



# Royal Flying Doctor Service

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

The Royal Flying Doctor Service in Western Australia (RFDS) is an iconic and innovative charity, which saves lives and improves patient outcomes.

We believe everyone should have access to the best healthcare, regardless of where they live, work or travel across Western Australia.



## Our essential service



emergency retrievals



primary healthcare



telehealth consultations



medical chests

## FY21 snapshot

EMERGENCY AEROMEDICAL RETRIEVALS

10,097

MEDICAL CHESTS

594

PRIMARY HEALTHCARE PATIENTS

10,316

KILOMETRES FLOWN

9.03m

## Common diagnoses

1. injury & poisoning
2. circulatory system
3. digestive system



Source: RFDS WA data FY21

## Wheatbelt health profile



76,394 population



11,743 potentially preventable hospitalisations



70% unable to receive hospital care in region



4.3x death rate for transport accidents compared with State

Source: WA Country Health Service Regional Health Profile 2018

## Our COVID-19 response

To date we have transported **134\*** confirmed or suspected COVID-19 cases in WA, including:

KIMBERLEY REGION

47

PILBARA REGION

27

MIDWEST REGION

20

GOLDFIELDS REGION

14

WHEATBELT REGION

9

GREAT SOUTHERN REGION

7

Source: RFDS WA data as of 26 August 2021  
\*Two patients transported from Darwin, Northern Territory

## Our services in the Wheatbelt



813 patients transferred (90 < 15 years old)  
Average: 2 per day, 16 per week



967 patients attended primary healthcare clinics including 911 GP clinics



4 medical chests

Source: RFDS WA data FY21