFDS Central Operations has collaborated with the Adelaide to Outback GP Training Consortium to implement a funded program where General Practice Registrars gain six to 12 months of valuable experience working with the RFDS.

Flying out for GP health clinics throughout remote areas of SA, taking telehealth calls, and being available for emergency retrievals are all part of the registrar experience, according to Dr John Setchell, General Manager of Health Services, RFDS Central Operations.

At present, in a unique collaboration between RFDS and general practitioners, registrars spend two days a week with the RFDS, and three days working in the Quorn general practice with Dr Tony Lian-Lloyd.

The first entrant to the program, Dr Scott Lewis, has since set up a practice at Wudinna

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on the West Coast (in a town which was without a permanent doctor for three years).

The most recent entrant, Dr Alex van Rooijen, is hoping to work in Pt Lincoln's general practice on completion of his registrar training and final exams later this year.

“We consider that the RFDS has a responsibility to help address doctor and nurse shortages that are currently threatening rural and remote Australia,” Dr John Setchell says.

“We feel proud of the wide range of educational and training programs that we offer. These range from medical student electives to registrar positions in their final post-graduate year.

“We believe by providing the RFDS experience in rural and remote medicine that we might help get medical staff back into the bush.”

Dr Alex van Rooijen, who is in his final year of the four-year post-graduate GP training program, began a six-month posting at the RFDS Port Augusta Base in February.

He says the RFDS is an interesting and worthwhile posting and he is enjoying it very much.

“I am learning lots about the logistics of medicine in rural and remote areas” Dr van Rooijen says.

He has flown out with the RFDS to locations such as William Creek, Glendambo, Oodnadatta, Maree, Marla, and Blinman on regular GP health clinics, as well as telehealth consulting (providing advice over the phone for non-urgent medical problems in remote areas).

“Some of the clinic work is very similar to working in a country town practice, however, the Aboriginal health issues are quite specific, such as skin and ear infections and uncontrolled diabetes,” he says.

“It has also given me a new understanding the logistics of medicine in remote areas, when it may be 500 kilometres-plus to the nearest hospital.”

Conducting health clinics in the restricted space of the plane has also been a new experience.

Dr Alex says he enjoys flying and working with the flight team, which also includes the pilot, a flight nurse, and a mental health nurse (which helps address an area of need that has been under-resourced in remote areas).

He has also really enjoyed seeing parts of SA he'd never seen and had met some very interesting people in remote SA.

“Often we are the only people they've seen for a week or so, so they're pleased to see us, and are most appreciative when we bring them copies of *The Advertiser* and the *Transcontinental*.”

# Marcia booked for 'Wings' Ball

**EIGHTY YEARS OF THE** Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS) is cause for a celebration – a very big celebration!

So, dust off your finest bling and get ready to burn up the dance floor as you 'shake your groove thing' to disco hits like Blame it on the Boogie at the 2008 RFDS Wings for Life Ball – Adelaide Entertainment Centre, Saturday 28 June.

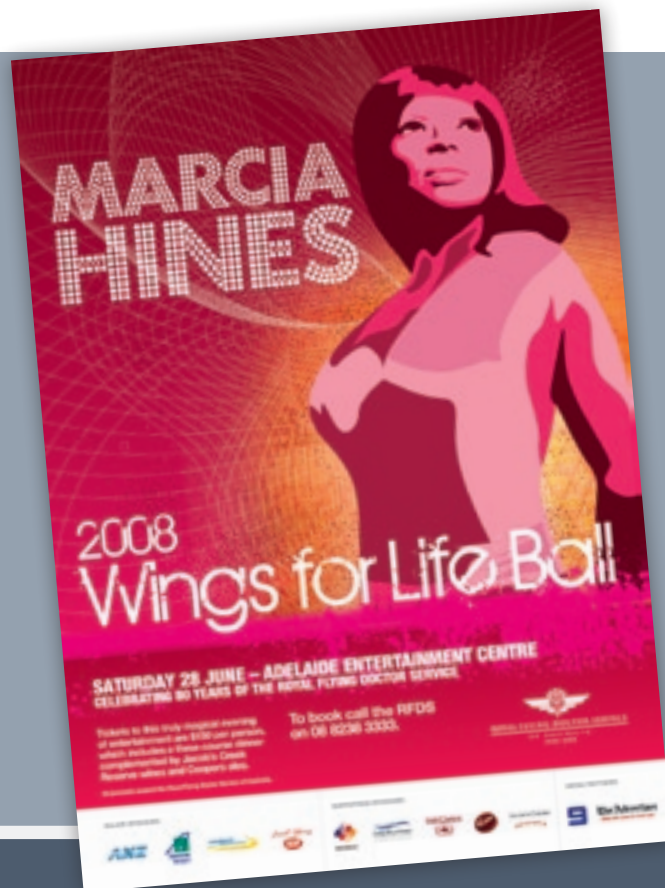
One of Adelaide's biggest charity events of the year, guests to this year's ball will be entertained by Australia's Queen of Pop and ARIA Hall of Fame inductee – Marcia Hines.

With a career spanning four decades and 11 top 40 hits, Marcia is a true icon of the Australian music industry. In her own words, Marcia has had a remarkable life – and she's still living it!

The evening includes a delicious three-course dinner complemented by SA's finest beverages with wines from the Jacob's Creek Reserve collection and quenching ales from Coopers Brewery.

For this event to take place we must extend our sincere thanks to our event sponsors ANZ, Adelaide Airport, Candetti Constructions and IGA; supporting sponsors Sportsmed SA, Deep Blue Water Communication and The Ghan; and media partners Channel 9 and *The Advertiser*.

**HURRY!** Tickets to this event won't last. To secure your ticket please call the RFDS on 08 8238 3333.



## Last 380 up for grabs



Charlie Paterson, RFDS General Manager of Marketing & Public Relations, accepts the Mitsubishi 380 from MMAL Chief Executive Officer Robert McEniry.

**ONE OF THE** last Mitsubishi 380s manufactured in Australia will be sold to the highest bidder at the 2008 Wings for Life Ball.

A star lot already booked for the live auction at this year's ball, the donated 380 was the fourth last vehicle to come off the production line at Mitsubishi Motors Australia Limited's (MMAL) Tonsley Park plant in March this year.

MMAL Chief Executive Officer, Robert McEniry, said the Royal Flying Doctor Service is an iconic Australian institution that is responsible for saving thousands of lives

throughout the country every year.

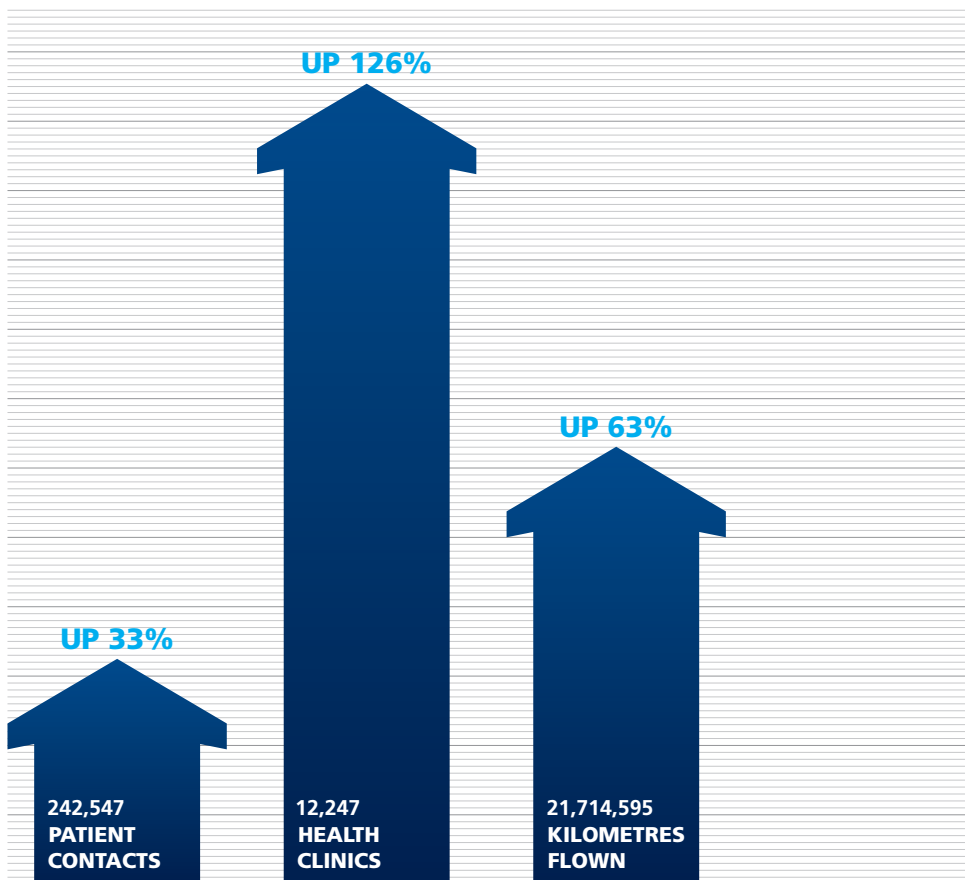
"We believe this bequest, together with our five-year sponsorship of the Australian Olympic Committee, genuinely reflects the Mitsubishi family's true sense of community and citizenship both nationally and in South Australia," Mr McEniry said.

Another star lot in the auction, donated by Great Southern Rail, is a trip for eight people in the Chairman's carriage – The Ghan's luxury suite – from Adelaide to Darwin valued at \$18,000.

# Would John Flynn recognise the RFDS of today?

## RFDS: The Past 10 Years

1998/99 to 2006/07 inclusive (National statistics)



## In its first year of operation, the 'Flying Doctor' flew 28,000 kilometres and provided medical assistance to 255 patients. It was a promising start, but even its founder would not have envisaged the expansion and vital contribution of the service over its 80 years.

**IT WAS MORE THAN** 80 years ago when Reverend John Flynn announced to a largely disbelieving world his plans for protecting the health and well-being of the people of the Australian Inland.

His vision was to service the medical needs of the inlanders with doctors arriving by aeroplane, landing on airstrips situated in the most inaccessible locations, and summoned by a radio network stretching across the continent.

Bearing in mind that aviation at this time was in its infancy, remote airstrips were non-existent and the pedal radio system had yet to be invented, it must have seemed like the stuff of science fiction.

But 80 years is a long time, a veritable lifetime, and incredible advances in every part of RFDS operations – health, aviation and communications – have occurred, particularly over the past decade.

Aircraft developments, for example, have seen great changes. Speed, pressurisation, the ability to fly above turbulence and travel longer distances, larger cabins and integrated medical fit-outs have greatly improved the level of patient care possible as well as the comfort and safety of both patients and flight crews.

It is amazing to compare our present-day flying intensive care units with the fabric-covered de Havilland DH-50A bi-plane shown on the Australian \$20 bill which carried the first "flying doctor" on 17 May 1928.

But surely the change most likely to surprise John Flynn today would be the sheer size – and reach – of the RFDS nationally. Starting with a single aircraft operating out of Cloncurry, the RFDS now boasts a fleet of 47 aircraft operating from 21 aviation bases spread right across the country.

In addition to its three bases at Adelaide, Alice Springs and Port Augusta, RFDS Central Operations also operates three additional primary healthcare facilities – Marree Health Service, Ayers Rock (Yulara) Medical Centre and the Tennant Creek Health Clinic.

These facilities complement RFDS training programs for First Aid

and GP Emergency Medicine, as well the integration of specialist Aboriginal Health Coordinator and Community Mental Health Nurse roles into the regular GP health clinic flights to isolated and remote stations and communities.

Successful development of the Rural Women's GP Service, which last year enabled 83 female GPs to consult more than 15,000 patients at 293 clinic locations across Australia, has also firmly consolidated the RFDS as a quality provider of primary health services for women in rural and remote areas.

In addition, Central Operations broke new ground in the field of 'preventative' healthcare last year when it launched its Healthy Living Program. The program aims to reduce rates of illness relating to low exercise levels and poor diet – such as diabetes and cardiovascular disease – by empowering individuals to develop healthy living principles through training and regular access to important health education.

Nationally, over the past decade, there has been a 33 percent increase in the number of patient contacts to 242,547 in 2006/07, with the number of healthcare clinics conducted up 126pc over the same period.

And we're flying a lot further too. The number of kilometres flown by the RFDS has increased 63% over the past decade to 21 million kilometres – that's one and a half times around the world every day! Compare this to the 28,000km flown in 1928 – about the same as today's busy family car.

Surely even the visionary John Flynn could not have imagined such a robust and technologically sophisticated organisation that is today's RFDS.

We carry forward the fine tradition established in Flynn's own time, conquering the daily challenge to overcome distance and difficulty and reach into the most remote parts of our country with a vital helping hand.



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# A dream becomes reality

**On May 17 we will celebrate the 80th Anniversary of the first flight of Reverend John Flynn's Aerial Medical Service. In the following extracts from his book, John Flynn, Ivan Rudolph captures the story of the fortuitous turn of events which silenced the critics and set the course of history.**

**THE YEAR 1927** was a time of frantic activity for the Reverend John Flynn, who set Easter of 1928 as the date for the experiment to commence. He chose this period deliberately; its symbolism was not lost on Australians.

A major decision remained to be made and that was where to base the "flying doctor". In the absence of a radio network, the base would have to be somewhere with telegraph and telephone facilities, to enable those few pioneers with access to these to call him.

Cloncurry, in Western Queensland, was a possibility because it had a government hospital to which the flying doctor might ferry seriously ill patients.

From Cloncurry, where QANTAS already had an aerodrome, the flying doctor could service an area as big as New South Wales, not only for emergencies but with "clinic runs" to townships that had a reasonable population but no resident doctor.

Before a final decision could be made in favour of Cloncurry, its suitability would need to be determined by a visit, a task Flynn asked Andrew Barber and Dr George Simpson to undertake.

When they finally reached Cloncurry, Mr Barber wasted no time in calling a public meeting in the shire hall. Most who attended showed great enthusiasm for the scheme, though some questioned whether it was really necessary. The issue of safety was also raised. Dr Simpson addressed it eloquently:

"Flying is much safer than horse, camel or motor car, as has been proven in your very own skies by the same QANTAS that will be transporting your flying doctor. Added to that, the extra speed and comfort of flying could well save your life or the life of a loved one."

Amazingly the very next morning brought a crisis that encompassed the very question brought up at the meeting. A miner in Mount Isa had a serious accident, injuring his spine and breaking his pelvis.

To transport him 140 miles by car along rough roads to the Cloncurry Hospital would have been torture, perhaps even fatal. QANTAS was asked to fly a rescue mission to Mount Isa. When Dr Simpson heard of this from Norman Evans, the QANTAS pilot, he offered to go with him to help. Evans accepted gratefully.

The news flashed through the community. Here was a real-life test of whether a flying doctor could be any good. The locals wanted to evaluate the outcome.

On arrival at Mount Isa, Dr Simpson examined the injured man. Evacuation to Cloncurry was imperative, but the mail plane standing by was not fitted out for this. Dr Simpson made adjustments so that a stretcher could be accommodated, and ensured it should be safely anchored by arranging extra supports.

Then he carefully directed the loading of the suffering man onto the aircraft and attended him during the flight. He was delighted at how comfortably the patient travelled. ("Fortunately no one saw



The 'Victory': one of two de Havilland DH-50A aircraft chartered from QANTAS by John Flynn's Aerial Medical Service from 1928–1934.

that I was horribly airsick," the doctor reported to Flynn.)

On landing at Cloncurry, Dr Simpson accompanied the miner in an ambulance to the government hospital, where he recovered.

Happily for Flynn, he was very vocal about his experiences: "I suffered sheer hell, agony," he told everyone, "but that was while I was in the ambulance. Red dust had blown in drifts across the road and we had to crash through these like a boat through waves, spraying dust in all directions.

"Every jolt sent me through the roof with pain. In the air, though, it was like heaven: it was smooth and painless in comparison."

Flynn placed an advertisement in the Medical Journal of Australia for 24 December 1927. The salary offered to the successful applicant was £1,000 for the year, plus travel expenses and insurance cover. This compared well with other job vacancies for doctors.

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Flynn was pleased to receive 23 replies, most from doctors saying they wished to do something "worthwhile".

"How successfully can a doctor make the transition from the soft life of a city practice to the harsh life of the Outback?" Barber wondered. "We're about to find out," Flynn replied.

Dr Welch was taken aback by the media attention he received on his appointment. Flynn had done the job well and newspapers glamorised this "history-making" first flying doctor.

Arthur Affleck was chosen as the Flying Doctor Service pilot because he was brave and skilful, and also sensible and cautious. Furthermore, he had flown the mail run for QANTAS and was familiar with the localities, a vital attribute.

On 17 May 1928, the day of Dr Welch's arrival in Cloncurry, the first call came to which he needed to respond by air. It was from Julia Creek, 85 miles away.

Captain Affleck cranked the propeller of the Victory until the engine fired. He secured his flying goggles, gave Dr Welch a "thumbs up" and clambered aboard. Flynn's dream was about to become reality.

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# Vice-Regal Visit

**ON THURSDAY APRIL 3**, the Adelaide Base received a visit from the National Patrons of the Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS), Their Excellencies, the Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, Major General Michael Jeffery and Mrs Marlena Jeffery.

During their visit, the official party enjoyed a tour of the Adelaide facility and RFDS Pilot Chris Thompson and Senior Flight Nurse Rosemary Moyle guided Their Excellencies through one of our medically-equipped Pilatus PC-12 aircraft.

The morning concluded with a wonderful morning tea provided by the RFDS Adelaide Auxiliary and a chance for RFDS Board members, management and staff to speak personally with the Governor-General and Mrs Jeffery.



Governor-General Michael Jeffery speaks with Adelaide-based RFDS Pilot Chris Thompson and Senior Flight Nurse Rosemary Moyle.

# Stars sparkle at Wilpena Pound

**THE BEAUTY OF WILPENA POUND** was once again on display during the 13th Annual Wilpena Under the Stars on March 1. Perfect weather conditions and a magical sunset greeted the almost 550 guests as MC Troy Gray introduced entertainment from bands Dragon and Acoustic Juice who kept the 'huge' dance floor bouncing all night.

Julie Taddeo, Craddock Hotel, once again served guests a delicious meal complemented by the finest beverages from our wonderful friends at Jacob's Creek and Coopers Brewery.

We thank our events sponsors, ANZ Bank, Flinders Power and Heathgate for their generous support and loyalty over many years.

We also acknowledge our auction item donors for their generous contributions, in particular the Yamaha Motor Company for their donation of an ATV which generated the highest auction bid of \$5300 from Brent Boardman, Salisbury North.

A polished propeller blade from one of our Pilatus PC-12 aircraft was knocked down by Elders and guest auctioneer Chris Howie to Kym Darcy, SA General Manager, ANZ, for \$3000.

We thank everyone involved, including our volunteer organising committee who, with the assistance of RFDS staff, staged another outstanding night of celebration.



Wilpena guests enjoying the glorious sunset over the ranges at Wilpena Pound.

# Auxiliaries & Support Groups

A poppy flower bed at Walter and Kay Duncan's 'The Heritage Garden', Sevenhill.



## **RFDS CLARE SUPPORT GROUP**

The Clare Support Group had another very busy year of fundraising, donating \$11,000 from the year's activities. The biggest fundraiser being the Open Day at 'The Heritage Garden', Sevenhill, the home and garden of Walter and Kay Duncan. This was another outstanding success with people coming long distances to sit and enjoy the beautiful garden while listening to the band 'Tamarisque' play. A big thank you to Walter and Kay for their continued support.

## **BURRA COMMUNITY**

The Clare members recently met with new RFDS members from Burra who have recently joined the Support Group. A luncheon was held at the Mt Bryan Hotel where everyone enjoyed coming together. If you are a resident of Burra, and would like to become involved, please phone Kay Boulger on 08 8842 3981 for details. New members always welcome.

## **RFDS COPPER COAST & DISTRICT SUPPORT GROUP**

The RFDS Copper Coast & District Support Group held their AGM in April. The group has raised a commendable \$32,000 in three years and work tirelessly to support RFDS. Souvenir sales, Field Day, raffles, Kadina Show, Moonta Antiques and Collectable Fair, are some of the many events attended.

## **NEW SUPPORT GROUPS**

RFDS Bungaree Station Support Group held its inaugural meeting in April, and it will hold their first fundraising activity with a Country Music Festival at Bungaree Station on August 15–17. A variety of Country Music artists will keep everyone entertained. Accommodation is available or you can bring your own caravan. Please phone Bob on 08 8842 2912, or Barry on 08 8837 3407 for more information and bookings for the weekend.

RFDS Marree Support Group was formed in March and have already held their first fundraiser, a BBQ and auction to welcome the "Wings on the Road" Outback Bike Trek (see story page 3). The community of Marree also held a cricket match the previous week to raise funds for the riders. For further information about joining this new "fun in fundraising" group, please ring Janine on 08 8675 8347.

# RFDS Open Days

**ROYAL FLYING DOCTOR SERVICE** (RFDS) bases across Australia will host open days on Sunday, May 18 to raise awareness about the organisation's vital life saving operations.

Held in conjunction with RFDS Week, RFDS Central Operations will host open days at its three operating bases located at the Adelaide, Port Augusta and Alice Springs airport precincts.

Open to the general public, the events are free and are being held from 11am until 2pm.

RFDS medically-fitted aircraft will be on display at the hangars to give people a greater appreciation of what the aircraft's dimensions are like, as well as the medical equipment which turns them into, effectively, a flying intensive care unit.

Other attractions will include old and new equipment and memorabilia, plus staff and crew, such as pilots, nurses and engineers, will be on hand to tour visitors around the aircraft.

Refreshments and merchandise will be available.

# Upcoming 2008 Events

## **RFDS 80TH BIRTHDAY**

Thursday 15 May (80 years since the proclamation of the Aerial Medical Service).

## **RFDS BADGE DAY**

Friday 16 May – Keep an eye out for our RFDS collectors right across South Australia. Phone Jan Ward on 08 8238 3333.

## **FLYING DOCTOR DAY**

Friday 16 May – RFDS Primary Schools program. Phone Ross Curtis on 08 8238 3333.

## **RFDS OPEN DAYS**

Sunday 18 May – RFDS bases at Adelaide, Port Augusta and Alice Springs will be open to the general public between 11am and 2pm. Phone the RFDS on 08 8238 3333.

## **RFDS WINGS FOR LIFE BALL**

Saturday 28 June – Tickets available by calling the RFDS on 08 8238 3333.

## **LUNCH WITH TIM FISCHER**

Friday 8 August – Lunch with National Board Chairman at the RFDS Port Augusta Base, 12.30pm for 1pm. Phone Helen Taylor on 08 8642 4203 or Jim Langdon on 08 8642 4584.

# 80th Anniversary lapel badge

**IN CELEBRATION OF** the 80th Anniversary of the Royal Flying Doctor Service of Australia we offer you an opportunity to own a unique piece of Australian history.

Don't miss out on this limited edition RFDS 80th anniversary lapel badge, produced to commemorate the very first Flying Doctor flight on 17 May 1928 and the Reverend John Flynn's dream of bringing a 'mantle of safety' to the Outback became a reality.

Help us celebrate in 2008, order your nine carat gold plated lapel badge today and wear it with pride knowing that every day you help save lives across Australia! Hurry, stocks are limited!



Each badge is luxuriously presented in a velvet pouch

**SIZE:** 40mm x 18.4mm  
**PRICE:** \$10 (plus \$2 postage & handling)  
**ORDER:** Call the RFDS on 08 8238 3333