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OUR UNSUNG HEROES

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## RIO TINTO LIFEFLIGHT HAWKER JET RETIRES

More than a decade ago, Rio Tinto and RFDS recognised the critical need to invest in a jet aircraft that could deliver exceptional aero medical capabilities with extensive reach across all 2.5 million square kilometres of our state.

Since entering service in October 2009, the Rio Tinto LifeFlight Hawker jet travelled approximately 4.5 million kilometres and assisted nearly 2,500 critically-ill patients before being decommissioned in January this year.

### Patients retrieved by region:

Goldfields	25
Great Southern	21
Indian Ocean	286
Kimberley	1,309
Midwest	126
Perth metro	177
Pilbara	490
Overseas	2
Other (Interstate)	35
<b>Total patients</b>	<b>2,471</b>



## MESSAGE FROM OUR CEO

### What a momentous year 2018 was for the Flying Doctor in Western Australia!

We celebrated 90 years of service in Australia, hosted our ALTITUDE Ball in our Jandakot hangars for the first time and witnessed the historic touchdown of our first Rio Tinto LifeFlight PC-24 jet in December.

I had the great privilege of sharing our achievement of a world first for aero medical service with RFDS and Rio Tinto staff, our corporate partners and community supporters at arrival events held at our Broome and Jandakot hangars.

It was a rare and special opportunity to come together to celebrate a new chapter in RFDS history.

As we embark on the next generation of service, it's fitting that we reflect on the evolution of our service and celebrate our achievements that have been made possible by generations of community support.

In this 'Unsung Heroes' edition, we share some incredible stories of extraordinary West Australians, from city to country, who have actively supported the growth and expansion of our essential service – your Flying Doctor.

As our major fundraiser event Gibb Challenge returns in May for the thirteenth year in a row, we catch up with its founder Simon Rimmer and hear from his 'Gibbsters', who share

what our service means to them and their motivation to support us year after year.

The New Year saw us pay tribute to our Rio Tinto LifeFlight Hawker jet based at Perth Airport, the aircraft retiring after coming to the aid of nearly 2,500 patients during its decade-long tenure. The decommissioning of the Hawker jet, coupled with the arrival of the second Rio Tinto LifeFlight PC-24 jet marks the completion of our integrated fleet and signals a generational shift in RFDS capabilities.

The introduction of two PC-24 jet aircraft to our fleet is a significant contribution to WA's wider health and emergency services infrastructure. We're looking forward to having greater flexibility when tasking crews to reach more people and communities who need us the most.

On behalf of the team and our patients, thank you for your ongoing generosity and encouragement. I look forward to sharing more with you throughout the year as we continuously strive to deliver the best response and outcomes for our patients across the state.

**Rebecca Tomkinson**

Chief Executive Officer  
Royal Flying Doctor Service,  
Western Australia



**Royal Flying Doctor Service**



# ARRIVAL OF THE RIO TINTO LIFEFLIGHT PC-24 JET

**A WORLD FIRST FOR AERO MEDICAL SERVICE**

When the first of two Rio Tinto LifeFlight PC-24 jets made its historic touchdown at Broome International Airport on Sunday, 2 December, it was not only a cause for celebration, it was a testament to innovation and tenacity.

Arrival events were held at both the Broome and Jandakot bases, bringing together RFDS and Rio Tinto staff, dignitaries, and business and community leaders. Guests applauded and cheered as RFDS Western Operations chief pilot Albin Unger disembarked on home soil.

The RFDS' acquisition and medical fit-out of two PC-24 jets is a world first for aero medical service and an investment of \$26 million, funded with the support of our major partner Rio Tinto (\$10M) and the Commonwealth Government (\$4.5M).

Since the arrival of the jet in Western Australia, RFDS pilots, engineers and medical teams have undertaken a comprehensive training program to ensure the jet's seamless entry into service and integration into the Western Operations fleet.

The second LifeFlight PC-24 jet arrived in Western Australia last month. The jets will be housed at the RFDS Jandakot and Broome hangars.

To watch highlights of the Broome arrival event, visit [www.rfdstv.com.au](http://www.rfdstv.com.au).



Broome RFDS staff witnessed the historic touchdown of the Rio Tinto LifeFlight PC-24 jet as it landed in Western Australia for the first time.



RFDS ambassador Melva Stone, flight nurse Jo Smallshaw with RFDS board member Dr Ann Ward at Broome International Airport.



The interior of the PC-24 jet has the capacity for three stretchered patients and two medical teams.



RFDS chief pilot Albin Unger (leftmost) with our crew of LifeFlight PC-24 pilots at the Jandakot arrival event.



# CYCLING FOR A CAUSE

Those who have tackled it call it a life-changing experience. It's challenging, breathtaking and hilariously good fun. It's the kind of event that helps forge lifelong friendships.

The annual Gibb River Mountain Bike Challenge is on again this May. The 660-kilometre team relay event, which raises money for the RFDS, is run from Derby to El Questro, taking in some of our state's most beautiful and remote landscapes.

This year's event is the thirteenth challenge and, yet again, it has attracted people from across Australia who have a shared passion for adventure and raising funds for the RFDS.

## SIMON RIMMER – GIBB CHALLENGE FOUNDER



2019 is going to be stellar. The creation of the MTBA Fat Bike National Championships on Cable Beach as a prologue is the perfect platform to celebrate, Broome being the spiritual home of the Gibb Challenge. I love the country; getting back to the Kimberley each year is like a pilgrimage. It's somewhere you can't help but be Australian; camping, fellowship, physical endeavour and helping mates.

I can't imagine a better week, spent with 400 of your newest best friends. Most excitingly, and after all these years, our event is still part of the Argyle Diamonds Ord Valley Muster and will align with the Kimberley Moon Experience. Pack your dancing shoes Gibbsters; we're going to the biggest party in the Kimberley!

## MEET TEAM DOWNER EAGLES

Armed with a network of corporate sponsors and a unique fundraising strategy, team Downer Eagles rallied their supply chain partners to raise nearly \$150,000 for the Flying Doctor.

Team captain Mark Mackay, an Executive General Manager at Downer Group, had heard about the Gibb Challenge through word-of-mouth while living in Perth.

Mark's interest was piqued and despite being transferred interstate for work, he kept up to date by subscribing to the Gibb Challenge's mailing list.

"I noticed the RFDS was the beneficiary and Downer has a footprint in regional and remote Western Australia so I decided to flag it internally with the CEO and it took off from there," he said.

Once the team was formed, Downer Group engaged an exclusive list of sponsors, encouraging them to donate \$10,000 in return for exposure on social media and their company's logo being displayed on team jerseys and support vehicles.

Mark said the social value of the event and being off the grid were definite highlights.

"I've done corporate triathlons but the Gibb Challenge is one of a kind – I'd do it again in a heartbeat," he said.

"The mix of participants is really good and everyone had a Flying Doctor story to share which made the journey really meaningful.

"I was able to get to know my colleagues better outside of work, the pressure of work was switched off and we could just enjoy giving back to the community."

Mark said Downer Group had established a new team for the 2019 event, encouraging others to go the distance both physically and philanthropically.

"The response has been very positive, I think it's really important to pass the baton on and connect others in the business with the cause."



Team Downer Eagles



### MEET TEAM 'WONDER WOMEN'

After raising \$7000 for the RFDS in the 2018 Gibb Challenge, team 'Wonder Women' are back again to tackle the endless corrugations, dust, soft sand and water crossings along the Gibb River Road.

The Broome-based team of four friends were inspired to enter the Gibb Challenge after their partners returned from the 2017 event giving rave reviews.

One of the team, Roslyn, said: "The Gibb Challenge is one of those bucket list adventures which seems like a good idea when suggested over a few drinks down the beach!"

"Next thing you know, you've purchased the flash bike, the padded pants and have started fundraising for the RFDS.

"The reality hit us halfway through the first day when the easterly winds made the challenging terrain of the Gibb River Road even more gruelling."

Roslyn said completing the challenge was no easy feat, so they've been busy training in preparation for this year's event.

"Training has involved us riding out as a team to Roebuck Roadhouse, which is about 35 kilometres from Broome," she said.

"We have breakfast and we drive home.

"Some of the team are also members of the local gym and do indoor spin classes together.

"I have also been riding to school, but that is only about three-and-a-half kilometres so that doesn't really count.

"Living in Broome, we hear lots of stories of how the Flying Doctor has helped out people in their darkest hour. Luckily we haven't had to use the service, but it is reassuring to know they are there for us."



Representing Broome this year is team 'Gibb Groms' who are the youngest team to tackle the Gibb Challenge in the history of the event.



Last year, team 'Fat Bottomed Girls' from the Midwest raised a whopping \$36,500 for the RFDS.



Team Yiramalay, a school-based team from the Kimberley, took on the Gibb Challenge to raise community awareness and funds for their Flying Doctor.

### SUPPORT THE CAUSE

To get behind Simon Rimmer and his 'Gibbsters' as they take on Gibb River Road this May, visit: [www.mycase.com.au/events/thegibbchallenge](http://www.mycase.com.au/events/thegibbchallenge)

**Every dollar counts and will help to make sure we, WA's Flying Doctor, can continue to save and change lives.**

# MUSTERING SUPPORT FOR THE RFDS

Ben Pollard's work takes him to some of the most isolated places in Western Australia.

The 40-year-old businessman is the Director of Cadre Geology and Mining and manages geological consulting and contracting services to the global mining industry. He also co-owns a remote cattle station in Laverton, in the far northern Goldfields.

With that deep understanding of the vastness and remoteness of the state, and motivated to do good for the people and communities who live and work in these places, Ben has been a regular donor to the RFDS since 2015.

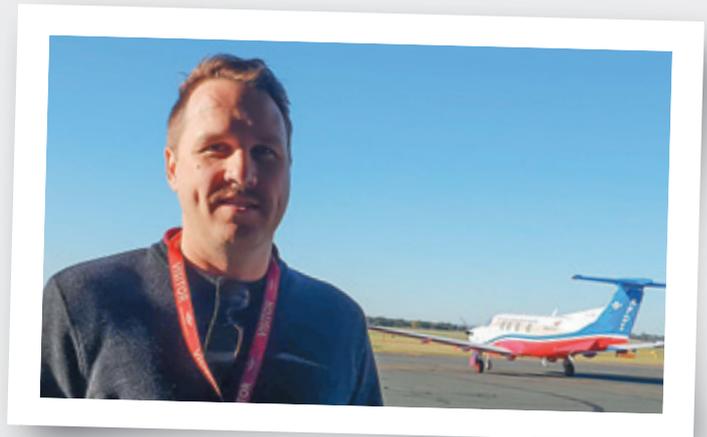
"We work off the grid, where we have to use a generator for power and satellite phones for communication," he said. "With the nature of the work we do, if anything were to happen, we have that peace of mind that the RFDS is there.

"If the RFDS wasn't available in Western Australia, I can imagine people would be hesitant to work in isolated areas where work opportunities are available."

Last year, while working as part of a cattle mustering team on the station, Ben witnessed firsthand the lifesaving work of the RFDS: a contractor was gored in the thigh by a bull, after a momentary slip-up.

"The experience really cemented in my mind the need to support the RFDS and that my contributions are ensuring the service is available well into the future, for the benefit of all West Australians."

To learn more about the RFDS Western Operations Regular Giving Program or to make a regular monthly gift, please call (08) 9417 6400 or email: [fundraise@rfdswa.com.au](mailto:fundraise@rfdswa.com.au).



Ben Pollard

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## RFDS COMMUNITY SUPPORT

We would like to thank all of our amazing volunteers, committees and community fundraisers who generously donate their time and effort to fundraising for the RFDS.

### With special thanks to:

- Ambassador – Melva Stone, OAM
- Busselton RFDS Volunteer Committee
- Dongara RFDS Volunteer Committee
- Flying 1000
- Friends of the Flying Doctor
- Geraldton RFDS Volunteer Committee
- Jurien RFDS Volunteer Committee
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- Mount Barker RFDS Volunteer Committee
- Narrogin RFDS Volunteer Committee
- Pannawonica RFDS Volunteer Committee
- Paraburdoo RFDS Volunteer Committee
- RFDS Eastern Goldfields Auxiliary
- RFDS Esperance Auxiliary

# Fond Farewell

Last year, we bade farewell to two of our longstanding and respected team members, former Director of Medical Services Professor Stephen Langford and Senior Engineer Greg Turner.

## PROFESSOR STEPHEN LANGFORD

When Stephen joined the RFDS in 1983, it was the beginning of a 35-year career dedicated to ensuring that West Australians living in regional and remote areas had access to essential health care.

He was appointed Director of Medical Services in 1985, and during his service he was instrumental in introducing countless medical and technological innovations that have enabled the RFDS to remain at the forefront of aero medical care.

He also played a vital role in acquiring the Rio Tinto LifeFlight Hawker jet in 2008, enabling RFDS teams to reach and treat critically ill patients faster.

In 2016, Dr Langford was awarded Western Australia's Local Hero of the Year, in recognition of his 32-year-long contribution to the RFDS and the people and communities of WA.

At Stephen's farewell, RFDS Western Ops Chair Sam Walsh said: "You have been a loyal and passionate advocate for our people, our organisation and its mission. We wish you all the best as you embark on a new chapter in your life. You will always be valued for your significant contribution in shaping this organisation."



## SENIOR ENGINEER GREG TURNER

After a 25-year career with the RFDS, Senior Engineer Greg Turner decided it was time to hang up his boots in December last year.

Looking back at his time with the RFDS, Greg said he had witnessed dramatic changes, including the installation of new infrastructure and the evolution of the Western Operations fleet – from piston-engine aircraft on short hops right through to the jet age.

"I'm very proud to have worked alongside some of the best engineers," he said. "Some of them I've worked with for more than 20 years and will be my friends for life."

"I will miss the great sense of camaraderie within the team and cherish the good memories and laughs we've shared."

Since leaving the RFDS Greg has been enjoying his retirement with family and friends and has plans to travel.

# RFDS WELCOMES TWO LEADING MEDICAL EXPERTS TO ITS BOARD

RFDS Western Operations is proud to announce the appointment of Director of Burns Service WA Professor Fiona Wood AM and McCusker Director of Lions Outback Vision Dr Angus Turner to its board.

Professor Fiona Wood is one of Australia's most innovative and respected surgeons and researchers. A highly skilled plastic and reconstructive surgeon and world-leading burns specialist, she has pioneered research and technology development in burns medicine.

Dr Angus Turner is a West Australian ophthalmologist based at the Lions Eye Institute. An Associate Professor at UWA, he is actively involved in the delivery of specialist outreach services to remote and indigenous communities in the Kimberley, Pilbara, Goldfields, Great Southern and South West regions.

RFDS Chair Sam Walsh said it was an exciting time to have both professors appointed to the board as

the organisation enters into the next generation of service.

"Professor Wood and Dr Turner bring a diverse set of strengths and experience in the field of medicine and innovation to the board," Mr Walsh said.

"We look forward to their insights to support us in our mission to revolutionise the health outcomes of people living, working and travelling across Western Australia."

**On behalf of our board, staff and patients, we'd like to extend our utmost gratitude to outgoing board member Erica Smyth AC for her invaluable contributions to the RFDS over the past nine years.**



*Professor Fiona Wood*



*Dr Angus Turner*

## RFDS Most Trusted Charity

The Royal Flying Doctor Service has confirmed its status as the country's most trusted charity, coming first in the 2018 Charity Reputation Index for the eighth year running.

RFDS WA Chief Executive Rebecca Tomkinson said the achievement was a fitting way to conclude the charity's ninetieth anniversary celebrations.

"The consistency of this result demonstrates the support and confidence in the Flying Doctor remains strong amongst the Australian community 90 years since the first flight in 1928," she said.

"With this support, the Flying Doctor will continue to grow and expand its services to meet future challenges and healthcare needs of West Australians."



# CORPORATE PARTNERSHIPS



## RIO TINTO SEES RFDS INTO NEXT GENERATION SERVICE

In 2008, Rio Tinto asked its Iron Ore employees what mattered most to them and what initiatives they would like the business to support.

The overwhelming response was ensuring health equality for all West Australians and supporting the Royal Flying Doctor Service.

Since then, the partnership has seen RFDS shift into the jet age with the introduction of the Rio Tinto LifeFlight Hawker 800XP jet in 2009 – the mining giant investing nearly \$12 million to enable the purchase, medical fit-out and operational costs during its decade-long tenure.

Further boosting the partnership in 2018, Rio Tinto has committed \$10 million over the next four years to fund RFDS' acquisition and fit-out of two Pilatus PC-24 jets – a world first for aero medical service.

The LifeFlight PC-24 jet aircraft boasts a top speed of 815km per hour, has the capacity to carry three stretchered patients and two medical teams and can land on rough airstrips.

In December last year, Rio Tinto Pilbara Mines Managing Director Stefan Buys, together with RFDS CEO Rebecca Tomkinson, witnessed and welcomed the historic arrival of the Rio Tinto LifeFlight PC-24 jet to Western Australia at Broome International Airport.

Mr Buys, speaking to a gathering of Rio Tinto and RFDS staff at arrival events held at both the Broome and Jandakot bases, said: "Technology plays a big part in our business so we're



especially proud to have supported the delivery of these new state-of-the-art PC-24 jet aircraft which will help the RFDS continue to serve regional and remote communities across the state."

Ms Tomkinson said RFDS is proud of its partnership with Rio Tinto which continues to grow to benefit all West Australians.

"This project would not have been possible without Rio Tinto's foresight and their courage," she said.

"Our partnership together delivers on our shared values of innovation, tenacity and that can-do Australian spirit."

## CORPORATE PARTNERSHIPS CONTINUED

### EVERYONE WINS WITH WORKPLACE GIVING

Workplace Giving is a very simple way to make small regular donations to the Flying Doctor. It's also extremely efficient.

ByrneCut Mining, for example, raised close to \$175,000 for the RFDS over the last financial year through Workplace Giving.

ByrneCut Mining is a large and internationally-renowned underground mining contractor in Australia, with a big presence across some of the most remote parts of WA – so they understand only too well the importance of the RFDS in a medical emergency.

Workplace Giving has enabled ByrneCut's team to donate automatically through the company payroll system. It means employees automatically receive their tax benefit and the RFDS receives essential funds to help people in need across the state.

On behalf of our staff and patients, a huge thank you to everyone at ByrneCut Mining for helping raise much needed funds for the RFDS. If you would like to know more about Workplace Giving, please call (08) 9417 6300 or email [partner@rfdswa.com.au](mailto:partner@rfdswa.com.au) for more information.

### FARMERS SHARE BUMPER YEAR WITH RFDS

The Newdegate Field Days are a not-to-be-missed event in the calendar for many farmers, businesses and other organisations in Western Australia.

For the RFDS, it's an opportunity to get out and about to meet people from across the state and hear their Flying Doctor stories. It's also a chance to promote and celebrate our long-standing partnership with another iconic regional organisation, CBH Group.

At the field days in September last year, CBH hosted an RFDS stand in their 'shed', giving RFDS ambassadors the opportunity to promote our partnership and our services.

Many farmers have chosen to donate grain to a number of charities through the CBH application, LoadNet. A huge thank you to those who have chosen the RFDS. Over the last year, we received more than \$7000.

Congratulations to so many of you on a bumper harvest season!



### ISLA'S NEW SPONSORS HELP KEEP GOLDFIELDS SAFE

The Goldfields region just became a little safer, thanks to a one-million-dollar sponsorship deal that will keep our newest PC-12 turboprop aircraft 'Isla' in the air.

The Goldfields Children's Charity (GCC) and the Shire of Leonora last year entered into a joint five-year sponsorship agreement with RFDS, contributing towards the aircraft's operational costs.

GCC and the Shire of Leonora will each contribute \$100,000 a year for the term of the agreement, which is the first of its kind for the RFDS.

The Shire of Leonora has recognised through this partnership that the RFDS is an essential health service provider to the region and the Shire's contribution will ensure the longevity of these services.

The PC-12 aircraft, named 'Isla' after a new character in the children's television show, Thomas the Tank Engine – will be based in Kalgoorlie when possible. Over the past decade, the Flying Doctor has retrieved nearly 12,000 patients from the Goldfields.

The Goldfields region has a large concentration of mining operations, heavy volumes of traffic on the roads, including road trains and other traffic crossing the Nullarbor Plain, as well as thousands of residents in towns as remote as Leonora and Esperance.

# FUNDRAISING EVENTS



## OUTBACK AIR RACE

**19TH – 31ST AUGUST 2018**

The 2018 Outback Air Race, sponsored by the Classic Safari Company, saw a record field of 40 light aircraft, pilots and their passengers raise nearly \$513,000 for the RFDS nationally.

Attracting teams from across the country and internationally, participants travelled 4000km from Archerfield Airport in Queensland to Broome, Western Australia over 12 days.

Race manager Stuart Payne said it was fantastic to have the event fully subscribed as the RFDS celebrated 90 years of service in Australia.

“This event provides competitors with a unique opportunity to raise much needed funds for Australia’s most iconic charity and to see the beauty of outback Australia from light aircraft,” Stuart said.

“Participants had the opportunity to visit outback centres and meet new people there, people who were so appreciative of the life-saving service the RFDS delivers.”

Participants travelled through towns including Bundaberg, Longreach, Mount Isa, Adele Grove, Daly Waters, Katherine and Kununurra.

The Outback Air Race, run every three years, is a GPS navigation time-trial where pilots are scored based on their ability to predict the time taken to fly each leg, and their accuracy at flying over visual start and finish points.



## THE GREAT SANDY CAMEL TREK

In May last year, Perth friends Steve Choate and Anthony Goyder embarked on an epic camel trek, crossing the Great Sandy Desert in a 1200-kilometre, 40-day marathon effort to raise funds for the Flying Doctor.

Anthony, a descendant of the famous explorer Peter Egerton Warburton, said the pilgrimage was partly a tribute to his ancestor. In 1872 Egerton Warburton successfully led an expedition of seven men and 17 camels from Adelaide across the arid centre of Australia to the coast of WA, via Alice Springs.

Having no prior animal handling experience, both Steve and Anthony spent more than a year learning how to train wild camels under the tutelage of Calamunnda Camel Farm owner Chris O’Hora.

The men began their trek at the top of Canning Stock Route, then travelled south for 600 km before heading up into the Great Sandy Desert for another 600 km and finishing at Eighty Mile Beach on the coast of WA.

When Anthony’s employer, Macquarie Bank, learnt of his journey, the company decided to match the duo’s fundraising efforts – bringing the total amount raised for the RFDS to around \$17,000.

## IGA PERTH ROYAL SHOW

The Royal Flying Doctor Service was delighted to have been invited to showcase its work at the 2018 IGA Perth Royal Show, held at the Claremont Showgrounds in September.

An interactive RFDS exhibit and a RFDS PC-12 model aircraft featured as part of the ‘Walk Through WA’ display at the Centenary Pavilion.

Plenty of Flying Doctor stories were swapped between RFDS staff and members of the public who visited the display.

We would like to thank the Royal Agricultural Society of WA for the opportunity to be involved with such an iconic and fantastic community event.



# THE ALTITUDE BALL 2018

Our Jandakot hangars were unrecognisable, as the movers and shakers of Western Australia attended the Flying Doctor's signature annual fundraiser gala ball, ALTITUDE, on Saturday, 13 October.

It was an immersive experience with two hangars transformed in order to take a 750-strong guest list of dignitaries, leading business and community leaders, and passionate supporters of the RFDS on a journey through time.

A vintage Fox Moth aircraft was the centrepiece in the 'old' hangar where guests mingled and enjoyed light refreshments before entering into the 'future' through a digitalised makeshift time-capsule tunnel.

Later international and local acts including Perth Symphony Orchestra, with their world-premiere David Bowie tribute, and Australia's favourite electro-pop dance duo Sneaky Sound System, entertained guests.

On behalf of our staff and patients across the state, we would like to thank our event sponsors — Gibbcorp, PremiAir Aviation and Ahrens. Without their support, ALTITUDE 18 would not have been possible.

We would also like to thank our event and prize partners, and each and every one of our donors, for contributing to our fundraising efforts.





The evening raised vital funds for the Flying Doctor, enabling us to continue delivering an essential service to people living, working and travelling throughout WA.



To see all the highlights, follow @altitudeball on Facebook and Instagram.

# FUNDRAISING HIGHLIGHTS



## GRAINKING BIN AUCTION

Innovative farm machinery manufacturer GrainKing auctioned a specially built, 40,000 litre Nyrex chaser bin at the Dowerin Field Day last year to raise \$60,000 for the RFDS.

The Nyrex chaser bin, which was internationally recognised for its innovation at the Swedish Steel Awards in May last year, was finished in the livery of the RFDS.

“Not only will the farmer be getting a great piece of machinery, they can also be proud of supporting a great Australian institution in the form of the RFDS,” GrainKing CEO Colin Jorgensen said.



## ON THE ROAD AGAIN TOUR

The annual ‘On the Road Again Tour’ for the RFDS ran for a week from October 6-13 last year. Last year’s tour saw participants and support crew embark on an eight-night fundraising adventure; with pit-stops in Dwellingup, Cuballing, Pingrup, Albany and Lake Navarino.

The 2018 tour raised over \$32,000, and since the event’s inception in 2010, OTRA has raised over \$478,000 for the Flying Doctor in Western Australia. A big thank you to the OTRA committee, participants, event sponsors and everyone involved in this event. Your support is greatly appreciated.



## PILBARA MUD RUN

More than 500 dirt-covered athletes took on the 2018 Pilbara Mud Run to raise funds for their Flying Doctor. Held at the Port Hedland Motorcycle Club track, the event attracted competitors from Port Hedland, Karratha, Newman, Tom Price and Broome. The 4km course featured monkey bars, rope climbs, mudslides, tyres, flooded tunnels, hay bales, inflatable obstacles, net crawls and numerous deep bog pits. Organisers said the event was an excellent opportunity for residents and non-residents to come together to socialise.



## WORLDFLIGHT PERTH

In November 2018, a team of Perth-based pilots and aircraft enthusiasts took part in the global WorldFlight challenge – a nonstop, week-long, virtual flight around the world in state-of-the-art 737 and 747 aircraft simulators.

Held in the first week of November each year, crews visit 45 airports and cover some 40,000 nautical miles. The Perth WorldFlight team raised \$12, 248 in 2018 and plans to beat the record in 2019.

Thank you WorldFlight for your ongoing generosity to the Flying Doctor.

# BE PART OF OUR NEW ERA

Your support has carried us far and wide.

We would not be able to continue the life-changing work we do without the generosity of individuals, community groups and businesses across the state.

Thanks to your support, thousands of Western Australians can be reassured that we will be there for them, wherever and whenever they need us. You're also helping to ensure that in 2019 we can continue to deliver the very best and most cost effective aero medical services to all who live, work and travel in our vast state.

These are just some of the ways you help us provide the finest care to more than 270,000 Australians each year, on the ground, in the air and on call.

## Individual Donations

Individual donations are the life blood of our organisation and warmly welcomed. Your donation will help us save and improve the lives of people living, working and travelling in WA.

There are many ways to donate:

Visit [www.rfdswa.com.au](http://www.rfdswa.com.au)

Email us at [fundraise@rfdswa.com.au](mailto:fundraise@rfdswa.com.au)

Call (08) 9417 6400.

## Fundraise for us

Some of our amazing fundraisers have created events that have become extremely popular in their own right, such as the Gibb Challenge, film nights, social and professional networking events - the possibilities are endless!

Visit <http://www.rfdswa.com.au> and click Fundraising for more information.

## Gifts, wills and bequests - gifting a lasting legacy

A gift to the RFDS in your Will is an incredibly poignant legacy that will have the power to impact countless lives.

Contact your lawyer or estate management provider on how to include RFDS WA in your Will, or contact us on (08) 9417 6400 for more information.

## Regular Giving

The RFDS Support Crew are members of our regular giving program. Giving a monthly gift to RFDS can make a real difference to the future of our life saving services, helping us to plan for the future and strengthen our commitment to those in need.

You can choose a suitable amount for automatic donation each month. It's tax deductible and you can change your contribution at any time. Call us on (08) 9417 6400 for more information.

## Give in memory or celebration

Contributions to the life-saving work of the RFDS can be an ideal gift for the person 'who has everything', or a touching gesture in memory of a loved one in lieu of flowers.

Visit [www.rfdswa.com.au](http://www.rfdswa.com.au) and select either the In Memory or In Celebration links to set up a tribute.

## Corporate Partnerships

Our Corporate Partnerships program presents a range of opportunities to fit with corporate social investment goals, sponsorship marketing and partnered initiatives.

For more information contact RFDS Corporate Partnerships at [stacey.magee@rfdswa.com.au](mailto:stacey.magee@rfdswa.com.au)

**WHAT'S  
COMING  
UP**



## RFDS EVENTS CALENDAR

**PERTH CARAVAN  
AND CAMPING  
SHOW**

20-24 March 2019

Claremont  
Showground

**GOLDFIELDS  
CHILDREN  
CHARITY BALL**

16 March 2019

**MUSIC IN THE AIR:  
Attadale Rotary and South Side  
Symphony Orchestra**

25 May 2019, 7pm

Mount Pleasant  
Baptist College



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