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New aircraft bolsters Royal Flying Doctor's healthcare service

The Royal Flying Doctor Service was proud to announce the collection of the first of four new aircraft from manufacturers in the US today.

The new Beechcraft King Air 350s were destined for service as Flying Doctor clinic and emergency retrieval transport at the Broken Hill and Dubbo bases, in NSW.

RFDS South Eastern Section General Manager of Aviation and Strategic Development David Charlton said: "To deliver four new aircraft like this is an exciting moment for the RFDS."

"These new aircraft will play a major role in helping us to take more healthcare to more people in rural and remote areas of Australia," he said. "It's a significant sign of how our service is responding to demand."

"People living in the outback need access to healthcare more than ever, and by taking on new aircraft, the RFDS is planning for the future to ensure we are well equipped to deliver the best services we can to more people."

The first of the new aircraft was due to take off from Wichita, in the US, on the morning of 24 August US time on a multi-leg journey around the world bound for its new home in NSW. It was due to arrive in September.

Two of the new aircraft would have a multi-purpose role with the RFDS, to be used for emergency retrievals and primary healthcare clinics. The other two aircraft would be used as primary health clinic transport. All four would be split between Broken Hill and Dubbo bases.

For images, follow this link: <http://bit.ly/2NhPuSo>

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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 primary healthcare and 24-hour emergency cover to 90 per cent of the Australian continent, via a modern fleet of specially equipped aircraft.