



# Leaving a Gift in your Will

*The Robin Miller Society*



Royal Flying Doctor Service  
WESTERN OPERATIONS

*If you start  
something worthwhile...  
nothing can stop it.*

REV JOHN FLYNN

THE ROBIN MILLER  
SOCIETY

# The greatest gift

**A legacy which continues.  
A gift that keeps on giving.**

**In 1928, John Flynn's dream finally became a reality through a generous Gift in Will contribution thanks to Hugh Victor McKay which helped secure the first aircraft of the Royal Flying Doctor service, named 'Victory'.**

From this one Gift, the Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS) has grown from one plane, one pilot and one doctor to a national wide service delivering emergency medical and primary health services.

Today, Gifts in Wills to the Flying Doctor are one of our greatest sources of funding. The generosity of our supporters make it possible for us to provide medical care and attention to those who need it wherever they are.

As we look to the future, our needs will continue to evolve in both the services we provide and the way in which they are delivered. A Gift in your Will to the RFDS (Western Operations) will allow us to continue our life-changing primary health care, emergency retrieval and patient transport services.

No matter the size of the Gift, every ounce of support is greatly valued and makes a life changing difference.



# Making a Will brings peace of mind

It is a fact that many Australians do not have a valid Will.

Making a Will can give you peace of mind and is a way to show you care about family members and friends you love and those who have been important to you. It can give you comfort, knowing that your special wishes have been made clear and that you've made provision for them.

Many people choose to support good causes in their lifetime. Leaving a Gift in your Will is a way to keep making a difference after you are gone.

The decision to leave a Gift in your Will of any size is a simple and powerful way to making a difference to someone's life in the future, at no cost to you today.

We understand that making a decision to leave a Gift in your Will is a very personal one and not everyone wishes to tell us of their intentions. A Gift in your Will to the Royal Flying Doctor Service can help save lives. It would mean so much to the Flying Doctor to know that we have your kind support.



*"Saving lives is what it's all about! The Royal Flying Doctor Service saves lives and by including them in my Will, it is one of the ways I feel I can continue to support this vital organisation into the future."*

ANONYMOUS BEQUESTOR AND LONG-TIME SUPPORTER

## How will my Gift be used?

**By including the Royal Flying Doctor Service Western Operations in your will, you'll be making a valuable commitment to help all Western Australians have access to the very best emergency healthcare in one of the world's most isolated health jurisdictions. A legacy that supports the future of emergency healthcare whilst empowering the next generation of doctors, nurses and logistic experts.**

Funds provide ongoing support for our work as we continue to uphold and enhance our "Mantle of Safety" by providing the very best care. Your valuable contribution, in a range of important ways: for example through the purchase and maintenance of aircraft, medical equipment, supplies as well as vital support for our many health services.

The RFDS relies on the generous support of the community and Gifts in Wills are very important in ensuring our service continuity and sustainability.

# How do I leave the Flying Doctor with a Gift in my Will?

## A gift to Royal Flying Doctor Service (Western Operations)

We recommend that you seek professional advice when preparing or making changes to your Will to ensure that your wishes are clearly and legally stated. If you choose to nominate the RFDS (Western Operations) as a beneficiary in your will, you can choose one of the following options:

- **To leave a sum of money to the RFDS (Western Operations)**  
I give to the Royal Flying Doctor Service (Western Operations) ABN: 29 067 077 696 the sum of ..... dollars (\$.....) free from all duties or other taxes, whether State or Federal, to be applied towards or used for the benefit of the Service.
- **To leave a proportion of your estate to RFDS (Western Operations)**  
I give to the Royal Flying Doctor Service (Western Operations) ABN: 29 067 077 696 [insert percentage amount] percent of my estate to be applied towards or used for the benefit of the Service.
- **To leave a residual gift to the RFDS (Western Operations) after specific gifts are written**  
I give to the Royal Flying Doctor Service (Western Operations) ABN: 29 067 077 696 the balance and residue of my estate to be applied towards or used for the benefit of the Service.

## *The Robin Miller Society*

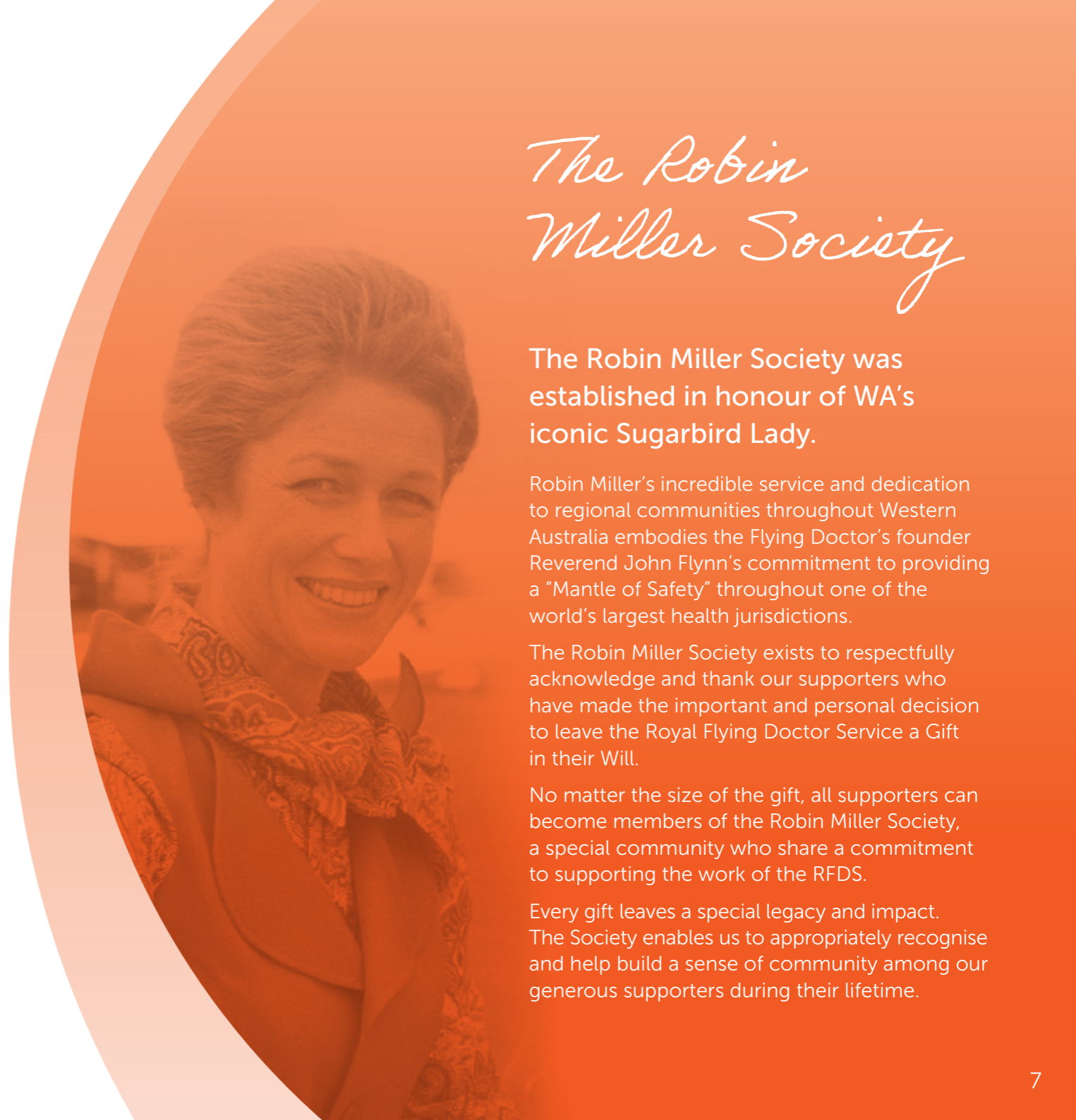
The Robin Miller Society was established in honour of WA's iconic Sugarbird Lady.

Robin Miller's incredible service and dedication to regional communities throughout Western Australia embodies the Flying Doctor's founder Reverend John Flynn's commitment to providing a "Mantle of Safety" throughout one of the world's largest health jurisdictions.

The Robin Miller Society exists to respectfully acknowledge and thank our supporters who have made the important and personal decision to leave the Royal Flying Doctor Service a Gift in their Will.

No matter the size of the gift, all supporters can become members of the Robin Miller Society, a special community who share a commitment to supporting the work of the RFDS.

Every gift leaves a special legacy and impact. The Society enables us to appropriately recognise and help build a sense of community among our generous supporters during their lifetime.



# Robin Miller Flight Nurse and Pilot



## *A life of service and adventure*

Robin's achievements during her short lifetime were remarkable. As a pioneering female pilot who combined her passion for flying with nursing, Robin made many valuable contributions to both aviation and medicine. Robin did it all - a pilot, flying nurse and aircraft engineer with the skills and bravery to retrieve many patients solo!

Robin is best known as the 'Sugar Bird Lady' as she came to be called by Aboriginal communities in WA's remote North West. When a second wave of polio hit Western Australia in the late 1960s, Robin saw a great risk of the disease for people living in remote WA and began an immunisation program, flying to isolated communities to deliver vaccine doses on a sugar cube. Although the Sabin vaccine had been available for a decade, the tyranny of distance in WA had prevented immunisations for those living far from town.

Robin borrowed money to purchase an aircraft especially for this purpose, then became both pilot and nurse to deliver the immunisation program on the ground.

Robin visited about 450 remote towns and communities and flew more than 43,000 miles (69,200 kms) to administer more than 37,000 vaccines.

Robin had a vast knowledge of the North West, having spent a great deal of time living and travelling in the region during her childhood and as an adult.

She worked as a flying nurse at the Royal Flying Doctor Service - Western Australia between 1970 and 1975.

Robin Elizabeth Miller was born in Perth in 1940 to two well-known Western Australians, author and historian Dame Mary Durack and Captain Horrie Miller, a pioneering aviator and co-founder of MacRobertson Miller Airways.

Robin trained as a nurse at Royal Perth Hospital, where she graduated with the State Nurses' Medical Prize in 1962. During her nursing training, Robin also found the time to attain her commercial pilot licence.

After graduating, Robin spent much of her life in the air in the 1960s and 70s. As well as working as a flying nurse, she flew several RFDS aircraft on epic voyages from Europe and the USA back to Western Australia, including a solo journey from Paris to Perth. Robin was also an avid competitor, participating in air races including the All Women's Transcontinental Air Race across the United States, known as the Powder Puff Derby, in 1973.

In the same year, she married Harold Dicks, a director of the Royal Flying Doctor Service.

Robin won several awards including the Nancy Bird Walton Award for Australia's Woman Pilot of the Year, a Diploma of Merit in Italy, the Brabazon Cup from the Women's Pilots' Association of Great Britain and the Paul Tissandier Diploma - Federation Aeronautique Internationale. The last two were awarded posthumously.

Robin passed away in December 1975 aged 35 and was laid to rest in Broome.

Robin's courageous attitude, outstanding achievements and distinguished career continue to inspire people from all walks of life and particularly those in the RFDS. Her legacy lives on in the community health programs that continue to be delivered to remote communities throughout Western Australia.





## Becoming a member of the Robin Miller Society

Once you decide to leave a Gift in your Will to the RFDS (Western Operations), you will be welcomed as a member of the Robin Miller Society.

You will share a unique bond with other members and be part of a community of individuals who want to make a difference and change lives in regional Western Australia.

There are no membership fees and no minimum gift amount to join. The size of your Gift is entirely your choice and is kept confidential.

As a member you will receive special benefits including;

- A special commemorative lapel pin
- A personalised certificate of appreciation
- Regular updates about RFDS (Western Operations) activities and our impact on WA
- Invitations to special events

We understand that some people may wish to make their intended Gift anonymous. We would honour any such request and observe complete confidentiality.





# The Robin Miller Society

Proudly supporting the Royal Flying Doctor Service Western Operations

**The Robin Miller Society has been formed to acknowledge and thank supporters who have decided to leave RFDS WO a Gift in their Will. If you have already left a Gift in your Will, are considering doing so, or would just like to talk about what is involved please complete this form and return it to the address below. Your response will be treated with the utmost confidence.**

- I have already included a Gift to RFDS WO in my Will and would like to join the Robin Miller Society.
- I have already included a Gift to RFDS WO in my Will and would like to remain anonymous.
- I am considering leaving a Gift in my Will and would welcome a confidential discussion.
- I would like to know more about the Robin Miller Society.

Donor number (if applicable):

Full Name:

Address:

Email:

**Please email your completed form to:**  
bequests@rfdswa.com.au

**Mail (no stamp required) to:**  
REPLY PAID 66054, Canning Vale DC WA 6970

For further information please contact the Communications & Giving team on (08) 9417 6400 or email bequests@rfdswa.com.au



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*Thank you*

For further information about how a Gift in your Will can make a real difference, please contact the Communications & Giving team.

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