Your Flying Doctor

STRONGER TOGETHER

How you are supporting families across Queensland.

A NEW BEGINNING FOR BUNDABERG
Welcome inside our new base.

A TRUE QUEENSLAND HERO
Celebrating the life of Ray Grace.

SOMETHING TO SMILE ABOUT
Step back in time with the RFDS Dental Service.

WINTER 2020
Welcome to your Winter 2020 Flying Doctor Supporter Magazine.

When I look back on the start of this year, it feels like a lifetime away.

Here in Queensland it seemed we were just recovering from the impact of crippling droughts followed by severe flooding, then bushfires, when the biggest health crisis of a generation appeared on the horizon.

While the last few months have been some of the most challenging in the history of the Flying Doctor, your extraordinary support has given us the strength to keep going.

When we launched our COVID-19 Emergency Fund in March we were overwhelmed by your generosity and kind words of support.

Your gifts, along with a generous contribution from the Rinehart Medical Foundation, are keeping our patients and crews safe as they carry out their life-saving work. You can read more about our COVID-19 emergency response on pages 3 and 4.

And, despite the significant challenges, there have also been reasons for hope and celebration.

Thanks to you, we have officially opened the doors of our new base in Bundaberg.

This was truly a community effort and you can read more about how the base is already improving patient care on pages 15 and 16.

It’s an astonishing 67 years since the original mobile Dental Service first brought a smile to the faces of Australians living in outback Queensland. Find out more about the surprising history of the service on pages 11 and 12.

You can also read the extraordinary story of one of the Flying Doctor’s first ever patients. Still going strong at 92, Enid has a tale or two to tell about life on an outback homestead on pages 7 and 8.

These stories remind us how far the Flying Doctor has come since our early days, over 92 years ago. And, while we never know what the future will bring, one thing is certain.

We are stronger together. Thank you for being part of the Flying Doctor team.

Warmest wishes,

Meredith Staib
Chief Executive Officer
Royal Flying Doctor Service
(Queensland Section)
Charleville mum of three, Katie Allen, knows she has a lot to be thankful for. Her family love the freedom and sense of community that comes from living in Charleville.

But, without your support of the Flying Doctor, life could be very different for this tight-knit family of five.

Katie’s youngest son, Moss, was only a few months old when he suddenly fell very sick. Katie recalls that terrifying time:

“We knew fairly early on that Moss had a physical disability, but then he got really, really sick. And to the point where he couldn’t breathe, and his oxygen levels were extremely low.”

Katie remembers the enormous relief she felt when our Flying Doctor team arrived at Charleville Hospital:

“They just knew exactly what they were doing, and they had all the equipment they needed. It was such a relief to know that Moss was in their hands.”

Moss bounced back from his illness, but doctors were still unsure of the cause of his disability. Then, just one year later, Katie received a call to say her eldest son Bodhi had been seriously hurt by a motorcycle at a friend’s party.

“The RFDS plane arrived within a couple of hours and took him straight to Toowoomba Base hospital. As we were there, desperately waiting for the plane to arrive, I just thought, oh no, not again.”

Without the Flying Doctor on hand to rush Bodhi to specialist care, Katie fears he would have lost his leg that day.

While Bodhi was recovering in hospital, Katie received devastating news about Moss.

“We were told Moss may have Leukodystrophy and he’d be lucky to make it to ten years old. So we had to deal with Bodhi’s accident and then this news all within a few weeks.”

Moss underwent an exhaustive series of genetic tests. Following an agonising three-month wait, Kate and Craig received the very best news they could have hoped for – Moss’s results were negative.

Katie is clear about the extraordinary difference the Flying Doctor, and your support, has made to her family.
On January 25, the first case of novel coronavirus was confirmed in Australia. In the months that followed, our world changed beyond recognition.

While our teams are used to working in the most difficult circumstances, we’ve never faced a challenge quite like this.

In March, we launched our COVID-19 Emergency Fund to purchase the essential emergency supplies we urgently needed to keep our teams and patients safe. And your response was overwhelming.

Amidst the global confusion and fear, the strength of our Queensland community shone though.

Thanks to your generosity, we were able to buy much needed disinfectant fog machines, used to fully sanitise every last corner of our aircraft after transporting every patient with suspected coronavirus infection.

We were also able to stock up on essentials like disposable gloves and coveralls to protect our aeromedical teams, as they carry out their life-saving work.

For our aeromedical teams working on the frontlines of the pandemic, knowing they had your support gave them the strength they needed to tackle this challenge head on.
Our teams practise the safe treatment of a patient with suspected COVID-19 infection.

Alongside our essential equipment needs, your ongoing support allowed us to immediately rollout critical COVID-19 training to all RFDS clinicians across the state.

Ronan Sweeney, Manager of Clinical Development and Training at RFDS in Queensland, explained how we approached this huge challenge:

“COVID-19 has forced us to think outside the box. We have a Low Dose High Frequency training program that takes advantage of short periods of down time in our clinician’s busy schedules. For COVID-19 we developed a number of scenarios that our educators could roll out immediately to quickly up-skill everyone across the state.”

To date, the Flying Doctor has transferred over 400 patients with suspected coronavirus infection across Australia.

And, as we take the first steps back to normality, our team remains ever vigilant to the possible threat posed by this new virus, especially to vulnerable people living in our most regional, rural and remote communities.

Thank You

In times of greatest need, your support makes our life-saving work possible. We cannot thank you enough for standing with us when times get tough.
On May 12 we celebrated International Nurses Day.

In fact, 2020 is the Year of the Nurse and Midwife. And, as we face the global health crisis of a generation, never has the critical role our nurses play in the wellbeing of our community been more apparent.

Here at the Flying Doctor in Queensland, an astonishing 76 per cent of our flights are nurse only and, in 2019 alone, 11,768 transfers were performed by nurses. Many of our services, including our dental and mental health clinics, would simply not be possible without the tireless passion and commitment of our highly trained nurses.

Hayden Wilson is an RFDS Flight Nurse working out of our Rockhampton Base. He grew up on tiny Norfolk Island, helping out the ambulance service and taking first-aid courses with the local army cadets. He always knew nursing was the career for him:

“The main driver was my mother was a nurse, so I guess I wanted to follow in her footsteps. But it’s always been a career I’ve really enjoyed.” said Hayden.

Only 11% of nurses in Australia are male, but Hayden has never let his gender hold him back. He encourages all men who are considering a career in nursing to follow their passion.

“You do need a thick skin. You will get some comments about being a male nurse, but the benefits of having such an amazing, diverse career far outweigh any negatives.

“The work is so exciting and rewarding. I love the unknown and going out to smaller communities, knowing you’re providing that vital link to the rural healthcare centres.”

Hayden is a Registered Nurse and Midwife. He is studying to become a Nurse Practitioner and originally trained at the Royal Brisbane Hospital. It was while working there in Emergency Medicine that Hayden met his now wife, Tara. Together they set their sights on careers with the Flying Doctor.

“Tara grew up in a small town in rural Queensland, so working for the Flying Doctor was always at the back of her mind. We decided to give it a go.”

All RFDS Flight Nurses are qualified as both nurses and midwives. Tara and Hayden
moved to Rockhampton and completed their postgraduate midwifery studies together, before being accepted into roles with the Flying Doctor.

“Working alone and in the back of an aircraft, is a very daunting experience at first. It’s completely different from being a nurse in a hospital. But the training when you join the Flying Doctor is exceptional.” said Hayden.

Hayden and Tara have now been with the Flying Doctor in Queensland for two years. In April last year, they welcomed their daughter, Poppy.

Recent events have only reaffirmed to Hayden that he made the right career choice:

“We don’t get into the job looking for praise, but it’s nice to have that recognition. COVID-19 has also highlighted the important role that we play. We’re on the frontline and often the first people to see a patient. Our healthcare system would look very different without the vital contribution of nurses.”

Thanks to you, Flight Nurses like Hayden and Tara know they can rely on world-class training and the very best equipment when they’re treating a patient. Your support makes our Flight Nurses the very best in the world.
Enid’s parents worked on a remote homestead around 50 miles south of Burketown. When her mother had the first signs of going into labour, the newly formed Aerial Medical Service (which later became the Royal Flying Doctor Service) was called.

They were called in the only way possible back then, by pedal radio.

The pedal radio was invented by Alfred Traeger but, before this breakthrough invention, Traeger’s talents had already become known to Flying Doctor founder John Flynn. Flynn quickly negotiated a salary of six pounds a week to support Traeger’s passion for electronics and radio communications.

In 1928 (the very same year Enid was born) Traeger invented the pedal radio which was integral to the Flying Doctor. Some say that Traeger’s work gave the outback its voice.

The first radio was a flood mounted generator, driven with bicycle wheels that powered a radio receiver.

A base station was established at Cloncurry, and the first pedal wireless was installed at a station 150 miles out of town.

In the following decade, hundreds of pedal radios were installed across the state in hospitals, homesteads and bases of the Aerial Medical Service.

Now back to Enid.

Enid Berry is an amazing woman with a story you could make into a movie. It certainly has a twist or two! Enid probably should have been our very first patient in 1928, but in the end, she wasn’t, well, patient enough.
Dr Kenyon Welch and Pilot HA Affleck (historically known as the first RFDS pilot) were delayed by bad weather, and little Enid couldn’t wait.

**When the Flying Doctor arrived, Enid was in a shoebox covered in cotton wool and olive oil.**

Enid’s grandmother had no choice but to deliver her own daughter’s child, and by all accounts did a fantastic job.

Dr Kenyon quickly decided that Enid didn’t require any treatment, let alone hospitalisation. So, Enid, thanks to Grandma’s quick thinking, didn’t need to board our plane.

Do you like a story with a twist? Enid’s family kept a secret, which became a mystery that Enid only solved decades later and after her mother had sadly passed away.

**The flight to the homestead that day had a third passenger in Minister Herbert A Norton.**

The minister baptised Enid on the day of her birth. It was a very different time, and Enid’s parents were unmarried. So when Minister Norton baptised Enid, he quickly married her parents beforehand.

Doctor Kenyon made a “mistake” on the birth certificate and listed Enid’s birth as the 10th of June (which was actually two days AFTER she was born) and after the impromptu nuptials.

All of which would have been fine if the baptism certificate had also been changed. It wasn’t.

As an adult working on her family tree, Enid realised she was baptised two days before she was born. A reluctant relative filled in the blanks and the mystery was solved.

Today Enid is 92 and still lives life to the full and graciously allowed us to share her story with you. Now if only she could have been more patient!

**Thanks to you, and our modern fleet of aircraft, faced with the same situation today we could have reached Enid in time and saved Grandma the trouble.**

Whether the 1920’s or 2020 one thing remains the same. We couldn’t help anyone without the support of people just like you.
A PARENT’S WORST FEAR

Growing up in Charleville, the Flying Doctor was ‘just a part of life’ for Brent Alexander. But, back then, he could never have imagined the critical role our service would play in his family’s life.

Brent’s son, Dougal, was only six-months-old, when Brent and his wife, noticed a small lump on the side of his neck. After a trip to the doctor and a worrying couple of nights in Charleville Hospital, little Dougal’s condition began to deteriorate. Brent recalls:

“He was on an IV drip and an antibiotic drip, but he wasn’t responding to any treatment. The original lump had got bigger and he had lumps all over his face. It was extremely scary.”

Dougal urgently needed specialist paediatric care in Brisbane, a full day’s drive away. The Flying Doctor was called, and Brent’s wife travelled in the plane with her seriously ill son. Brent jumped in the car with their daughter Clara and began the gruelling drive to Brisbane – a trip that took less than three hours by plane.

After 11 days in hospital, Dougal made a full recovery and was able to travel back home to Charleville with his grateful family.

Dougal is now a happy, healthy 2½ year old – a bit of a handful, by all accounts. But dad Brent is all too aware of how different things could have been:

“I was raised in Charleville, I wouldn’t want to live anywhere else, but our experience with Dougal made us realise just how essential the Flying Doctor is for people like us who live rurally. We wouldn’t feel safe if we didn’t have them.”

Brent supports the Flying Doctor whenever he can, including donating regularly through his Ergon Energy Retail electricity bill. He’s seen first-hand the difference our service can make.

Thank You

For the last 20 years, Ergon Energy Retail and its customers have raised over $15 million for the Flying Doctor in Queensland, keeping our aircraft in the air and saving lives. Thank you to everyone who supports us through this amazing initiative.
A young child with a potentially deadly snake bite.
A helicopter crash, hundreds of kilometres from the nearest hospital.
A tiny baby fighting for breath.

COVID-19.
When our medical teams arrive at the scene of an emergency, they may have only seconds to save a life. Each and every decision they make has life-changing consequences for the patients they treat.

RFDS clinicians must be ready for any and every emergency.

And, thanks to you, our aeromedical crews working in Northern Queensland will soon have access to the most advanced emergency medical training in the world.

Thanks to your extraordinary support, we have raised $410,471 to fund a new Clinical Simulation Training Centre at our Cairns Base. Work will begin on the new centre in July, with training scheduled to begin this month.

Ronan Sweeney, Manager of Clinical Training and Development explained what sets these training centres apart:

“RFDS clinicians work in some of the most challenging environments on earth. Our Simulated Learning Environments use immersive video technology to replicate the unique sights and sounds of an outback emergency.

We also use high fidelity mannequins that accurately mimic human response meaning our staff can hone their medical skills in one of the most realistic training environments in the world.”

Since our earliest days, the Flying Doctor has used technology to improve patient care. This new centre will be the third of its kind in Queensland, following the launch of new facilities at both our Brisbane and Bundaberg Bases.

Thank you to QSuper for supporting ongoing training of our RFDS Flight Nurses across Queensland.

The beautiful thank you letter we received from Hayley.

8-year-old Hayley made a full recovery after being bitten by a brown snake.

Thank you to everyone for donating money for the RFDS. It means so much to people living in the outback to know the RFDS planes can keep saving us.

Since my snake bite, I have been fine. My foot still hurts sometimes but it’s not painful. The quinoaENGINEER has full babies so we haven’t seen a snake for a while.

From Hayley

Thank you to QSuper for supporting ongoing training of our RFDS Flight Nurses across Queensland.
A STORY TO BRING A
smile to your face
LITERALLY!

Our supporters know a lot about the Flying Doctor. You probably know about our fleet and the life and death nature of our emergency retrievals.

You probably know that our founder is pictured on the twenty-dollar note.

You might even be a fan of the TV show “The Flying Doctors” that aired on the Nine Network in the late eighties.

But did you know that with your support we “fill the gaps” (pun intended) for people who can’t access a dentist in remote areas of Queensland?

Over 15,000 patients across 25 rural communities have already seen a sight for sore eyes (and teeth) roll into their town for everything from check-ups, x rays, and treatment for gum disease.

Imagine an 18-wheel semi-trailer with everything you would see in a dentist’s office anywhere in the world.

Inside the truck, there are two clinics, a sterilisation area, and a reception desk. It also houses state-of-the-art x-ray equipment and a team of five staff who know every small and remote town in Queensland like the back of their hands.

More often than not, the mobile clinic is parked and operating in areas that can be hundreds of kilometres from the nearest dental chair.

It’s why the 18-wheeler mobile service has travelled over 63,000 kilometres to and from the areas that need it most.

For the isolated, elderly, vulnerable and those with disabilities, the RFDS Dental Service can be the only option available.

The service has supplied over $8.8 million dollars of dental treatment since 2013, thanks to our Founding Partners QCoal Foundation and QCoal Group.

Apart from having the confidence that comes from healthy gums and teeth, we know that poor oral health is linked to a range of other health conditions, including diabetes and heart disease.
It’s so important that all Australians have access to a dentist to prevent those cavities and promote good oral health!

While you might be thinking, I already knew about the RFDS Dental Service, you might not know that the service initially dates back to 1953.

Our CEO recently received a lovely letter from Mr Stan Andrews, who also sent through photos from the service that are almost 60 years old. Stan, a dental technician himself still remembers some of the challenges in getting from location to location to see patients.

“River crossings and even cutting down trees to reach remote properties were all part of a day’s work,” said Stan.

While the old truck in 1953 doesn’t look like much compared to the current state-of-the-art mobile clinic, one thing remains the same. Whether it’s 1953 or 2020, whether it’s by road or by air, the goal has always been the same.

The furthest corner, the finest care – anywhere, thanks to you.

Thank You

The RFDS Dental Service has seen over 15,000 patients in rural communities. Thanks to you, people living hundreds of kilometres from a dentist won’t have to live with the pain and discomfort of bad teeth and gums.

Now that’s something to smile about.

Principal Partner

Thank you to the Dental Service’s founding partner QCoal for their continued support of the Flying Doctor over the past 10 years.
Ray passed away peacefully at Biloela Hospital earlier this year. He was 90 years old when he died, just one year younger than the Flying Doctor, and had devoted much of his life to supporting our life-saving service.

Ray spent his working life in Banana Shire, raising red Brangus cattle and was well-known for his generosity and support of his local community.

In 2017, we were able to honour Ray’s extraordinary contribution to the Flying Doctor in Queensland by naming our new Beechcraft King Air B350 Aircraft after him. For over three years, the ‘Ray Grace’ has been serving the people of the Rockhampton area. Last year the aircraft helped more than 890 Queenslanders. 31 of those were babies under one day old.

RFDS Queensland CEO, Meredith Staib, recalls meeting Ray at his 90th Birthday celebrations, held in his honour at the Flying Doctor base in Rockhampton.

“I had the pleasure of celebrating with Ray on his birthday last year. He was a very humble man who was motivated by his love of Queensland and his desire to improve the lives of his fellow Queenslanders.

Ray wasn’t a man who expressed his feelings readily, but when we shared with him how many Queenslanders his aircraft had transported, he would become quite emotional.”

Ray understood more than most the critical importance of the Flying Doctor.

Cattle farmer Ray Grace was a humble man and not prone to outbursts of emotion. But, behind the quiet exterior, lay a cheeky sense of humour and a passion for helping others.
In fact, Ray had first-hand experience of our service when he required an emergency flight from Rockhampton down to Brisbane for life-saving heart treatment.

In total, Ray flew with us three times. His final flight was his last journey home from the Mater Hospital in Rockhampton to Biloela Hospital in February of this year.

“It was Ray’s last wish to return to Biloela in his final weeks, and it was our privilege to make that a reality for him,” recalls Meredith.

Throughout his life, Ray made an extraordinary contribution to the health and wellbeing of his local community. He was also generous enough to leave a gift to the Flying Doctor in his Will.

Ray will be sorely missed by all who knew him, but his kindness and compassion lives on through his legacy.

Thank You

Supporters like Ray are the lifeblood of the Flying Doctor. We are deeply grateful for their kindness and generosity.

If you would like to find out more about leaving a gift to the Flying Doctor in your Will, please contact Heather Stott, Key Relationships Manager on 07 3852 7586 hstott@rfdsqld.com.au
Thanks to your amazing support, work has been completed on our new Bundaberg Aeromedical Base. And we’re already delivering world-class medical care to the people of Bundaberg and Central Queensland.

The new base houses both the Royal Flying Doctor Service (Queensland Section) and RACQ LifeFlight Rescue. Each year, together we fly over 3,500 patients to emergency care from Bundaberg and Central Queensland. And this number is increasing year on year.

Thanks to you, our state-of-the-art facility will meet growing demand and transform the level of care we can offer our patients.

Robyn Langton, Manager of Clinical and Base Operations, started work at Bundaberg just as building work commenced. She says her team and their patients are already feeling the benefits:

“The old base was very small and cramped. Patients often had to wait in the hot and draughty hangar for their transfer or squeeze into our small shared kitchen and lounge room area. Now we have a beautiful Patient Transfer Facility where there’s room for a stretcher and our Neocot which we use for transferring critically-ill babies.”

The new base also gives more space for maintenance on both the RFDS and LifeFlight aircraft and houses a Clinical and Innovation Learning Centre to support the ongoing development of our aeromedical crews.

The learning centre includes a ground-breaking immersive learning room where RFDS staff will use virtual reality to train in a variety of emergency scenarios they may encounter during their life-saving work.

The centre is also extremely spacious and easy to sanitise, features that Robyn says are now critical as her teams manage the impact of COVID-19.
While we could never have predicted the current health crisis, world-class facilities allow us to tackle even the greatest challenges head-on.

Robyn says the team couldn’t be happier, and safer, in their new working environment:

“The new base has offices for all our crew. The distance allows for confidentiality, but it also means that we are able to work out of the base and maintain social distance. And that leads to better outcomes for our patients.”

Thank You

This once in a lifetime project would simply not have been possible without your support. Thank you for giving world-class medical care to the people of Queensland, now and for the future.
Thank You

Like any excited mum, all Shantell Kennell wanted was a healthy baby. But, at 32 weeks, Shantell found herself at the Rockhampton Base Hospital with high blood pressure.

Shantell thought she would be sent home within hours. She even told her partner Joel not to rush back from his mining job in Biloela.

But, with her blood pressure still rising, there was no option but to rush Shantell to specialist care in Brisbane.

Shantell is terrified of flying and can still remember the way she felt on hearing the news she would be travelling with the Flying Doctor:

“I was already having a terrible day, and the news of the flight didn’t help. I’m petrified of flying and always have been” said Shantell.

The next morning, Shantell and father to be Joel boarded the plane for the 90-minute flight to Brisbane.

“I was a wreck, but the nurse on board was so reassuring. All of the staff were brilliant” said Shantell.

When the Flying Doctor landed in Brisbane, the hospital was able to reduce her blood pressure and waited another three weeks before bringing Daisy into the world at the 35-week mark.

Now eighteen months later, Daisy is reaching all of her milestones.

As our youngest ambassador, Daisy and her family got to say thank you to the RFDS crew that had flown them almost two years ago. It was a special day for everyone.

Flight nurse Peta Cross, who held Shantell’s hand on that emergency flight to Brisbane, got to show Daisy around the very plane that most likely saved her life.

Despite a shaky start to life, Daisy’s development is coming on in leaps and bounds. Proud mum, Shantell, told us:

“She started walking at 13 months, and once she took those first few steps, there was no stopping her. She practically went from crawling to running.”

“I’m as grateful to every supporter of the Flying Doctor as I am to the aeromedical team that kept my family safe and well. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.”

Shantell
**SLOW-COOKED**

**lamb**

4 good sized lamb forequarter chops  
2-3 onions, cut into wedges  
1 whole bulb garlic  
2 rosemary sprigs  
5-6 stalks fresh mint  
1 tbsp balsamic vinegar  
Freshly ground black pepper  
4 potatoes, peeled & sliced into ½ cm slices  
Virgin olive oil  
Sea salt

**METHOD:**

1. Place chops in a single layer in an ovenproof dish and sprinkle over and around with the onion wedges and garlic – broken up with the skin still on.
2. Top with rosemary and mint – bruised by crushing with the hand.
3. Top this alternately with potato and sweet potato. Finish off with a good drizzle of virgin olive oil and sea salt.
4. Bake in a slow oven (160°C) for around 90 minutes until the potatoes are baked and golden. Finish off the last 10 minutes on a higher heat to crisp up the potatoes.

**QUEENSLAND cake**

375g raisins  
375g currants  
700g sultanas  
250g dried pineapple, diced  
175g glacé ginger, diced  
1 cup pitted prunes, chopped  
1 cup pitted dates, chopped  
2 tbsp treacle  
1 cup rum  
4½ cups plain flour  
½ tsp bicarbonate soda  
1 dessert spoon ground allspice  
1 dessert spoon ground cinnamon  
¼ tsp ground cloves  
500g butter  
500g brown sugar  
10 eggs  
400g raw macadamia nuts (not salted)  
2 tbsp of extra rum

**METHOD:**

1. Preheat oven to 130°C and double line a cake tin with baking paper. Let the paper extend over the top. Use 1 x 28-30cm square tin or 2 x 19cm square tins or 2 x 23cm round tins.
2. In a large bowl place all the fruit and pour over the rum and treacle, mix well. (This can be done a couple of days beforehand.)
3. Sift together the flour, bicarbonate of soda and the spices into another large bowl.
4. Cream the butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Add the eggs one at a time, mix well.
5. Scrape the butter mixture into the fruit mixture and add the flour. Mix well together.
6. Spoon into prepared tin/s and smooth the surface. Top with macadamia nuts in single layer.
7. Drop the cake from a low height onto the bench to expel any air pockets.
8. Bake for 3½-4 hours until the cake is cooked when tested with a skewer.
9. Remove from oven and brush with the extra rum. Cover while hot with a double layer of foil and leave for 24 hours to completely cool.
AND THE WINNER IS...
Mr Michael Prior. His plane flew 11 metres.

Congratulations to the winner of our paper plane contest, ‘launched’ in the summer edition of your Flying Doctor Magazine.

“No wind, light wind, strong wind, my supersonic RFDS jet flew in no wind”

Historic
ANNIVERSARIES

Rockhampton Base commenced operations on July 3, 1995 in the building previously occupied by the Queensland Ambulance Service and has operated in this building to the present day.

Brisbane Base also commenced operations on July 3, 1995 in the building previously occupied by the Queensland Ambulance Service. On November 20, 1998 Brisbane Base relocated next door to new premises and has remained at this location since.

OUR PRINCIPAL PARTNERS