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### **Modern Derby base meets increasing demand**

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The Derby Base of the Royal Flying Doctor Service in Western Australia has undergone a major refurbishment to modernise its facilities, consolidating its hangar, patient treatment centre, and offices into one facility at Derby airport.

RFDS chief executive officer Grahame Marshall said the redevelopment was undertaken to bring all of our Derby facilities and staff together in modern facilities in order to be able to deliver the best outcomes for our patients.

Mr Marshall said the redevelopment also coincides with the anniversary of the RFDS having provided aero medical and primary health care services from its Derby base for 60 years.

“Our Derby base has recently been redeveloped to accommodate all of our aero medical facilities and staff in the one location,” he said.

“To allow us to continue to provide the highest level of life saving services to all West Australians, we must continue to modernise our equipment and amenities,” Mr Marshall said.

Derby RFDS staff were previously based at two separate locations– now all staff, both administrative and operational, are situated at the newly redeveloped facilities at the Derby Airport.

Derby is about 2,500km north east of Perth and provides emergency aero medical evacuations across the Kimberley Region; inter hospital transfers between the Derby District Hospital and other hospitals across the State, and primary health care clinics in the Derby region.

Last year alone, the RFDS flew more than 1,600 patients from the Kimberley region.

In the past year the RFDS retrieved by air and provided urgent medical treatment to more than 9,000 sick and injured patients across WA, and received over 41,000 calls for medical assistance and advice. Our crews flew over eight million kilometres and made almost 19,000 landings – often on remote unsealed airstrips. This year, the RFDS in WA is celebrating 80 years of service.

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