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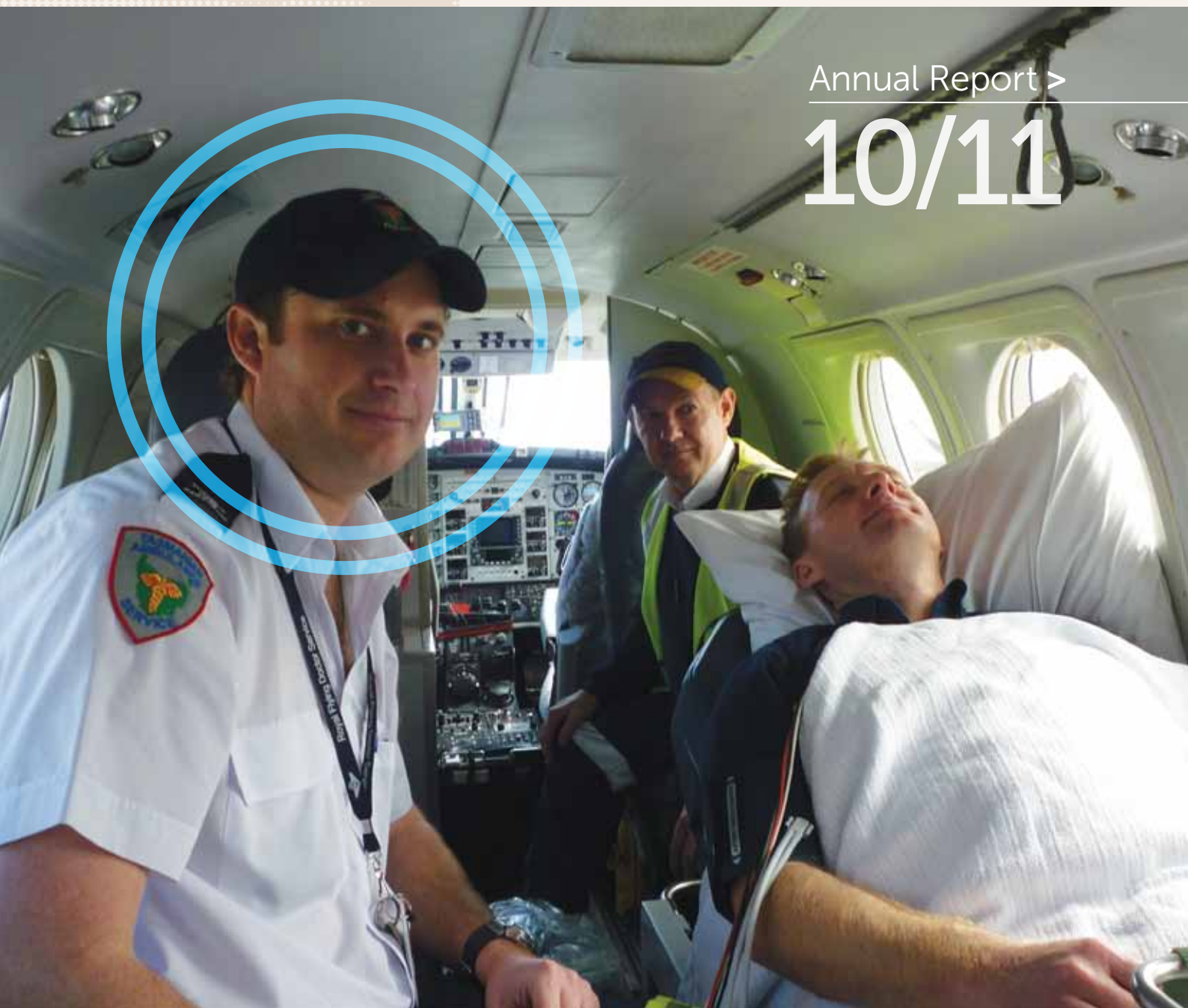


Royal Flying Doctor Service

TASMANIAN SECTION

Annual Report >

10/11



The Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS) 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 specialist care they need.



Our Mission >

To provide excellence in aeromedical and primary health care across Australia.

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Message from Patron >



As Patron of the Tasmanian Section of the Royal Flying Doctor Service I am delighted to provide this Message in this auspicious year, being the 50th anniversary of the first RFDS flight evacuating a patient in Tasmania, from Queenstown to Hobart in September 1960.

Last year in Tasmania the RFDS carried approximately 1000 patients, and flew some half a million kilometres, including from Flinders and King Islands, Wynyard, St Helens, and other regions. Tasmanian patients were also transported interstate.

Small community participation has been exemplified by the establishment of a new RFDS Medical Chest to be held by local residents at Anson's Bay. This is vital medical support for Tasmanian communities, because when their roads are flooded they become just as remote as the RFDS Medical Chest lay holders in the Outback.

As a not for profit charitable organisation the RFDS relies on a mix of income from sources including governments and the private sector. This funding is greatly appreciated. I would also like to note that the RFDS in Tasmania currently has about 800 private donors. Their continuing support is very important and new donors are to be encouraged.

I extend my congratulations to Zonta International and to Scotch Oakburn College in Launceston for continuing to fund scholarships. And how marvellous it was that Enormity, the independent teenage committee from Ulverstone on the North West Coast, last December raised over \$2,500 at the Santa Runs in Ulverstone and Kingston and nominated the RFDS as the beneficiary of their fundraising efforts.

These are all tremendous achievements and well and truly live up to the RFDS motto: "The furthest corner. The finest care."

On behalf of the Tasmanian community, I offer my sincere thanks to the Tasmanian Section of the Royal Flying Doctor Service for provision of a unique and caring service.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter Underwood'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

**His Excellency the Honourable Peter Underwood AC,
Governor of Tasmania**



President's Report >



It is with pleasure that I report the past year as a successful one for the Tasmanian Section of the Royal Flying Doctor Service.

The strength of support for the RFDS across the state is exemplified by the continuing generosity of our hundreds of donors, the strong interest shown by multiple community organisations and the time, skills and energy freely given by the many participants in RFDS projects.

This support has continued during what has been a year of some uncertainty regarding the outcome of the next Air Ambulance tender process: will the RFDS remain the Ambulance Tasmania contractor, as in the past 50 years?

Despite our confidence in a favourable government decision, of necessity we have planned our future only to a limited extent, pending the result.

The RFDS and at least one commercial aircraft operator have tendered for the 8-year contract, which starts in July 2012.

A Ministerial announcement is understood to be imminent in late September 2011.

Highlights of the year include the function hosted in Queenstown by the Mayor of the West Coast Council to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the first medical flight by Tasmania's RFDS, from Queenstown to Hobart in September. Over 40 supporters attended.

An impressive youth group, Enormity, based in Ulverstone, has, with adult mentorship, raised over \$2000 from its main project a *Santa Run*, and donated the money to the RFDS in Tasmania, to be put towards the cost of a fuel analyser for the King Air.

In May 2011 a morning tea held at the Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania to thank our Southern supporters emphasised the state-wide nature of RFDS membership and roles in Tasmania. Over 70 people attended, and heard about recent developments and met their colleagues and members of our Council.

RFDS South Eastern Section, based in Broken Hill NSW, currently holds the Air Ambulance contract with Ambulance Tasmania. The aircraft used is a Beechcraft King Air B200 (VH-MSM) with aviation, engineering and administrative back-up capability available from Broken Hill. The staff of the South Eastern and Tasmanian Sections are co-located in the RFDS hangar, a situation of mutual goodwill. Mr Simon Froude, Tasmanian Manager; Captain Stan Griffiths, Chief Pilot; the 5 other pilots and Mr Greg Foot, Licenced Aircraft Maintenance Engineer, have provided considerable practical help. RFDS Broken Hill has assisted us with marketing, Information Technology, medical chest administration and in hospitality to the holders of our medical and dental scholarships.

During the year we were delighted to host a visit by the RFDS National Chairman, General Jeffery AC AO(Mil) MC, who visited the RFDS Launceston Airport base and met the aviation and administrative staff and Councillors.

I wish to congratulate and thank our Tasmanian Section staff for their splendid work. Collectively about 1.2 Full-Time Equivalents, they are Mrs Mary Frost, Executive Officer; Ms Nicole Hatcliff, part-time Administration Assistant and Mrs Susan Bennett, part-time Finance Officer. They have provided a polished performance to the public and to the organisation.

The members of our governing Council have freely given much time and extensive expertise, indispensable to the work of the Tasmanian Section. The duties and responsibilities of directors of not-for-profit organisations are progressively becoming more tightly defined and perhaps occasionally onerous. Nonetheless the Council addresses its tasks in a competent and personable manner. I offer all the Councillors my sincere thanks.

Special recognition is due to Mr Mike Hackman, Vice-President of the Council. Mr Hackman assumed the post of Tasmanian representative on the National Board of the RFDS when Mr Malcolm White stepped down from our Council late in 2010. Mike has continued Malcolm's excellent work on the National Board.

I wish to thank His Excellency The Honourable Peter Underwood AC, Governor of Tasmania, for his message as Patron of the RFDS Tasmanian Section.

It has been a privilege for me to represent the RFDS and I wish the organisation well for the coming year.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading 'Dr George Merridew'.

Dr George Merridew
President
RFDS (Tasmanian Section) Inc

Marketing Report >

The Royal Flying Doctor Service in Tasmania greatly appreciates the on-going support we have received this year from donors and community groups, which enables us to continue to enhance the work of the RFDS in Tasmania. The Marketing Committee (Sarah Merridew, Caroline Wells and Jeanette Gatenby) has worked closely with our Executive Officer, Mary Frost and Administration Assistant, Nicole Hatcliff, to achieve our goals in our Marketing Plan.

This year the core objectives of the Marketing Plan were to prepare and implement a donor management strategy; to form partnerships with stakeholders and to raise the profile of the RFDS in the Tasmanian community. We have undertaken a range of strategies in order to successfully meet these objectives during the year.

Building relationships with our donors is the key to all the work that we undertake in Tasmania and a successful strategy has been implemented for the processing of Tasmanian donations, enabling us to respond to donors in a timely manner. We now communicate regularly with our supporters with a Tasmanian letter accompanying the quarterly Flyer newsletter. We are gratified to report we have received an increase in donor numbers (new and existing) this year. In order to work more effectively with our donors, we undertook a survey of Tasmanian donors. 796 surveys were sent out, and 150 responses were received. This is a very successful 18.8% response rate. The analysis of these responses will be used in the preparation of the marketing plan for 2012.

Community groups throughout Tasmania conduct a wide range of fundraising events ranging from a musical soiree on Flinders Island, to a quilting exhibition at

St Helens. Many individuals and community groups have raised funds for the RFDS over many years. Groups and individuals from the North West have raised funds for the building of the new drive-through patient transfer shelter at Burnie Airport. We thank all these donors and community groups for their much valued support of our work.

Partnerships with the media throughout the state continue to grow and we are appreciative of the support we have had. Television personality Nick Duigan has continued as our Ambassador for the RFDS in Tasmania, attending functions and events.

We have had an increase in visits to the Base by community and school groups, and we value the commitment of our two volunteer speakers: Jill Macpherson and Shirley Watson. RFDS Councillors also continue to address community group meetings.

In other communication strategies, the RFDS Tasmania history booklet has been up-dated and historical displays created, and our thanks to Jill Macpherson for her work on these projects.

Our annual scholarships: the Fred McKay Medical Student Scholarship and the Dental Assistant Scholarship give Tasmanian medical students and dental assistants professional experiences in rural medicine and dentistry, with placements at Broken Hill and with Ambulance Tasmania in Launceston. The RFDS is very pleased to continue our partnerships with the students of Fox House, Scotch Oakburn College (for the funds they raise for the Medical Scholarship) and Zonta International (for their support of the Dental Scholarship). This financial support is greatly valued.

2010 marked the 83rd anniversary of the Service in Australia and this was



celebrated with a morning tea in Hobart giving us the opportunity to meet our Southern donors and representatives of community groups, and to thank them for their support.

The marketing committee acknowledges the wonderful work done by so many individuals and groups throughout Tasmania over those last 50 years and we strive to continue to work with the community to increase our fundraising for this vital service.

We sincerely thank our donors, the media and businesses for your support; your generosity enables us to do our work in Tasmania.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jeanette Gatenby".

Jeanette Gatenby

Chair of the Marketing Committee
RFDS (Tasmanian Section) Inc.

Fred McKay Student Scholarship >

by Jessica Shady

As the lucky recipient of the 2010 Fred McKay Medical Student Scholarship I spent two weeks with the RFDS in Broken Hill and two weeks in Launceston with the Ambulance Tasmania. Both places provided unique and varied learning opportunities.



Sturt Desert Peas outside the Tiboburra clinic



Heading home from clinic



The RFDS provides an amazing service to Australia's remote communities

Placement at the Broken Hill base saw me flying to a different remote community each day and helping the doctors run their clinics. Each community was unique in terms of their facilities, population and remoteness. Whilst each town had its own charms my favourite would have to be White Cliffs. Here I was lucky enough to go on two house calls which meant I was able to visit the 'dugouts' or the underground homes. This was a fascinating experience, these homes have to be seen to be believed, they are surprisingly light and airy and not to mention cool!

Broken Hill was a great opportunity to put my medical knowledge into practice during clinics but what was particularly useful was recognising the challenges faced by people living in remote communities. At the time I visited Broken Hill there had been a lot of rain in surrounding areas. This meant some clinics were poorly attended as people could not travel due to flooded roads. For some, this meant waiting another 4 weeks until the next clinic to see a doctor. Similarly when a patient needed investigations we needed to discuss how

they would get to Broken Hill for these investigations as it often entailed a drive of three or more hours for the patient. These are things we take for granted when working in regional areas.

The RFDS provides an amazing service to Australia's remote communities and my day on call at the base provided a shining example of this. Being on call at the base consisted of 'face to face' consults but also 'over the phone' consults from stations or clinics. The doctor on call must assess each of these calls and decide whether the patient needs evacuating to Broken Hill. I found it astounding that someone can phone up and speak to a doctor almost immediately; it is such a brilliant service.

My time at the Launceston base provided me with opportunities to assist with trauma retrievals and the transport of patients from rural areas to regional hospitals. What I really enjoyed about this experience was seeing the fantastic team work that goes on behind each retrieval or transport flight. There are many people to co-ordinate and communicate with and it was fantastic to be part of such a

well oiled machine. I have the upmost respect for the pilots who guided us through some fairly rough weather at times and the flight paramedics who look after the patients with such compassion.

My time with RFDS has been invaluable. It was a wonderful opportunity to gain some experience in remote area medicine and gain an appreciation of the wonderful work the RFDS do.

I would like to thank the many, many people who were involved in my placements for making them such an enjoyable experience. In particular, thank you to all the RFDS doctors and nurses who took the time to share their knowledge with me, to all the Broken Hill Base staff who acted as my taxi service, to the Launceston flight paramedics and ambulance officers and last but definitely not least the many RFDS pilots who safely delivered us to our destinations!

As I say goodbye to my student days and head in to my intern year in 2011 I hope that I will one day have the opportunity to work for the RFDS. Why drive to work when you can fly?

RFDS/ZONTA Dental Assistant Scholarship >

By Zara Gray

As the 2010 recipient of the RFDS/Zonta Dental Assistant Scholarship I was given the once in a lifetime experience of travelling to the historic town of Broken Hill to work with the Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS) specifically in the dental field. Before arriving in Broken Hill I had some ideas of what I thought lay ahead from the research that I had done prior to leaving, but I honestly don't believe that any amount of research could have prepared me for the incredible experience that I was about to receive while working with the RFDS.



Zara and an RFDS aircraft
at the Broken Hill base

My first week of working with the RFDS began with a drive to Menindee which was about an hour's drive from Broken Hill. As we drove along the scenery was described to me as being "very green at present". At the time I remember thinking that this wasn't green at all in comparison to Tasmania and the landscape as far as I could see was as flat as a pancake. The Menindee dental surgery was very well equipped and the procedures performed were varied and wide, providing these people with excellent dental care.

My first flight was to White Cliffs with one stop along the way to drop other medical officers off. Upon arriving at the base I had mixed feelings about what the day that was to encompass - not only the type of dental treatment that would/could be performed but also about flying in such a small plane. Shortly after takeoff it occurred to me that I actually preferred to fly in a plane this size as the journey was much more exciting as you were more of a part of it in terms of watching the pilot and also the changing landscape beneath us. The clinic at White Cliffs was busy with a few "regular" patients. I was extremely grateful as I was able to hear many great stories about their lives which I found fascinating as some aspects were so different from my own. The support that was given to the RFDS at this clinic not only by the patients, but also the staff that work there on a daily basis, was very evident throughout my day in White Cliffs.

My last flight for my first week was meant to be to Ivanhoe. Unfortunately I never made it to Ivanhoe as the RFDS pilots had flown too many hours for the week due to a greater number of hours than anticipated being flown for on-call planes. This meant that the clinic plane also had to be the on-call plane, meaning that the resources were stretched even further on this particular day. This situation highlighted to me how adaptable the RFDS has to be every day as the plans for every day are continually changing. There was a number of reasons that the dental team could not go due to the on-call



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Wilcannia Airstrip, loading the plane to return to the Broken Hill base



requirements. I don't think many people outside the RFDS in the general population realise the important contribution that the pilots contribute to the RFDS. Without the many great pilots that they have, the necessary medical officers would still be stuck at the base or faced with many hours of driving. I feel that the engineers also make a huge contribution to keeping the planes in tip top shape and from what I witnessed at the Broken Hill base; the engineers are extremely dedicated and passionate people about the wonderful job that they perform.

Over the weekend I was able to experience many of the tourist attractions that Broken Hill has to offer. The Living Desert & Sculpture symposium is an incredible place to visit - the sculptures are on their own breathtaking but add a desert sunset and it's just magical. It's no wonder that they gain so much attention both locally and on a wider scale. I also visited many galleries and had many a beautiful walk around Broken Hill. I even had time to complete the Silverton challenge and see a beautiful sunset at Mundi Mundi Plains! I had a brilliant time meeting the other students at the accommodation and doing various things with them, I can say that I definitely made some terrific friends.

To commence my second and final week in Broken Hill I flew to Wilcannia where once again we performed excellent dental care given the resources available, and again met some lovely people with fascinating stories to tell. The Darling River certainly had a lot of water flowing through it much like the life blood of this community, which is undergoing infrastructure changes.

My next destination was Louth which is situated on the Darling River also. Louth however has a much smaller population of only about 30 people! We encountered trouble with the generator in Louth upon arrival, meaning that our dental care would be very limited for the day. Fortunately though, some local men worked tirelessly for over an hour to fix the generator (or the tubing as it



The Living Desert sculptures

eventually turned out to be). It was on this day that I truly realised that the RFDS doesn't just provide the medical and dental services to these people that sets out to deliver, it also brings the community together as they work to support the RFDS, as the RFDS is something that they all value and appreciate. From the men that helped with the generator or the women that cooked the lovely food for our lunch, the support for RFDS is certainly extremely strong in these outback communities; people even just came to the clinic for the social side of it!

Ivanhoe was my final destination which I thoroughly enjoyed. My final day ended with sad goodbyes to the many RFDS employees as well as some of the locums that I had flown with. I thoroughly enjoyed working with Dr Alison Blundell and I certainly learned many valuable things from her. My trip not only taught me about the hardships and wonders that the people in the outback experience on a daily basis and about the how dental care can be adapted to be performed through the RFDS in these communities, but also about myself. As a person I feel I have grown from the experience and now have a greater perception of what I can strive to achieve with my life. One day in the future I hope to be able to work with the RFDS again.

I cannot express how thankful I am to the RFDS (Tasmanian Section) and Zonta for providing me with this experience and also future recipients. The experience is truly a once in a lifetime experience and has certainly helped me to form my future plans with my own life.

Sunset at Mundi Mundi Plains

Corporate Governance Statement >

The Royal Flying Doctor Service (Tasmanian Section) Inc is an association established under the Associations Incorporation Act (Tasmania) 1964, and operates in accordance with the legislative requirements and its Constitution.

RFDS Tasmania is governed by a Council, comprising a President, 2 Vice Presidents, an Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer and 2 - 5 other members, all of whom are elected annually at the Annual General Meeting. The RFDS Tasmanian Council also nominates a representative to the RFDS National Board.

All positions are honorary and Councillors are independent of management and key contractors. Details of the Councillors and their qualifications and experience follow this report.

The Council meets six times each year to discuss policy, strategy, operations and finance.

The Council 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 Council 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 Council 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).

Council has appropriate policies in place to declare and manage conflicts of interest.

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 Council has established 3 committees to assist in enhancing the governance and effective operations of RFDS Tasmania.

Governance Risk and Finance Committee

The Committee assists the Council 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. Major functions of the committee include:

Governance: to develop charters, policies and procedures as required; develop a Code of Ethics and monitor its adherence; develop induction procedures for new Council members.

Risk: to develop risk management policies and procedures as required, in particular for employment practices, workplace health and safety and building management; and to review the adequacy of insurance coverage.

Financial management: to review and make recommendations to the Council on all significant accounting policies; oversight effective systems of accounting and internal control, including monitoring exposure to fraud; oversight financial risk management, capital management and funding, investment, capital expenditure, procurement, and employment contracts.

Financial reporting and audit: to review the annual financial statements and reports with the auditors and advise and make recommendations to the Council in relation to their adoption; to ensure that the RFDS complies with all reporting obligations with respect to relevant laws including Associations Incorporation Act, Australian Accounting Standards, RFDS National accounting policies and guidelines and tax laws; and to oversight the audit function, including recommending the appointment of auditors.

Nomination Committee

The Committee was established to assist the Council in the effective discharge of its responsibilities in relation to the composition, structure and operations of the Council. Major functions of the committee include:

Council Skill and Composition: to provide assurance that Council has the effective composition, size and commitment to adequately discharge its responsibilities; recommend required Council competencies, number and profiles of Councillors; assess the extent to which the necessary and desirable competencies are represented on Council and ensure Council succession plans are in place to maintain the required compositions of Council.

Recruitment and selection: to conduct searches for new Councillors and recommend preferred candidates to Council.

Council Effectiveness: to develop a process for evaluating the performance of Council.

Marketing Committee

The role of the Marketing Committee is primarily to review the Marketing and Development strategy of RFDS Tasmania and provide recommendations on Marketing and Development options to the Council in accordance with the strategy. A report on the activities of the Committee is included elsewhere in the Annual Report.



Tasmanian Council >

Dr Colin George Merridew (1)
President
Elected 1995

Consultant Anaesthetist
Specialist medical practitioner:
consultant anaesthetist, intensive care
and medical retrieval
RAAF Specialist Medical Reserve
Ongoing RAAF Reserve medical
deployments overseas

Mr Michael Alexander Hackman (2)
Vice-President
Elected 2004

Member of the National Board of RFDS
Australia (Jan 2011 - Jun 2011)
Master of Politics and Public Policy
Company Director
Fellow of the Australian Institute of
Company Directors
Private Pilot and aircraft owner

Mr Malcolm Graeme White (3)
Senior Vice-President
Elected 2005

Member of the National Board of RFDS
Australia (Jul 2010 - Dec 2010)
Master of Business Administration
Air Transport Pilot Licence
Public Servant
Resigned December 2010

Mr Robert William Grey (4)
Secretary/Public Officer
Elected 1999

Master of Defence Studies
RAAF pilot and Commanding Officer
Company Director
Flying instructor and examiner
Commercial Pilot Licence
Justice of the Peace

Mrs Sarah Merridew (5)
Treasurer
Elected 2006

Chartered Accountant, Fellow of the
Australian Institute of Company Directors
Non Executive Director of MyState
Limited, Tasmanian Railway and the
Tasmanian Water and Sewerage
Corporations
Former Partner of Deloitte Touche
Tohmatsu

Mr Lindsay Douglas Millar OAM (6)
Councillor
Elected 1965

Foundation member 1960
Past President (2 terms)
RFDS Tasmanian Section Life Member
National Council and Aviation Committee
1976 – 1989
RFDS National Board 2002 – 2008
RFDS Rev. John Flynn Fellowship Award
(National) 2009
Tasmanian Aero Club 1956 – current Past
President and Life member
Orchardist (retired) Farmer
Private Pilot's Licence

Mrs Jeanette Mary Gatenby (7)
Chair Marketing Committee
Elected 2008

Teacher
Former Journalist and Public Relations
and marketing project manager
Bachelor of Arts (Hons), Dip Teaching,
Graduate Diploma Career Counselling

Ms Caroline Louise Wells (8)
Councillor
Elected 2009

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

Statistical Information Royal Flying Doctor Service Tasmanian Operations 2010 – 2011

Aircraft Type

Beechcraft Kingair B200C

Number of Landings 2332

Kilometres Flown 487,133

Rural Women's GP Patients 710

Inter-Hospital Transfers 1086

Medical Chests 6

Clinics conducted 63



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Royal Flying Doctor Service of Australia (Tasmanian Section) Incorporated

Financial Statements

30 June 2011



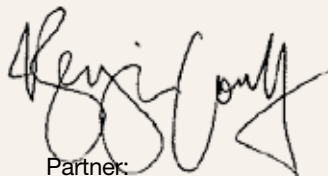
Committee List

For the Year Ended 30 June 2011

President:	Dr Colin George Merridew	41A Lyttleton Street East Launceston 7250
Vice Presidents:	Mr Malcolm Graeme White (Resigned December 2010)	1 Lanoma Street East Launceston 7250
	Mr Michael Alexander Hackman	2410/127 Kent Street Sydney 2000
Secretary:	Mr Robert William Grey	48 The Esplanade Lindisfarne 7015
Treasurer:	Mrs Sarah Merridew	41A Lyttleton Street East Launceston 7250
Councillors:	Mr Lindsay Douglas Millar	"Rewa" 124 Craighburn Road Hillwood 7252
	Mrs Jeanette Mary Gatenby	49 High Street Launceston 7250
	Ms Caroline Louise Wells	7 Darling Parade Mt Stuart 7000
Public Officer:	Mr Robert William Grey	48 The Esplanade Lindisfarne 7015


GARROTT & GARROTT

Chartered Accountants


Partner:

Date: 9 September 2011

Statement of Comprehensive Income

For the Year Ended 30 June 2011

	Note	2011 \$	2010 \$
INCOME			
Donations		95,083	96,038
Grants - Federal Council		95,563	95,563
Interest Received		74,647	48,457
Other income		5,823	3,947
Rent		48,406	47,524
Total income		319,522	291,529
EXPENSES			
Administration		73,551	39,167
Base operations		116,061	111,936
Depreciation		61,165	77,330
Medical services		21,763	59,590
Total expenses		272,540	288,023
NET INCOME		46,982	3,506

Statement of Financial Position

For the Year Ended 30 June 2011

	Note	2011 \$	2010 \$
ASSETS			
Current assets			
Cash at bank	2	1,226,039	1,329,959
Accounts receivable	3	4,573	11,890
Cash float		100	100
Inventories		664	92
Total current assets		1,231,376	1,342,041
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment	4	459,506	389,554
Total non-current assets		459,506	389,554
TOTAL ASSETS		1,690,882	1,731,595
LIABILITIES			
Current liabilities			
Accounts payable	5	16,050	110,388
Annual leave		6,645	-
TOTAL LIABILITIES		22,695	110,388
NET ASSETS		1,668,187	1,621,207
EQUITY			
Capital Maintenance Reserve		600,000	600,000
Accumulated funds	7	1,068,187	1,021,206
TOTAL EQUITY		1,668,187	1,621,206

This statement should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 30 June 2011

1 Accounting Policies

These financial statements are a special purpose financial report prepared in order to satisfy the accounts preparation requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act (Tasmania) 1964.

The committee have determined that the Royal Flying Doctor Service of Australia (Tasmanian Section) Incorporated is not a reporting entity and therefore there is no need to apply Australian Accounting Standards or other mandatory professional reporting requirements in the preparation and presentation of the financial statements.

The financial report has been prepared on an accruals basis and is based on historical costs modified by the revaluation of selected non-current assets, financial assets and financial liabilities for which the fair value basis of accounting has been applied.

The following specific accounting policies, which are consistent with previous periods unless otherwise stated, have been adopted in the preparation of this financial report:

(a) Property, Plant and Equipment

Each class of property, plant and equipment is carried at cost or fair value less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses.

The depreciable amount of all fixed assets including buildings, is depreciated on a straight-line basis over their useful lives commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use. Leasehold improvements are depreciated over the shorter of either the unexpired period of the lease or the estimated useful lives of the improvements. The estimated useful lives used for each class of asset are as follows:

Buildings	15 years
Leasehold improvements	20 years
Computer equipment	3 years
Medical equipment	3 years
Other plant and equipment	3 years

The carrying amount of property, plant and equipment is reviewed annually by the committee to ensure it is not in excess of the recoverable amount. The recoverable amount is based on the depreciated cost of the asset, which has been deemed to be more appropriate than the discount net cash flows from the use and subsequent disposal of the asset, as the majority of assets are held for the purpose of producing income.

(b) Revenue

Revenue from the sale of goods is recognised upon the delivery of goods to customers.

Interest revenue is recognised on a proportional basis taking into account the interest rates applicable to the financial assets.

Rental revenue is recognised when the rent becomes due and payable in accordance with the relevant lease agreement.

Government and other grants are recognised as revenue in the period in which control is obtained over the assets comprising the grant.

Other income, including donations and bequests, is recognised on receipt.

(c) Inventories

Inventories are measured at the lower of cost and net realisable value on a first-in first-out basis.

(d) Income Tax

The association is exempt from income tax under section 50-10 of the Australian Income Tax Assessment Act 1997, and the association has received notification from the Australian Tax Office in respect to its exempt status, together with its Deductible Gift Recipient status. Accordingly, no income tax expense or liability has been recognised.

(e) Leases

Lease payments for operating leases, where substantially all of the risks and benefits remain with the lessor, are charged as expenses in the periods in which they are incurred.

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 30 June 2011

	2011 \$	2010 \$
2 Cash		
NAB Trading Account	20,913	-
NAB Term Deposit	500,000	-
NAB Term Deposit	705,126	-
ANZ - Trading Account	-	97,698
ANZ - V2 Account	-	124,999
ANZ - Term Deposit	-	406,858
ANZ - Term Deposit	-	148,393
ANZ - Term Deposit	-	552,011
	1,226,039	1,329,959

3 Accounts Receivable		
Trade debtors	2,320	4,632
GST clearing	2,253	7,258
	4,573	11,890

4 Property, Plant and Equipment		
Buildings at cost	673,170	673,170
Less: accumulated depreciation	(456,743)	(411,842)
	216,427	261,328
Improvements at cost	14,625	14,625
Less: accumulated depreciation	(3,134)	(2,403)
	11,491	12,222
Wynyard shelter	230,814	104,002
Less: accumulated depreciation	(6,956)	-
	223,858	104,002
Plant and equipment at cost	54,830	50,524
Less: accumulated depreciation	(47,099)	(38,522)
	7,731	12,002
	459,507	389,554

The buildings and improvements are situated on leasehold land. The association leases the use of the site from Launceston Airports. The buildings and improvements are sub-leased to RFDS SE section.

5 Trade and Other Payables		
Trade Creditors	16,050	110,388
	16,050	110,388

6 Operating Lease Commitments		
Within 1 year	14,375	14,375
1 - 5 years	57,500	57,500
Later than 5 years	40,729	55,104
	112,604	126,979

7 Retained Earnings		
Retained Profits at the Beginning Of The Year	1,021,206	1,017,700
Net income/(loss)	46,981	3,506
	1,068,187	1,021,206

Treasurer's Declaration

In the opinion of the treasurer, the financial report as set out on pages 19 to 21:

- (a) presents fairly the financial position of Royal Flying Doctor Service of Australia (Tasmanian Section) Incorporated as at 30 June 2011 and its performance for the year ended on that date in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 1 to the financial statements;
- (b) satisfy the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act (Tasmania) 1964 to prepare accounts; and
- (c) at the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that Royal Flying Doctor Service of Australia (Tasmanian Section) Incorporated will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

Treasurer 

Mrs Sarah Merridew

Dated 9 September 2011

Auditors Independence Declaration

I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, during the year ended 30 June 2011 there have been:

- (i) no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements as set out in the Associations Incorporation Act (Tasmania) 1964 in relation to the audit; and
- (ii) no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

GARROTT & GARROTT

Chartered Accountants



Benjamin Coull

Partner



INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the members of Royal Flying Doctor Service of Australia (Tasmanian Section) Incorporated

We have audited the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose financial report, of Royal Flying Doctor Service of Australia (Tasmanian Section) Incorporated, which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2011, the statement of comprehensive income for the year then ended, a summary of significant accounting policies, other explanatory notes and the treasurer's declaration.

The Responsibility of the Committee for the Financial Report

The committee of the association are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report and have determined that the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements which form part of the financial report are appropriate to meet the financial reporting requirements of the constitution and are appropriate to meet the needs of the members.

The committee's responsibility also includes establishing and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. No opinion is expressed as to whether the accounting policies used, as described in Note 1, are appropriate to meet the needs of the members. We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. These Auditing Standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the committee, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Independence

In conducting our audit, we have complied with the independence requirements of the Australian professional accounting bodies and the Associations Incorporation Act (Tasmania) 1964.

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Basis for Qualified Auditor's Opinion

Donations are a significant source of revenue for Royal Flying Doctor Service of Australia (Tasmanian Section) Incorporated. The committee has determined that it is impracticable to establish control over the collection of this revenue prior to entry into its financial records. Accordingly, as the evidence available to us regarding revenue from this source was limited, our audit procedures with respect to donations was restricted to the amounts recorded in the financial records. We therefore are unable to express an opinion as to the completeness of the association's revenue.

Qualified Auditor's Opinion

In our opinion, except for the effects of such adjustments, if any, as might have been determined to be necessary had we been able to satisfy ourselves as to the completeness of revenue:

- the financial report presents fairly, in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements, the financial position of Royal Flying Doctor Service of Australia (Tasmanian Section) Incorporated at 30 June 2011, and of its performance for the year then ended;
- we obtained the information we required for the audit and Royal Flying Doctor Service of Australia (Tasmanian Section) Incorporated kept proper accounting records and other books during the year ended 30 June 2011; and
- the rules relating to the administration of the funds of Royal Flying Doctor Service of Australia (Tasmanian Section) Incorporated have been observed.

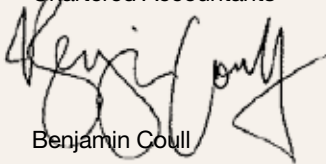
Basis of Accounting

Without modifying our opinion, we draw attention to Note 1 to the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report is a special purpose financial report that has been prepared for the purpose of fulfilling the committee's financial reporting responsibilities under the constitution. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose.



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Benjamin Coull
Partner

Launceston

Date: 9 September 2011





The Royal Flying Doctor Service was started over 80 years ago, in 1928, by the Rev John Flynn. His tireless campaigning to alleviate the isolation and suffering of those who lived and worked in the Australian Outback led first to a regional, and then to a national aeromedical service. Flynn's far-reaching ambition was to throw a 'mantle of safety' over the whole of Australia.

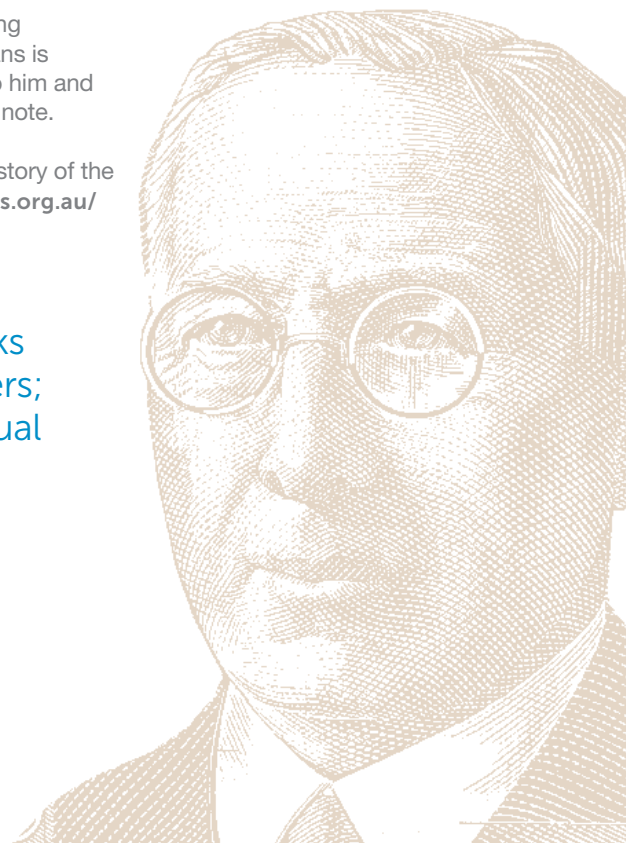
In 2010/11 we celebrated the continuing success of that ambition, as well as the technological advances in medicine, aviation and communications which allow the Royal Flying Doctor Service to offer the highest quality of care to all those who live, work and travel in the vast Australian Outback.

Flynn's contribution to improving the lives of millions of Australians is acknowledged with a tribute to him and his work on the Australian \$20 note.

For more information on the history of the RFDS, visit www.flyingdoctors.org.au/history.html

Do not pray for tasks equal to your powers; pray for powers equal to your tasks.

> Rev John Flynn.



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We acknowledge and thank from the bottom of our hearts our corporate partners, sponsors, donors, members, friends, volunteers, along with the Commonwealth, State and Territory Governments. Your dedication and combined contributions are significant in every step we take and on behalf of all, we say thank you.

The RFDS team

How you can help >

The Royal Flying Doctor Service relies on support from individuals, corporations, the government and the community to carry out our life-saving work. Emergency services provided by the Flying Doctor are free to the user. To continue our vital work, we must rely on donations from people like you. Help us ensure that we will always be there when we're needed:

You can:

- > Send donations to Royal Flying Doctor Service, PO Box 1087, Launceston, Tasmania 7250
- > Phone us on **03 6391 0504** or **1300 669 569**
- > Visit website www.flyingdoctor.org.au to make an online donation.

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