



**Media release**

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## **Flying Doctor again named most reputable Australian charity**

Royal Flying Doctor Service of Australia (RFDS) Board Chair, Amanda Vanstone, thanked Australians for their trust in the Flying Doctor, following the release of today's 2014 AMR Charity Reputation Index, which for the fourth year in a row ranked the RFDS as Australia's most reputable charity.

The Charity Reputation Index surveyed 4,066 adults aged 18-64 in October 2014, asking survey participants about services, innovation, workplace, corporate citizenship, governance, leadership and cost management within national not-for-profit organisations.

Ms Vanstone said "The Flying Doctor says thanks. Our hard working health professionals, pilots, engineers, fundraisers, managers, and most importantly volunteers, are thrilled to have the continued support of so many Australians who once again have put their trust in the Flying Doctor.

"As a charity, the Flying Doctor is only able to deliver its care-by-air with the support of generous Australians - individuals, companies, and governments - who help fund our services. Without support, people in remote and rural areas risk having no health care at all," Ms Vanstone said.

In the last year, the RFDS has provided care to 282,000 people living in remote and rural Australia. Its services have included:

- 54,705 aeromedical evacuations from all parts of remote Australia
- 16,096 Medical and Nursing Clinics held regularly in remote towns and on private stations
- 82,305 Tele health consultations to residents of remote areas
- 75,314 aircraft landings

In addition to long established medical and nursing care services, the Flying Doctor also provides mental health programs, dental care, and eye care services. It provides transfer services between hospitals, and nutrition, physical activity, and wellbeing programs in different parts of Australia.

"In the lead up to Christmas, we encourage those who might be setting off on holiday into country Australia to have a great time, but also to take precautions. Each year around Christmas and the New Year we see increased risk on our roads," Ms Vanstone said.

"If you get into trouble, the Flying Doctor will be there to help, all day, all night, and every day of the year.

"If you want to help the Flying Doctor continue to help others this Christmas, visit [www.flyingdoctor.org.au](http://www.flyingdoctor.org.au) and help fund continued services for remote and rural Australians," Ms Vanstone concluded.



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