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## Flying Doctor Dental Clinic visits Birchip

People living in Birchip and surrounding areas who don't have easy access to a dentist can access the Flying Doctor Dental Clinic at the Birchip Hospital from Tuesday 12 – Friday 22 January 2016.

The Flying Doctor Dental Clinic is a partnership between Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS) Victoria, Dental Health Services Victoria and the Australian Dental Association Victorian Branch.

RFDS Victoria General Manager Primary Health Care Margaret Kuhne said anyone who is eligible for public dental can get a check-up and treatment in our mobile van, the 'Flying Doctor Dental Clinic'.

"The Flying Doctor Dental Clinic offers screening, oral health education and treatment for eligible community members who live more than 50 kilometres from a public dental clinic, or for people who live in areas that have been identified by their local dental clinic or Dental Health Service Victoria (DHSV) as requiring outreach services," Mrs Kuhne said.

### Who is eligible for treatment in the Flying Doctor Dental Clinic?

- Children 0 – 12 years
- Young people 13 – 17 years who have a Health Care or Pensioner Concession card or are dependents of concession card holders
- Adults aged 18 years and over, who have a Health Care or Pensioner Concession card or are dependents of concession card holders
- Refugees and asylum seekers

"RFDS Victoria's dental team recently visited Birchip's school, kindergarten and aged care facility in November 2015 to perform a number of dental check-ups. Since these initial dental checks, we are making bookings for those that require treatment. However, anyone who is eligible for the Clinic can book an appointment through the Flying Doctors," Mrs Kuhne said.

### Flying Doctor Dental Clinic details-

**Where:** East Wimmera Health Service, Birchip (26 Duncan St, Birchip)

**When:** Tuesday 12 January until Friday 22nd January 2016

To make an appointment or to find out more please contact the Flying Doctor Dental team on (03) 8412 0444 or [dental@rfdsvic.com.au](mailto:dental@rfdsvic.com.au).

The Flying Doctor Dental Clinic will be returning to East Wimmera and surrounding towns later in the year.

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