



Media Release

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### A one-off weekend of Flying Doctor fun!

For the first time, the Sydney Male Choir will be performing an exclusive show in the Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS) Dubbo Base hangar to raise funds for the Flying Doctor.

"This is a unique opportunity to see a renowned choir in a very unusual setting. To see a choir of this calibre perform in a working aircraft hangar is once in a lifetime opportunity and best of all - the event is raising much needed funds to support the RFDS." said Greg Sam, CEO of the RFDS South Eastern Section (SE).

"Every year we look forward to throwing open the hangar doors to the Dubbo community, but this year we are delighted to have even more to offer with something for everyone; an evening with the Sydney Male Choir with drinks and canapés, followed by a free open day at the Base, where you can bring the kids and get on board a real RFDS aircraft."

"Supporting the Flying Doctor resonates strongly with us because we often travel to remote locations, and we understand how much communities in these areas rely on them," said Gary Withyman, President of Sydney Male Choir.

"The Sydney Male Choirs' main objective is to 'bring joy through song' - joy to us, as singers, and joy to our audience".

The choir will be joined by guest soloist Gavin Lockley. Lockley is a renowned Australian composer focused on creating and performing music that celebrates Australian history and culture, highlighted by his latest project 'King of the Air' a musical based on the life of Australian pioneer aviator Charles Kingsford-Smith.

Taking place on Saturday, 2 August, on the eve of the Dubbo Open Day, the concert will be the first time the Base has opened its doors to a musical performance.

Last year the SE Section of the RFDS flew over 5m km and performed over 8,500 aeromedical evacuations and inter-hospital transfers across an area twice the size of France. Everyday the Royal Flying Doctor Service takes the finest care to Australia's furthest corners so that those who live, work or travel in remote and rural Australia are able to access healthcare and medical assistance. The not-for-profit organisation relies on support from the community to help fund these services.

To book tickets to the concert visit [www.trybooking.com/FICW](http://www.trybooking.com/FICW) or phone 02 9941 8888

For more information on the open day go to [flyingdoctor.org.au](http://flyingdoctor.org.au) or call 02 9941 8888.

**Who: Sydney Male Choir and Royal Flying Doctor Service**

**What: A one-off weekend of Flying Doctor Fun**

**When:** **Day 1: Concert in the Hangar, with the Sydney Male Choir**

**Saturday, August 2:**

**Time: 7 – 9pm**

**Day 2: Dubbo Base Open Day**

**Sunday, August 3:**

**Time: 10am – 3pm**

**Where: Both events take place at RFDS Dubbo 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 flew the equivalent of 6.5 round trips to the moon as it facilitated over 4,700 clinics, took over 5,000 telehealth calls, had over 54,000 patient contacts and transported almost 8,600 patients.