

Thursday 3 March 2016

The Honourable Linda Dessau AM, Governor of Victoria officially opens Royal Flying Doctor Service Richmond office

The Royal Flying Doctor Service Victoria was pleased to have The Honourable Linda Dessau AM, Governor of Victoria officially open the new RFDS Victoria Richmond office on Thursday 3 March 2016.

Taking place at RFDS Victoria's new offices in Richmond, with Board Members, major donors, corporate supporters, guests, volunteers and staff members of RFDS Victoria, The Governor of Victoria toured the new office, before speaking about her Patronage of the Flying Doctors and declaring the office open with a plaque unveiling and morning tea.

RFDS Victoria Chief Executive Scott Chapman said we are extremely grateful of The Governor's patronage of the Royal Flying Doctor Service Victoria.

"Today is about recognising the long standing history the Flying Doctors has here in Victoria, where it all began with Rev John Flynn in 1928, who raised money in Victoria to establish and provide aeromedical services to remote locations across Australia.

"The Governor of Victoria and His Honour Judge Howard became Patrons of RFDS Victoria last year and we are extremely grateful to be able to continue this tradition since that has been running since 1940 with previous Governors of Victoria being patrons of the Royal Flying Doctor Service Victoria," Mr Chapman said.

Since 1928, the RFDS has grown to provide over 64,600 patient transports in 2015 with its 66 aircraft and a range of Primary Health Care services that has conducted 161,000 health clinics throughout Australia.

"Very encouragingly, the RFDS has been voted as Australia's most reputable charity five years in a row," Mr Chapman said.

In Victoria, the RFDS provides a number of primary health care clinics, which include Mobile Eye Care clinics, Rural Women's GP services, Mobile Dental Care, Diabetes Telehealth Services and non-emergency patient transport services. These services are provided in rural and regional areas of country Victoria.

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ABOUT THE ROYAL FLYING DOCTOR SERVICE VICTORIA

The not-for-profit Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS) has been taking the finest care to the furthest corners of Australia since 1928. The service provides 24 hour emergency cover to 80% of the Australian continent, via a modern fleet of specially equipped aircraft. Within Victoria, the RFDS delivers air and road patient transport and a number of Primary Health Care programs like dental, eye care, rural women's GP and diabetes telehealth programs.