

**Friday March 27, 2015**

## **Goldfields locals to Swim Thru for the RFDS**

On Saturday April 18 the Goldfields Oasis Recreation Centre will be abuzz with teams competing in the 2015 Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS) Swim Thru.

This is the 14<sup>th</sup> time the Swim Thru event has been held, proving a huge success since it started in 1999.

Every two years, schools, community groups and businesses flock to the local pool to swim as many laps as they can within the eight hour timeframe, all in support of the RFDS.

“The RFDS Swim Thru aims to promote health and fitness, bring people together to enjoy a fun filled community focused event, and to raise vital funds for the RFDS in Western Australia,” event organiser Cathy Parker said.

“The event attracts a wide range of participants- we had a five year old in 2010, and a 75 year old in 2005,” she said.

“Most participants are not elite swimmers, rather health conscious community members who exercise in their community pools on a regular basis and wish to support the RFDS.”

This year the RFDS is celebrating 80 years of service in Western Australia, and with demand for services at record levels, with 35,000 patients assisted in WA last year alone, the RFDS relies on events such as the Swim Thru as well as community and corporate support to ensure those in need can be assisted for another 80 years.

While the focus is on raising funds and awareness for the RFDS, there are plenty of prizes up for grabs in the following categories:

- Highest fundraising team
- Most laps completed by a team
- Most Laps Completed by an Individual- solo or as part of a team
- Most Laps Completed Unassisted by a Team
- Most Laps Completed by a Junior Individual (14 yrs and under as part of a team)
- Best Team Spirit as voted on the day- best costumes & cheer squad

The event aims to raise \$25,000 for the RFDS and is supported by the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder and the RFDS Eastern Goldfields Auxiliary. Entry forms are available at the Goldfields Oasis Recreation Centre or at the event website [www.flyingdoctor.org.au/RFDSSwimThru](http://www.flyingdoctor.org.au/RFDSSwimThru).

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