

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **Goldfields Children Charity Ball raises critical funds for the RFDS**

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On Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March, the annual Goldfields Children Charity Ball was held in Kalgoorlie, raising an incredible \$120,000 for the Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS).

The “after dark” theme saw the Goldfields Oasis Recreation Centre transformed for an evening of celebrations attended by nearly 1,000 people.

“The RFDS is extremely grateful for the support it has received from the Goldfields Children Charity,” said RFDS Executive General Manager Corporate Affairs, Nick Harvey. “The generosity of the Goldfields community members who attended the ball on the night will now enable us to purchase vital medical retrieval equipment and continue to provide our life saving services.”

The RFDS has a significant presence in the Goldfields region, with over 1,200 patients being transferred from the region in the past year alone.

“Of the patients we retrieved from the Goldfields in the past twelve months, 180 were children under the age of 15 – with 36 of those being babies aged less than one month,” Mr Harvey said.

“Once again the Goldfields community has demonstrated their dedication to helping the RFDS, and thanks largely to the support we receive from the Goldfields Children Charity Ball, we can continue to ensure that these children will always receive the best medical care, even when they are far from reach.”

Chairman of the Goldfield’s Children Charity, Scott Gunson, said he was thrilled with the outcome of this year’s ball.

“We are so happy and proud of the Goldfield’s people for raising such a massive amount of money.

“Every cent will go towards directly helping children who require medical assistance in the region,” Mr Gunson said.

The RFDS provides emergency care, life saving outcomes, and health treatment and advice to almost 70,000 people in Western Australia every year and has done now in WA for over 80 years. To donate to the RFDS call 1800 669 569 or visit [www.flyingdoctor.org.au](http://www.flyingdoctor.org.au).

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