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Trundle woman tackles Kokoda for a good cause

Brother and sister duo Laura and Matt Curtis always dreamt of conquering the 96 kilometre Kokoda Trek and in November last year they did just that, while also raising more than \$10,000 for the Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS).

"My brother Matt and I walked the Kokoda Trek because it was something we had both wanted to do," Laura said.

"I was so excited to see that it was also raising money for the Royal Flying Doctor Service because we both grew up in rural NSW and have a high appreciation for the RFDS and the work they do."

Learning more about the culture in Papua New Guinea, trekking through numerous villages and crossing the finish line were highlights of the trip for Laura.

"After crossing the finish line, I was overwhelmed knowing that I had completed such a long and enduring track," she said.

"I was so proud of both my brother Matt and myself, I couldn't have done it without him."

"Without the support of people like Laura and Matt, the RFDS wouldn't be able to deliver the finest care to the furthest corners," Prue Steel, RFDS South Eastern Section Senior Community Fundraising Coordinator, said.

"We are always in awe of people like Laura and Matt; their passion and generosity is inspirational and they make such an important contribution to the work the RFDS does," she said.

"In 2017 we're inviting community members to fundraise and join us for an outback adventure in the Northern Territory so if anyone wants to follow Laura and Matt's lead we'd love to hear from them.

"You can visit www.flyingdoctor.org.au/nswact/events to find out more information."

In addition to Laura and Matt, 14 other participants took part in the Kokoda Challenge for the RFDS, raising more than \$139,000.

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The not-for-profit Royal Flying Doctor Service has been taking the finest care to the furthest corners of Australia since 1928. The service provides 24 hour emergency cover to 90% of the Australian continent, via a modern fleet of specially equipped aircraft. In the past year, the South Eastern Section facilitated almost 4,500 clinics, took over 5,500 telehealth calls, had over 49,100 patient contacts and transported almost 8,200 patients.

