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Royal Flying Doctor Service opens its Kalgoorlie doors

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The Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS) will again open the doors to its Kalgoorlie Base this Saturday, 16th May for the annual RFDS Open Day.

The state's visitor centre will be open for tours, while local emergency service groups will be on display, along with food and craft stalls and plenty of activities for the kids, including arts and craft.

"This is a free family friendly event and we encourage everyone to come out to the base and learn how the emergency service providers work within our local community," said event organiser Cathy Parker.

"The community has the opportunity to see inside operational emergency service vehicles including one of the RFDS PC12 aircraft, which is fitted out as a flying intensive care unit.

"There will be pilots, nurses and doctors from the RFDS who will happily show visitors through the aircraft- it's such a unique opportunity to get a feel for the great service we provide, and meet some real heroes of the outback."

The Open Day is being held at the Kalgoorlie RFDS Base which is adjacent to the airport, and will be on this Saturday 16th May from 10am – 1.30pm.

For more information or to find out more about the Open Day, contact Cathy Parker on (08) 9093 7590 or email Cathy.Parker@rfdswa.com.au.

In 2014 alone, the RFDS transported almost 9,000 sick and injured patients by air across WA for treatment, and received almost 34,706 patient contacts for medical assistance and advice. Its pilots flew almost eight million kilometres and made over 16,000 landings – at times on dirt air strips or closed highways. This year, the RFDS in WA is celebrating 80 years of service.

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