

Media Release

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Nelson Point Metal Workers pool funds for Flying Doctor

An otherwise normal Monday afternoon turned into a wonderful surprise for Royal Flying Doctor Service Port Hedland Base Administrator Vanessa Jensen when Bill Byles dropped in to say hello and donate to the charity.

In true Flying Doctor hospitality, Vanessa toured Bill through the base and told him about the work of the iconic organisation – but it turns out he didn't need to be convinced about the value of the service.

On behalf of the Nelson Point Metal Workers, Bill presented the Royal Flying Doctor Service with a cheque for \$43,129.01.

Bill said the money was donated from the residual funds by the remaining members of the Nelson Point Metal Workers, now that many of the members had left and moved onto different jobs.

RFDS was chosen as the recipient of the funds as everyone understood how important it was to the regions and knew someone who had used the service.

Bill was a humble representative for the Nelson Point Metal Workers – refusing a photo and just wanting to hand over the funds without any fuss - but the RFDS was keen to acknowledge the donation.

“Our sincere and heartfelt thanks to all the members – past and present – of the Nelson Point Metal Workers for choosing the Royal Flying Doctor Service as their charity,” Sonia Nolan, RFDS Director Communications and Engagement said.

“We literally rely on the support of the community’s generous donations to keep flying and providing our service across Western Australia.”

“We often say: *‘you never know when you might need us, but we will always need you!’*”

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