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### **Six decades of volunteering for the Flying Doctor honoured**

The Royal Flying Doctor Service South Eastern (RFDS SE) Section is pleased to announce that one of our longest-serving volunteers, Mrs Jenny Treloar, of Wiawera Station (120km south west of Broken Hill), has received an award in the Order of Australia, announced today (26 January).

"I am delighted that Mrs Treloar has been honoured for an astounding six decades of volunteer work. Along with her husband, Keith, she has ensured the RFDS can land at their property for emergency evacuations, and, for almost half a century, she has also coordinated clinic days there. This has ensured that people from the surrounding area can receive essential emergency and primary healthcare from the RFDS SE Section," says Greg Sam, CEO of the RFDS SE Section.

Mrs Treloar began this work when her husband put in a landing strip at their property in the mid 50s, which enabled the Flying Doctor to evacuate people with serious injuries or illness and to later run regular clinic days, which were originally held at their homestead.

Over the decades Mrs Treloar's volunteer work for the RFDS SE has expanded to include becoming the coordinator for clinic bookings, taking down the names of people seeking appointments and booking them in with the appropriate medical practitioners, cleaning and setting up the demountable building which functions as the clinic, and also providing a spread of food for lunch for Flying Doctor staff and patients who would otherwise have to bring in their own supplies to this remote station. She has also been a long-time member of the Broken Hill Women's Auxiliary, which supports the RFDS, and she and her husband have been donors to the Service for many years.

"The many decades of volunteer work by Mrs Treloar has been absolutely vital in providing healthcare services to a remote region and the RFDS SE Section could not have provided these services without her incredible hard work and generosity," says Mr Sam.

"The Flying Doctor recognises that without our wonderful volunteers, people living in remote, rural and regional areas would not have these essential services. Mrs Treloar is to be congratulated on her award for her unflagging efforts to serve the healthcare needs of people of her area through her volunteer work. Her well-deserved award is a tribute to both her hard work and her generosity of spirit."

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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 5,000 clinics, took over 6,400 telehealth calls, had over 53,500 patient contacts and transported almost 8,500 patients.