
Supporting primary health care within regional Tasmania



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OUR MISSION >

To provide excellence
in aeromedical and
primary health care
across Australia

COVER: JORDAN DE HOOG, INAUGURAL ROBIN MILLER RFDS NURSING SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT.

The Royal Flying Doctor Service was established in Tasmania in 1960, using single engine aircraft chartered from Tasmanian aero clubs. Today, in partnership with Ambulance Tasmania, the RFDS operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and provides Tasmanians with services which include emergency trauma evacuations and inter-hospital transfers to take patients to the special care they need.

RFDS Tasmania
Primary Health Initiative being developed

2013/14



Dental scholarshp
awarded to
**Sam
Simpson**



Medical Scholarship
awarded to
**Cate
Kube**

Preparations are
underway for the
construction of
two patient transfer
facilities at King and
Flinders Islands
2

Dental patients treated
on Flinders Island
271

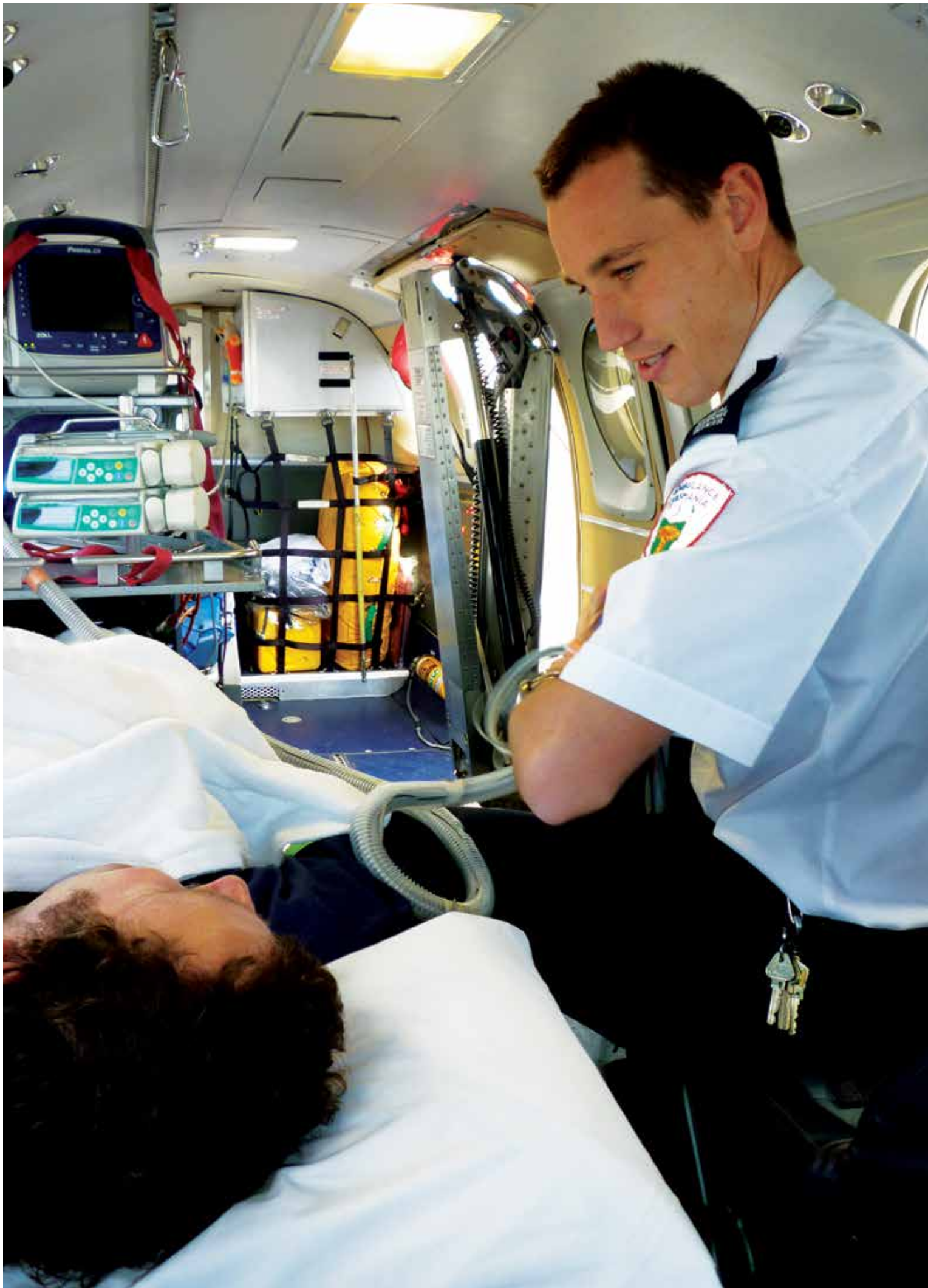
RFDS Tasmania
continues support of
the Menzies Institute
ASPREE Study

Inter-hospital transfers
1025

Robin Miller RFDS Nursing
Scholarship awarded to
**Jordan
de Hoog**



Flown around Tasmania and Interstate
440,754 km



MESSAGE FROM THE NATIONAL CHAIR

The RFDS is the most iconic Australian not-for-profit organisation. Australia's geographic size creates real challenges for the delivery of health services. The RFDS carries out retrievals and delivers medical services to many remote and regional communities right across Australia. Equally, plenty of city people can have a health scare or be involved in an accident when they are away from home. Put simply: we go where others will not.

used to provide regional airports around the state such as Flinders Island and St Helens with patient transfer shelters to ensure the safety and comfort of patients in all weather conditions.

Amanda Vanstone
Chair
RFDS National Board



Thanks to your valued contributions, the RFDS will continue to support the Tasmanian community by providing services in addition to aviation into the future. Your generous donations will be



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Primary Health Care

The work of the Flying Doctor in aero-medical retrieval and patient transfer is strongly complemented by primary healthcare services across Australia.

In Tasmania we have supported dental services on Flinders Island for many years. However the opportunity and need to do more to support the health needs of Tasmanians, particularly those living in rural Tasmania, has been recognised by the Board in setting future direction.

In 2013 we asked Dr Kim Webber, who specialises in public health, to carry out research into areas of need in Tasmania and to talk with Government, practitioners and health groups about how the RFDS could support communities in their healthcare needs in a similar way that the RFDS provides services across mainland states.

Dr Webber highlighted dental care in rural communities with low socio-economic profiles as having a strong need for support.

Responding to this information, RFDS Tasmania appointed a project officer, Di Murphy, to talk to dentists, communities and the State Government about practical opportunities for us to assist those in need. Di has worked for many years in rural health at Circular Head and knew first hand some of the reasons why people are not able to see a dentist regularly.

This led to a pilot program at a school in Southern Tasmania conducted collaboratively with Oral Health Services Tasmania (part of the Department of Health). Students at the school were provided with screening, and where indicated, fluoride varnishing, fissure sealant and referrals where required. The children also took home an RFDS ‘pack’ including information on dental hygiene.

I believe this type of work will become an important part of RFDS Tasmania’s future role which will be to the benefit of

many who live outside the major centres and who may otherwise miss out on important health services.

Infrastructure

Winter reminds us that the weather in Tasmania can often be wet and windy. To support ambulance paramedics and aircrew RFDS Tasmania has provided Patient Transfer Shelters at several rural airports. Constructed in partnership with local councils, as airport owners, the first shelter was opened in 2013 at St Helens airport. Another shelter followed at Flinders Island and a third will be completed at King Island airport later in 2014.

RFDS Tasmania also provides the hangar and Base at Launceston Airport. This large facility is home to RFDS aircrew and engineering staff, Ambulance Tasmania staff and the RFDS Tasmania team.

All facilities have been constructed with the generous support of Tasmanian donors. In particular I would like to recognise and thank Brian and Wendy Faulkner of Launceston who have provided significant financial support for the patient transfer shelters.

Organisation

The Royal Flying Doctor Service operates in Tasmania through the work of a volunteer Board and a small group of committed staff.

Over the last year the scale and scope of work of the Section has increased as has the level of financial support. In view of this the Board, at its strategy day in May, took the significant and exciting step of agreeing to the employment of a CEO.

This is an investment in our capability and will allow us to do the things that are important to the way RFDS serves Tasmania including enhanced primary healthcare services. As is mentioned further on in my report, this step has become a reality sooner than



we expected due to a very generous bequest.

Our Donors

The loyal and ongoing support of many Tasmanian individuals, social and service clubs and workplaces underpins the work we do in Tasmania. Money is raised through many and varied initiatives. A long standing supporter on Flinders Island, Gillian Woods, holds a musical event each November which is strongly supported by our friends on Flinders. The 20th anniversary of Gillian’s Musical Soiree will be celebrated in November 2014. Another group I would like to recognise this year is the Riverside Lions Club who give generously of time and funds.

We thank our honorary ambassador, Nick Duigan who generously gives of his time to represent the interests of the RFDS and David Foster OAM who kindly visited the Base to meet with our supporters in November.

Stan Merrett Foundation

A long term member of the RFDS, Stan Merrett of George Town, passed away late in 2013. Stan saw fit to support the work of the RFDS in Tasmania into the future through a significant bequest. The Stan Merrett Foundation will provide a financial platform that will be used prudently to grow the capability of the Section and the services it provides. The Foundation funds will be brought



into the 2014/15 financial statements.

Supporting the Next Generation

Again in 2013 we provided scholarship opportunities to young Tasmanians studying medicine and dental care. A highlight was the successful introduction of a Nursing scholarship named in honour of Robin Miller a flying nurse who operated in outback Western Australia. The scholarship, which provides work experience at the RFDS Port Augusta Base, is offered to final year nursing students at the University of Tasmania.

And for the younger cohort, our Look! Up in the Sky program toured a number of primary schools in the State providing the opportunity for students to hear the story of John Flynn and to explore the aircraft simulator. This educational

program, which is linked to the Australian curriculum, has proved very popular with students, teachers and parents.

Our Patron

It was with sadness that we learnt of the passing of our Patron the Honourable Peter Underwood AC, Governor of Tasmania. Governor Underwood and Mrs Underwood were generous in their support of the RFDS and in particular hosted a very special evening for our supporters at Government House in 2013.

In closing I would like to recognise the work of my fellow Board Members. Working in an honorary capacity, Board members give freely of their time and expertise and I am very proud to have been their Chair during the year in review. We have a small and committed group of staff who, without exception,

promote the values of the RFDS in their work everyday. However our mission would not be possible without our donors and supporters and we all thank-you for the faith you put in us to apply your gifts to the benefit of Tasmanians.

Malcolm White

Malcolm White
President
RFDS Tasmania

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David Foster OAM visits the Flying Doctor

A morning tea was held at the Launceston Base to thank the local community for their ongoing support of the Service.

Over 80 supporters attended the morning tea to hear World Champion Axeman, David Foster OAM entertain the guests with an inspirational address about his life experiences.

RFDS Tasmania President, Malcolm White said that the RFDS was delighted to have David visit the Base, “Our supporters thoroughly enjoyed David’s speech about his sporting achievements in what has been an exceptional career.”

RFDS Tasmania thanked the Rotary Club of Evandale and P.R. & Friends for supporting the event with a delicious morning tea.

RFDS Tasmania Open Day

The Launceston Base threw open its doors to the general public to mark the 86th anniversary of delivering the finest care to the furthest corners of Australia.

The Open Day gave the Tasmanian public a behind-the-scenes look at the vital work performed by the Flying Doctor and how it has developed over the past 86 years.

Highlights included the chance for visitors to see an RFDS aircraft, aeromedical training simulator and the Menzies Institute of Tasmania, BioBus. They also enjoyed a visit by Launceston Aviation Rescue Fire Fighters, interviews conducted by RFDS Tasmania Ambassador, Nick Duigan, children’s activities and demonstrations about RFDS medical chests and the famous Traeger pedal radio.

The RFDS was kindly supported by the Riverside Lions and Evandale Rotary Clubs who provided the scrumptious catering and a sausage sizzle.

Thanks to the many wonderful volunteers and staff who worked tirelessly to ensure the Open Day was a great success.

Inspirational fundraiser

At just 10 years of age, Michaela McLeod made a special donation to RFDS Tasmania to support the vital work of the Service.

After several trips to the Launceston General Hospital (LGH) to be treated for auto-immune deficiencies, Michaela was flown to Melbourne for treatment by the RFDS as a patient of Ambulance Tasmania.

On return home, Michaela wanted to raise money to support the RFDS and LGH Children’s Ward. At such a tender age, she understood the importance of the available services and wanted to help.

We are more than a flying ambulance service.

The family rallied behind Michaela in her fundraising efforts with the proceeds being donated to the RFDS and LGH Children’s Ward.

RFDS Tasmania is grateful to Michaela and her family and wishes them all the very best for the future.

Support for Menzies Research

The RFDS in Tasmania has partnered with the Menzies Research Institute Tasmania to provide philanthropic support for important research to improve health outcomes of people in Tasmania’s regional areas.

The ASPREE: Healthy Ageing Biobank Study collects samples from people over the age of 70 and deep freezes these specimens for future studies.

RFDS Tasmania has provided funding



Jan and David Foster OAM



Angus Henty takes a look over the RFDS aircraft cockpit



Students from Devonport Christian School enjoying the aeromedical simulator



Michaela McLeod receives the RFDS certificate with Mum, Sally

for the employment of a highly skilled local research assistant based in Burnie to service regional areas of Tasmania. The assistant works with Professor Mark Nelson’s team to collect, process and store blood and other bio-specimens.

This work is facilitated by a ‘Biobus’, an innovative vehicle involving a van that has been equipped as a self-contained mobile science laboratory and clinical room.

RFDS Tasmania President, Malcolm White said that the role of the RFDS is to support a range of health related services to benefit all Tasmanians. “The ASPREE study addresses important health aspects for people living in regional and remote Tasmanian communities,” Malcolm said.

Magic Show helps fund shelter

Representatives from the Riverside Lions Club visited the RFDS Launceston Base to present a donation to support the construction of a patient transfer facility at Flinders Island Airport. The proceeds were raised at their annual Magic Show fundraiser.

RFDS Tasmania developed the concept of the patient transfer facility for installation at regional airports around Tasmania.

The purpose built facilities are designed to improve the comfort of Ambulance Tasmania patients and assist medical staff in their work during the transfer of patients from road ambulance to the aircraft.

RFDS Tasmania thanks the Riverside Lions Club and other individuals and community organisations who have kindly contributed towards this initiative

Blue Illusion Fashion Parade

Sheryn Brooks hosted a fashion parade

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fundraiser at her business, Blue Illusion in Launceston to raise funds for RFDS Tasmania.

Approximately 40 people enjoyed the evening where a percentage of sales were donated to the RFDS.

Thanks go to Sue Shea for suggesting the fundraiser and to Sheryn Brooks who organised and compared the fashion parade.

Wheels for Wings

Motoring enthusiast, Andrew Boyd conducted the Wheels for Wings car rally to support the work of the Flying Doctor in Tasmania.

Over 100 participants joined in the rally that included lapping Symmons Plains International Raceway during the event.

At the conclusion of the Symmons Plains stage, the rally wound its way back to the Village on the Green, Longford where enthusiasts enjoyed a BBQ lunch conducted by the Longford Rotary Club.

Look! Up in the Sky reaches new heights

The free educational program took flight in Tasmanian primary schools again this year with approximately one third of all schools now registered for the program.

The educational program uses the iconic status of the RFDS and its real life stories to teach students about the unique nature of the Australian landscape and our people’s relationship with it in every-day settings. In addition, it builds on school community awareness of the organisation and pays tribute to its past and present work.

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We thank RFDS Victoria for their continuing support to help lift the profile of the Service in Tasmanian primary schools and their parent communities.

New Nursing Scholarship

The Robin Miller RFDS Nursing Scholarship was established by RFDS Tasmania in partnership with the University of Tasmania School of Nursing and Midwifery and RFDS Central Operations, covering South Australia and much of the Northern Territory.

The new annual Scholarship provides a senior nursing undergraduate with the experience of living and working with the RFDS at Port Augusta for two weeks.

The Scholarship is dedicated to the memory of the late Mrs Robin Miller-Dicks (1940 – 1975). A nurse, aviatrix and RFDS pilot who single-handedly immunised thousands of Australians with an oral polio vaccine and became widely known by Aboriginal Australians as the ‘Sugar-Bird Lady’.

Jordan De Hoog was selected as the inaugural recipient of the Scholarship.

RFDS Tasmania thanks the family of the late Mrs Robin Miller-Dicks, RFDS Central Operations, the University of Tasmania and the Launceston Golf Club lady members for their support in bringing this scholarship to fruition.



Students boarding the RFDS aeromedical simulator

How the RFDS is helping embed medical research in rural areas.

Medical research is best applied into the population in which it was conducted. As most medical research institutes are in large metropolitan areas they conveniently sample the readily available population neglecting rural areas and their special needs. The large-scale clinical trials I have been involved with have sought to address this by setting up research hubs in regional cities that can serve the regional towns and the country people around them. This has been mutually beneficial as country people have volunteered for our studies in greater numbers compared to their city cousins. It also provides local employment as those who work in these areas live locally.

As our studies have become more sophisticated so have the requirements for working 'in the field'. One of these is the collection of biological specimens such as blood and urine for future study. Getting and processing these specimens is not like a visit to your local pathology service. These specimens must be collected, processed and deep frozen (-80° C) within a 4 hour period. This means special equipment in a special laboratory is required. We have such a facility in the Menzies Research Institute Tasmania so we could service

people in the Hobart area but not in the north-west or north of the state. Thankfully the Tasmanian Community Fund saw fit to donate the funds to build a mobile laboratory, the Tasmanian Biobus (pictured). What was missing was someone to use it in the areas outside of Hobart.

Because people enter our studies in a haphazard way it was difficult to attract and retain someone living in north. Here is where the RFDS funds have been a godsend. These funds allowed me to create a permanent part-time position which was filled promptly by Alicia Walker (pictured). The result? As of 22nd August we have been able to collect samples from 498 participants in our trial in the north and north-west. These specimens will be used in future studies over the decades to look for causes and possible cures for diseases such as dementia, heart attack, stroke and cancer. The return on the RFDS investment will be improvement of Australian's health no matter where they live.

Mark Nelson
Professorial Fellow
Menzies Research Institute Tasmania

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Wheels for Wings car rally – courtesy Trout Photographics



Sarah Merridew and Di Murphy at the Blue Illusion fundraiser



Alicia Walker with the Tasmanian Biobus at the RFDS Open Day.

Fred McKay Medical Student Scholarship >

By Cate Kube

Having just driven 3,500 km from Tasmania to Townsville to start my first job as a doctor, I have a new appreciation for the vastness of inland Australia. With its huge horizons and long stretches of dusty road one could be forgiven for thinking it was almost deserted. Yet just as the fuel tank is running low, or a leg stretch and bite to eat is required, civilisation appears. Sometimes it comes in the form of a small town, sometimes not more than a roadhouse. Nevertheless, it is a reminder that for somebody, this seemingly isolated country is home.

In October last year I was lucky enough to be the recipient of the Royal Flying Doctor Service Tasmania, Fred McKay Medical Student Scholarship, entitling me to an exciting month-long placement flying across Tasmania and outback New South Wales. The RFDS provides vital medical services and transport to the communities of rural and remote Australia. Receiving this scholarship meant a great deal to me, as the Rev. Dr. J. Fred McKay, spiritual leader of the RFDS, was a personal friend of my grandparents. I first heard Fred's story when I was just eight years old, visiting my grandparents at the manse in

Cloncurry, Queensland. Since that time I have been fascinated by the work of the RFDS, and have always hoped to one day be a part of this iconic organisation.

The first two weeks of my placement were based in Launceston, working with the experienced flight paramedics from Ambulance Tasmania on inter-hospital transfers and retrievals. The ground covered by this team every day astounded me. It is not uncommon to fly from Launceston, to Burnie, to Hobart, to Burnie, to Hobart and back to Launceston in a day! An important role of the RFDS, under contract to Ambulance Tasmania, is to provide a means of emergency transfer from more remote parts of the state, including the West Coast, St Helens, Flinders and King Island. As I learnt during my placement, this can prove challenging with the relentless roaring 40s, and is no job for the faint-hearted (or sufferers of motion sickness!). Visits to both these islands were highlights of my time with Ambulance Tasmania.

For the second two weeks of my placement I was based at the RFDS base in Broken Hill. From there I flew each day in the clinic plane (aptly named "Fred McKay") to small communities

across outback New South Wales and South Australia. This was a style of general practice unlike any I have ever seen. How delightful to start the day with a beautiful flight, land on a dirt strip, get picked up and driven to clinic by a patient, then share a cup of tea, some home-baked treats and a yarn before getting down to medical business! As well as providing vital medical services and continuity of care, a visit by the flying doctors provides a chance for 'neighbours' who might live hundreds of kilometres apart to get together and catch up. As a result, clinics often have a somewhat festive atmosphere!

I loved my time with the RFDS, and send my sincere thanks to the teams at Launceston and Broken Hill for their organisation, support and teaching during my placement. I was so impressed by the high quality of health care they achieve for people in rural and remote Australia, and hope to work with them as a doctor in the future. The work of the RFDS could not take place without the generous donations and support of the community, so thank you.

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Robin Miller RFDS Nursing Scholarship >

By Jordan de Hoog

It was my great privilege to become the inaugural recipient of the Robin Miller RFDS Nursing Scholarship. The scholarship has been created in memory of the late Mrs Robin Miller-Dicks, a nurse and RFDS pilot whose remarkable achievements included administering over 37,000 doses of polio vaccine throughout the Western Australian outback. Being awarded this scholarship provided me with the unique opportunity to spend two weeks working with RFDS Central Operations, based in Port Augusta.

My placement with the RFDS involved participating in fly-in-fly-out clinics, as well as on-call work. The clinics were held in a variety of locations throughout South Australia including Oak Valley, Cook, Oodnadatta and Marla. I was able to work alongside a variety of health professionals who provide essential health services to Aboriginal communities and remote towns and stations throughout South Australia. Some highlights included seeing the harsh beauty of the Australian outback, taking blood for the first time, and meeting people who live and work in these remote regions of the country.

The on-call work primarily consisted of inter-hospital transfers – transporting patients from regional hospitals to major centres for urgent treatment. My role, with the supervision and assistance of the flight nurse, was to assess and

monitor the patient throughout the flight, performing nursing interventions as necessary (such as administering oxygen or pain relief). I enjoyed the challenge of adapting to the unique work environment inside the aircraft, learning from the highly experienced flight nurses, and extending my clinical knowledge and skills. Other highlights included travelling in the co-pilot's seat and visiting a variety of locations throughout South Australia, from Kangaroo Island to Coober Pedy.

I am very thankful to RFDS Tasmania, RFDS Central Operations, the School of Nursing and Midwifery and Scholarships Office at UTAS, and to all those who made the scholarship possible. I feel that the experience has provided a valuable insight into both essential and emergency healthcare in Australia, and has encouraged me in my ambition to incorporate nursing and Christian ministry to serve people in need in Australia and overseas.



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John Flynn Dental Assistant Scholarship >

By Sam Simpson

On the 23rd of October I set off for Broken Hill, which unfolded to be a once in a life time experience.

Winning the John Flynn Dental Assistant Scholarship, gave me the opportunity to work in a rural environment for the first time. I worked alongside two dentists and was transported by vehicle and small aircraft to the surrounding areas of Broken Hill. I was new to the dental industry having only been six months into my traineeship, but I picked up the routine fairly quickly. I became more adaptable whilst working with the RFDS as we weren't always placed in a typical clinical environment. Over the two week placement I went to places such as Wilcannia, Ivanhoe, Menindee, Hungerford and the main clinic in Broken Hill.

The last town I was flown to was Hungerford QLD, which has a population of less than 50 people and the reddest dirt I had ever seen. In this community especially, it was shown what the RFDS really meant to people and how it has a part in their lives.

Every six weeks the RFDS fly in with a team consisting of a general practitioner, nurses and a dentist to look after the town and its surrounding areas. People would travel up to 2-3 hours for the occasion.

I have learned a lot whilst being away and have gained essential experience and skills by working in the different environments.

I have acquired a great appreciation for the work that is carried out by the RFDS. The team I worked alongside were extremely dedicated and strived to help people in need. I am grateful for the opportunity that I was given; it has changed my perspective of dentistry, giving me an insight of rural health.

Thank you for the experience.

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RFDS Tasmania is governed by a Board, comprising a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and 2-5 other members, all of whom are elected on a rotational basis at the Annual General Meeting. The RFDS Tasmanian Board also nominates a representative to the RFDS Australia Board.

All positions are honorary and Directors are independent of management and key contractors. The Board has appropriate policies in place to declare and manage conflicts of interest. Details of the Directors and their qualifications and experience are set out elsewhere in this report. The Board meets at least six times each year.

The Board aims to operate in accordance with the principles and spirit of the ASX Australian Corporate Governance principles as they apply to a smaller not-for-profit organisation.

The Board is responsible for the overall governance of RFDS Tasmania, for its performance, and is accountable to its members, stakeholders and all statutory and regulatory authorities.

The Board sets the values, goals and strategic direction of RFDS Tasmania. It sets and approves strategic and financial plans, monitors achievement of these goals and oversees the operations of the RFDS in Tasmania (except for the Air Ambulance contract operated by

RFDS South Eastern Section).

As a not-for-profit organisation that receives strong community and government support we are cognisant of our obligations to the community in which we operate, and ensure that our staff and volunteers understand our mission and values. We have established fundraising principles and guidelines to meet State and Federal legislative requirements.

The Board has established 5 committees to assist in enhancing the governance and effective operations of RFDS Tasmania.

Risk and Finance Committee

The Committee assists the Board in the effective discharge of its responsibilities to the members in relation to governance, risk, financial management and reporting, audit and compliance with laws and regulations.

Governance and Nomination Committee

The Committee assists the Board to discharge its responsibilities in relation to the composition, structure and operations of the Board including evaluation of the Board's performance and identification of suitable development opportunities for Board members.

Marketing Committee

The role of the Marketing Committee is primarily to review the Marketing and Development strategy of RFDS Tasmania and provide recommendations to the Board on Marketing and Development activities.

Facilities Committee

The Facilities Committee assists the Board in decision making about the built assets owned or leased by RFDS Tasmania. In particular the committee considers the suitability of existing facilities, assesses the acquisition of new facilities, and monitors the maintenance, integrity and safety of operations at all facilities.

“Wish list” Committee

The Wish list Committee coordinates requests from individuals or organisations for funding or other support of medical, dental, aviation and engineering equipment or services for the delivery of health services and training. The Committee also allocates donations to specific purposes where donors have indicated their desire to support a specific project.



Top row L-R Malcolm White, Dr George Merridew, Rob Grey, Sarah Merridew.
Bottom row L-R Michael Hackman, Lindsay Millar OAM, Caroline Wells, Tim Maddock, Jan Davis.

RFDS Tasmania Board >

Mr Malcolm White

**PRESIDENT
CHAIR GOVERNANCE AND
NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE
MEMBER RISK AND FINANCE
COMMITTEE**

Elected 2005

Project Director TDA, Former CEO TAFE Tasmania, Director, Royal Flying Doctor Service Australia
Master of Business Administration
Air Transport Pilot Licence

Dr George Merridew

**VICE PRESIDENT
CHAIR FACILITIES AND WISHLIST
COMMITTEES
MEMBER GOVERNANCE AND
NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE**

Elected 1995

Consultant Anaesthetist
Fellow, ANZ College of Anaesthetists
Retired RAAF Specialist Reserve Medical Officer

Mr Robert Grey

**SECRETARY/PUBLIC OFFICER
MEMBER FACILITIES AND WISHLIST
COMMITTEES**

Elected 1999

Retired RAAF Officer
Master of Defence Studies
Company Director
Justice of the Peace
Commercial Pilot Licence

Mrs Sarah Merridew

**TREASURER
CHAIR RISK AND FINANCE COMMITTEE
MEMBER MARKETING COMMITTEE**

Elected 2006

Non Executive Director of MyState Limited, TasRail and TasWater
Chartered Accountant, Fellow of the Australian Institute of Company Directors
Former Partner of Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu

Mr Michael Hackman

Elected 2004

Company Director
Senior Vice President, Star Cruises (HK) Limited
Former Director, Royal Flying Doctor Service 2010 – 2012
Master of Politics and Public Policy
Fellow of the Australian Institute of Company Directors
Private Pilot and aircraft owner

Mr Lindsay Millar OAM

**MEMBER FACILITIES AND WISHLIST
COMMITTEES**

Elected 1965

Retired Orchardist
Foundation member and Past President RFDS National Council and Aviation Committee 1976 – 1988
Former Director Royal Flying Doctor Service 2002 – 2008
RFDS Rev. John Flynn Fellowship Award (National) 2009
Tasmanian Aero Club Past President and Life member
Private Pilot's Licence

Ms Caroline Wells

**CHAIR MARKETING COMMITTEE
MEMBER GOVERNANCE AND
NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE**

Elected 2009

Chief Executive Officer, Diabetes Tasmania
Master of Business Administration Graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors
Former Director of Nursing Hobart Private Hospital

Mr Tim Maddock

**MEMBER RISK AND FINANCE
COMMITTEE**
Elected 2012

Partner Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu
Fellow – The Institute of Chartered Accountants
Chartered Tax Advisor – The Tax Institute
Former President and Treasurer of Relationships Australia Tasmania
Member of The Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania's Finance Committee

Ms Jan Davis

Elected 2013

Chief Executive Officer, Tasmanian Farmer & Graziers Association
Non Executive Director of Plant Health Australia Limited, Tasmanian Institute of Agriculture and Skills Tasmania
Masters in Agribusiness and Environmental Planning
Bachelors Degree in Economics
Graduate Diplomas in Education and Environmental Studies
Graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors
Fellow of the Australian Institute of Management, Australian Institute Of Agricultural Science and Technology and the Australian Society of Australian Executives



For the year ended
30 June 2014 >

The financial statements and other specific disclosures are a summary of and have been derived from the audited financial statements of the Royal Flying Doctor Service Tasmania Inc (RFDS Tasmania) for the year ended 30 June 2014.

The summary financial report does not, and cannot be expected to provide a full understanding of the financial performance or financial position of RFDS Tasmania as the full report.

A copy of the Annual Financial Statements and Auditor's Report will be available at the Annual General Meeting and can be provided upon request.

RFDS Tasmania is an association established under the Associations Incorporation Act (Tasmania) 1964, and operates in accordance with the legislative requirements and its Constitution. The accounts are audited each year and a copy lodged with the Business Affairs branch of the Department of Justice.

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR
THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2014

REVENUE	2014 \$	2013 \$
Bequests	39,116	286,752
Donations	176,645	198,464
Grants	95,563	95,563
Interest received	64,769	66,033
Other income	24,538	30,633
Rent	35,000	35,000
TOTAL	435,631	712,445
EXPENSES		
Administration and other	65,529	57,392
Depreciation	60,829	62,199
Employment costs	145,918	129,541
Facilities costs	(20,542)	115,492
Impairment expense	93,625	-
Fundraising and events	5,129	9,068
Fundraising distributions	104,260	109,652
Primary health care	36,919	-
Schools education program	25,787	31,113
TOTAL EXPENSES	517,454	514,457
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME/(LOSS)	(81,823)	197,988

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30 JUNE 2014

	2014 \$	2013 \$
ASSETS		
Cash at bank and on hand 1	1,840,711	1,825,819
Accounts receivable	11,633	1,240
Inventories	499	658
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	1,852,843	1,827,717
Property, plant and equipment 2	192,277	346,732
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS	192,277	346,732
TOTAL ASSETS	2,045,120	2,174,449
LIABILITIES		
Trade and other payables	35,681	16,827
Provision for annual leave	10,236	8,414
Provision for maintenance	-	68,182
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	45,917	93,423
TOTAL LIABILITIES	45,917	93,423
NET ASSETS	1,999,203	2,081,026
EQUITY		
Capital Maintenance Reserve	600,000	600,000
Accumulated funds	1,399,203	1,481,026
TOTAL EQUITY	1,999,203	2,081,026

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30 JUNE 2014

ACCUMULATED FUNDS	2014 \$	2013 \$
Accumulated funds at the beginning of the year	1,481,026	1,283,036
Total comprehensive income for the year	(81,823)	197,990
ACCUMULATED FUNDS AT THE END OF THE YEAR	1,399,203	1,481,026

NOTES

1. Cash at Bank comprises current accounts and term deposits with major Australian banks.
2. Property, plant and equipment includes buildings on leasehold land. All assets are depreciated over the shorter of their useful lives or the term of the lease.

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Hon Treasurer

In Appreciation >

The RFDS has provided aeromedical services to the people of Tasmania for more than 50 years. This long-term support of the health services has been made possible by our committed supporters throughout Tasmania.

We wish to acknowledge and thank our donors. Your generosity and commitment is invaluable by allowing us to achieve the mission and vision of the Royal Flying Doctor Service. Special thanks to Brian and Wendy Faulkner, Holman Clinic and Cancer Ward Auxiliary Inc. and Riverside Lions Club for supporting RFDS Tasmania.

We are deeply grateful to our supporters who choose to pledge a bequest to the RFDS in their will. In doing so, we are able to continue to provide our services into the future. Every gift in every will makes a difference no matter how large or small. RFDS Tasmania recognises the bequests made by the late Mary Janet Ransom and the late Stan Merrett.

Thanks to Nick Duigan, our honorary Ambassador, for his tireless enthusiasm in representing the interests of the RFDS.

We are grateful to our dedicated, hardworking and loyal volunteers who give so generously of their time and skills, especially Shirley Watson and Jill Macpherson.

RFDS Tasmania thanks all the individuals and organisations who kindly fundraise to help keep the Flying Doctor flying. We are grateful for your support.

We acknowledge and thank Scott Gelston from The Examiner who provided many of the photos used in the Annual Report.

Thank you for helping us to take the finest care to the furthest corners of Tasmania.

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The Royal Flying Doctor Service relies on support from individuals, corporations, the government and the community to carry out our vital work.

To continue our work in the Tasmanian community, we need your support.

- > Send your donation to Royal Flying Doctor Service, Tasmania, PO Box 1087, Launceston TAS 7250
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