



Media Release

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Dubbo Open Day to celebrate 80 years of the Royal Flying Doctor Service South Eastern Section

The South Eastern Section of the Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS SE) will open the doors of its Dubbo Base to the public on Sunday, 25 September. The Open Day will celebrate the founding of the Section 80 years ago. Entry is free and members of the public and supporters will be invited to tour the education centre, take an exclusive look behind the scenes and meet RFDS pilots, flight nurses, dentists and other staff.

Highlights include demonstrations by RFDS SE medical teams and a historic display area. Also on show will be one of the new patient transport road vehicles, which directly connects patients from the Central West with RFDS flights to and from Sydney. There will also be a unique opportunity to get on board both a current RFDS SE Kingair aircraft- with full medical fit-out and the mobile education unit, a life-sized replica of one of our aircraft.

The Women in Aviation organization, which encourages women to follow their aviation dreams by providing networking, education and scholarship opportunities, will be joining in the day. Lisa Roper-Campbell, an RFDS SE pilot based at Mascot in Sydney, will be on hand to answer questions about life in the aviation world.

“While we are keen to recognise this anniversary, the emphasis of the Open Day is both a celebration of our history and the future of the Service” says Greg Sam, CEO of the RFDS SE Section.

“It’s been an exciting past twelve months in Dubbo. New services and facilities have come on-line as part of our strategy to reduce the well-documented gap in health and wellness between those living in remote, rural and regional areas and those in cities.”

“These and the other exciting developments we have in the pipeline would not have been possible without the Dubbo Support Group and the people of the Central West who have supported us since we opened the Base in 1999.”

“We feel honoured to have such a strong connection with the Dubbo community and on this special occasion would like to invite everyone to come along and see how the Base operates.”

Official limited edition 80th anniversary merchandise will also be available with a special 20% storewide discount on all merchandise on the day.

Face painting as well as various food and beverage stalls ensure this will be a great day out for all the family. The NSW Rural Fire Service, situated opposite the RFDS SE base, will also be welcoming visitors on the day.

Open Day:

Who: Greg Sam, CEO of the RFDS SE, RFDS SE pilot Lisa Roper-Campbell, Women in Aviation and the RFDS SE Dubbo Base team.

What: RFDS SE Section 80th Anniversary celebration including: Dubbo Open Day.

When: Sunday 25 September 2016, 10am to 2pm.

Where: RFDS SE Section Base, Coreena Road, Dubbo, NSW, 2830.

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ABOUT THE ROYAL FLYING DOCTOR SERVICE

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.

