

Media Release

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Going the Distance for Australians; Annette Allison honoured with OAM

Annette Allison, Victorian Public Affairs Manager for the Royal Flying Doctor Service, has been honoured with The Order of Australia in the General Division for service to the community through a range of organisations.

Miss Allison was a Board Member of RFDS Victoria from 2002 to 2005, following which she took up the role of Public Affairs Manager.

Other contributions by Miss Allison include serving on the Boards of Australian Centre for Moving Image, Aids Trust of Australia, Open Family Foundation, Victorian State Opera, and Opera Australia.

Miss Allison is also Patron of The Production Company, Inaugural Number One Lady Ticket Holder, Melbourne Football Club, '16 years' and was Ambassador, City of Melbourne, 1983. For ten years, Miss Allison was the host of Good Morning Melbourne that aired on Channel Ten.

RFDS Victoria Chief Executive Scott Chapman said; "We are very grateful for Annette's contributions. With her skills and charisma she has been a wonderful ambassador for the 'Flying Doctor'. Right now her dedication to the service sees her in Queensland leading her tenth 'Outback Tour' as she shares the history and workings of the service with supporters."

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ABOUT THE RFDS:

The Flying Doctors has been voted as Australia's most reputable charity for five years in a row and has been providing aero-medical assistance and primary health care services since 1928. RFDS Victoria delivers air and road patient transport, primary health care programs such as diabetes, mobile eye and dental care and rural women's GP services, as well as raising funds for emergency retrieval across Australia. Nationally the RFDS comes into contact with over 290,000 patients annually, or more than 800 every day, performs around 37,000 aeromedical evacuations and conducts about 15,000 healthcare clinics per year.

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