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# The Flying Doctor

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## Message from the CEO



Dear supporters,

This year is set to be another challenging and eventful year for the Royal Flying Doctor Service in Western Australia. At the end of last year we announced our aspiration to establish a new aeromedical operating facility in Broome, to ensure we are able to keep up with the rapidly growing demand for

our services in the north of the state. We are optimistic that with the financial support of the State Government, and the strong ongoing support of our donors and the public in general, that we will reach the \$20m target necessary to fulfil this aspiration. We are also pleased to be able to announce that our amazing Corporate Partner Rio Tinto has committed to sponsoring the Rio Tinto *Life Flight* Jet for another four years. The jet has been a vital addition to the RFDS aeromedical services in WA, increasing our capacity to provide fast and time-critical aeromedical care to the furthest corners of our vast state.

This year also marks the 85th Anniversary of the RFDS nationally, and the content of this newsletter commemorates this achievement by reflecting on our success and progress over the years.

Thanks to supporters like you, the RFDS has been able to continue fulfilling Reverend John Flynn's vision of a 'Mantle of Safety' for all Australians.

On behalf of all RFDS staff and our patients, I thank you all for your continued support.

**GRAHAME MARSHALL**

Chief Executive Officer, Western Australia

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## Message from the Editor

If you have been helped by the Royal Flying Doctor Service and would be willing to share your story, we would love to hear from you. Please contact (08) 9417 6400 or email [joanne.hill@rfdswa.com.au](mailto:joanne.hill@rfdswa.com.au)

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## Plans continue for new RFDS base in Broome

The Royal Flying Doctor Service is continuing its bid to seek funding and develop plans for a new operating base in Broome. In September 2012 the RFDS announced its aspiration to open a new base, recognising a need to bolster resources in the north of the state to ensure it could continue to meet the increasing demand for its Services.

RFDS Western Operations CEO Grahame Marshall said they had lodged funding submissions with the State Government and had discussions with a range of potential Corporate and Community partners seeking their support.

"The establishment of a new Broome base is subject to us gaining sufficient capital funding support, which we estimate to be around \$20 million."



**We want to make this aspiration a reality for the people of Broome and the Kimberley Region.**



Since 2005 the number of patients transported to Broome by the RFDS has increased by an incredible 236%. Furthermore, the number of patients being transported from Broome to other destinations has grown by 33%.

"Broome is now our busiest patient transport hub in the north of the state with over 600 patients moved to and from that destination last year," Mr Marshall said.

## Broome Charity House

Thanks to local Broome generosity the Royal Flying Doctor Service is to receive a generous donation, the result of the sale of a charity home built by H & M Tracey.

Many local builders donated supplies and services to the construction of the home, which has now been sold. Royal Flying Doctor Service Chief Executive Officer, Grahame Marshall, said they were incredibly grateful to have been chosen as a beneficiary of this project.

## When emergency services arrived on the scene, they were amazed that both occupants of the car were still alive.

Driving along a gravel road at night in a remote area, the driver had lost control around a bend. The car rolled down the side of an embankment, finally coming to a stop upside down.

Tanika McLennan, 37, was seated in the front passenger side of the car at the time. She lost consciousness almost immediately.

"I was hanging upside down with my legs trapped when I finally came to," she said.

"I could hear my friend calling out to me, asking me if I was ok.

"He feared the worst after getting no response. He managed to get out of the car ok and located a mobile phone so that we could call for help."

Tanika was trapped upside down in the car for two hours before emergency services arrived, jacked the car up and managed to slide her out.

"In hindsight I realise it was probably shock, but I was surprisingly calm the whole time," Tanika said.



**We are both so lucky to be alive.**



An RFDS aircraft was immediately sent to transfer both patients to Perth.

Despite her horrific ordeal, Tanika felt comfortable and re-assured by the RFDS crew.

"It is comforting to know that the RFDS is there when you need them," Tanika said.

## A Prince in the Cockpit

Staff at the Port Hedland base held an unusual audience recently, when the Crown Prince of Belgium, Prince Philippe, dropped in briefly to meet the crew and have a tour of the facilities. His visit was preceded by a thorough security sweep, after which he and a delegation of around 17 people, including international media, descended on the base. A fighter pilot and aviation enthusiast, Prince Philippe was delighted to get a firsthand look inside the cockpit of a RFDS aircraft. The Prince's visit was part of a wider tour of the north of WA.



## In her father's footsteps

> Proud dad Glen with his daughter Holly.

Many people have heard of 'take your parent to school' day, but it was a case of 'take your daughter to work' day recently for Glen Imber, Senior Flight Nurse in Derby.

Glen's daughter Holly has been studying her Bachelor of Nursing at the University of Notre Dame in Broome.

The University often has regular two-week clinical placements with RFDS for their 2nd and 3rd year Registered Nursing students.

"The experiences are invaluable to the students and it also helps RFDS staff maintain their mentoring skills," Glen said.

As part of Holly's placement, she joined the RFDS team in Derby, spending one shift with the Primary Health Care team and eight shifts with the retrieval crews, including one shift alongside her very proud dad.

This year Holly commences her graduate year at Fremantle Hospital, where she will gain experience across various clinical departments. She hopes to focus on Emergency Nursing and Midwifery, with an aim to one day also join the RFDS like her father. Glen insists he had nothing to do with this!



## Letter of Thanks

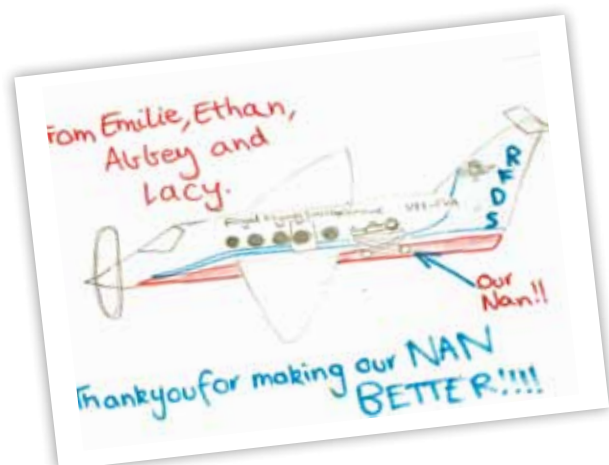
Dear Sir/Madam,

We left Ballarat on the 1st July 2012 for our holiday, which was to include the Anne Beadell Highway, Canning Stock Route, Kimberley and Tanami Track, then down the centre and then home.

However, my body had other ideas. After getting to Well 6 on the Canning Stock Route on July 15, I became very sick. By July 18 I had trouble walking and talking, so on the 19th my husband Richard drove me back to Wiluna - about 280k - and took me to Ngangganawili medical service. They thought I'd had a stroke, and arranged for the RFDS to fly me to Royal Perth Hospital. I arrived at 2.30am on July 20; Richard drove the 1300km, arriving on the 22nd.

I had hypercalcaemia from a tumour on my Parathyroid, and had life-saving surgery on July 23. After eight days in hospital, we drove back across the Nullabor, home to Ballarat.

> Thank you RFDS for flying me to Royal Perth Hospital from Wiluna, where urgent surgery saved my life. My family and I are very grateful. My grandchildren drew this picture.



Hopefully we can finish our adventure next year. Thank you all very much for saving my life.

Yours sincerely,  
Jill



## Workplace Giving : automatic, affordable, effective

Workplace giving is a simple and effective way for employees to regularly make tax deductible donations to the Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS).

Committing to regular donations makes it easier for RFDS to forward plan, so we can achieve more with your hard earned dollars. When you support the RFDS through workplace giving, you will receive updates via email and post so you can see the difference your support is making.

### All you need to do is:

- > Speak to your management/payroll team about adding RFDS to your existing list of charities, or ask payroll to set the program up.
- > Notify us of your decision to select Royal Flying Doctor Service for your workplace giving program.
- > Promote the program to your staff and encourage participation. You could also ask your employer if they are willing to match donations dollar for dollar.
- > Deposit your donations to Royal Flying Doctor Service. (monthly, quarterly or bi-annually)

**For more information please call (08) 9417 6400.**



## FMG staying safe for the Flying Doctor



- > FMG Christmas Creek site hands over donation to the RFDS.

Fortescue Metals Group Inc. has been a terrific support for the RFDS, donating over \$100,000 in the last year. As part of a safety initiative undertaken at the FMG Christmas Creek site, \$20,000 was presented to the RFDS - the second donation of this type.

FMG also donated \$73,080 to the RFDS as part of a recycling initiative undertaken by the organisation. Thanks to FMG and their staff for continuing to support the RFDS and helping provide essential health services to the community.



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**Charity  
Golf Day  
for the  
RFDS**

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**Funds raised for RFDS  
\$48,727**

The Royal Flying Doctor Service would like to thank all of our generous sponsors, supporters, competitors and volunteers for making the annual Bankwest Charity Golf Day for the RFDS a great success!



# Providing a 'Mantle of



> Rev John Flynn

## The Visionary Rev John Flynn (1880-1951)

The Reverend John Flynn recognised a need for an aerial medical service after witnessing the daily struggles of Australian pioneers living in remote areas. After 10 years of hard work and campaigning, his vision became a reality with the opening of the Australian Inland Mission Aerial Medical Service (later renamed the Royal Flying Doctor Service) in Cloncurry, Queensland on 15 May 1928.



> The first aircraft

The first flight was undertaken by pilot Arthur Affleck in a DeHavilland DH50A, an aircraft leased at five shillings a mile from



> HRH Princess Margaret visits the Kalgoorlie RFDS base in 1972

The Western Australian Section of the Service was established in 1935. The Section's first base at Port Hedland became operative in October of that

year, and the first medical flight was made on the opening day. In 1937 the Eastern Goldfields Section of the Flying Doctor Service opened its base in Kalgoorlie.

In July 2007, the Eastern Goldfields Section and the Western Australian Section were dissolved, the Victorian Section withdrew any involvement to the operations in WA, and the entire state was amalgamated as one under the title Western Operations. It is still known as RFDS Western Operations today, with operating bases at Jandakot, Port Hedland, Kalgoorlie, Meekatharra and Derby.

In 1955, the Flying Doctor Service was given the Royal title by Queen Elizabeth II in recognition of the important service provided by the organisation.



> Robin Miller with her Cessna aircraft

Robin Miller is an iconic figure in Western Australia, and had a special relationship with the RFDS. In 1967, Robin - a trained pilot and a nurse - undertook a vaccination programme to combat polio. After flying to remote communities, where she would treat children with a Sabin vaccine in sugar lumps, she became affectionately known as "The Sugarbird Lady". Two years on she completed the



# of Safety' for 85 years



> Kalgoorlie radio officer's quarters

## The RFDS in Western Australia

The Victorian Section was formed in 1934, but because there was no need for a flying doctor service in Victoria, it took over the responsibility of providing medical services in the Kimberley, in the northwest of WA. The section's first base at Wyndham became operational in 1935. The Victorian

Section later opened a base in Derby in 1955.

The Eastern Goldfields Section of the Flying Doctor Service opened its first base in Kalgoorlie in 1937; however area aircraft were flown on medical missions from the early 1930s, before they were used for this purpose in most other parts of Australia.

the fledgling Queensland and Northern Territory Aerial Service, later to be known as QANTAS.



In 2009 the RFDS acquired its first ever emergency medical jet – the Rio Tinto *Life Flight* jet. The jet has the capacity to take up to three stretcher patients, features

the latest and best medical fit-out, and is able to traverse the longest distances in half the time it takes the current RFDS fleet of turboprop aircraft.

programme, having administered over 37,000 doses of vaccine and flying 43,000 miles (69,200 km). As a flying nurse for the RFDS Robin's life was dedicated to the sick and injured. She was married to Dr Harold Dicks, the then President of the West Australian section of the RFDS. Sadly, Robin died of cancer at only 35 years of age. A memorial to this extraordinary woman still resides at Jandakot Airport.



## Rio Tinto keeps RFDS jet in the air



The Royal Flying Doctor Service (WA) has welcomed the commitment from Rio Tinto Iron Ore to fund the *Life Flight* jet for another four years.

Since the jet's first mission in October 2009, it has flown 2,115 hours, during which 867 patients have been evacuated - the majority (73.9%) from the Kimberley and Pilbara regions.

Royal Flying Doctor Service Chief Executive Officer Grahame Marshall said the Rio Tinto Life Flight jet has been the realisation

> RFDS WA CEO, Grahame Marshall, with the Bevan family and Greg Lilleyman, President Pilbara Operations Rio Tinto Iron Ore.

of a long-held dream for the RFDS, and the statistics prove just how important it is to continue to provide this service to rural and remote WA.

"The jet can fly in half the time of a regular RFDS aircraft and is able to carry up to four patients at a time, greatly improving the ability to respond to urgent need in rural and remote Australia," Mr Marshall said.

The jet has been particularly beneficial for residents in the north of the state, with 54% of its patients coming from the Kimberley region, and 20% of patients coming from the Pilbara.

An official ceremony was held in the Jandakot hangar in February to announce the renewed partnership, with many high-profile representatives in attendance.

Special guests included the Bevan family. Bronwyn Bevan was famously flown by the jet from Perth to Melbourne in July 2011 for life-saving heart surgery when all other aircraft were grounded due to a volcanic ash cloud. Bronwyn was three months old at the time. She is now a happy, healthy two year-old.

"I would like to thank Rio Tinto for their vision and generosity," Mr Marshall said.

## Baby Flynn

> Baby Flynn's 1st birthday.

When the Benders named their new baby boy Flynn, they couldn't have imagined that a short time later, little Flynn would need the help of the Royal Flying Doctor Service, founded by a man named Flynn.

Just 12 hours after Kim Bender went into labour with her first child at Port Hedland Hospital, she and little Flynn were boarding an RFDS aircraft after Flynn had a seizure shortly after birth.

Doctors were so concerned they contacted the RFDS and arranged for him to be flown to Princess Margaret Hospital (PMH) in Perth.

Flynn was kept at PMH for eight days, going through a number of tests to determine the cause of the seizure and determine whether there were any further medical complications. Whilst no reason could be identified, there was fortunately no permanent damage, thanks to the speedy flight and care by the RFDS crew and PMH staff.



When it came time to celebrate Flynn's first birthday, his parents took the opportunity to raise some vital funds for the RFDS. They went to our website [www.flyingdoctor.org.au](http://www.flyingdoctor.org.au) and clicked on the "How you can help" tab, where they set up an online fundraising page through our partners Everyday Hero. Check out the gorgeous photo of Flynn at [http://www.everydayhero.com.au/flynn\\_bender](http://www.everydayhero.com.au/flynn_bender). Through the generous gifts of friends and family, they raised \$1,370, which was a wonderful first birthday donation from Flynn. Happy Birthday, and thank you to Flynn and his family for helping to keep the Flying Doctor flying!



## Rural Women's GP Service

The RFDS is an organisation which attracts highly dedicated professionals with a truly amazing commitment to their patients in rural and remote communities, none more so than our small group of female doctors who continue to provide vital GP services throughout WA.

The Rural Women's GP Service (RWGPS) provides a gender choice for patients in places where there is little or no access to female GPs. In WA the service is delivered at over 56 locations with over 5000 patients per year accessing the service.

These women are happy to drive, be flown, and in some cases even fly themselves, to remote locations offering their GP services to the local communities for days at a time. They help to build health service capacity supporting the local GP's who in many locations are the solo GP for their community.

Project Manager Maureen Robertson, who recently joined the Service, said the Rural Women's GP Service has been assisting patients for 12 years.

"Our service provides a much appreciated choice of gender because, in the words of some of our patients - sometimes only a female doctor will do," she said. The Rural Women's



> Some of the doctors who have been long-serving members of the RWGPS.



**It is very rewarding to receive such positive feedback from GPs and patients.**

GP program is a core part of Primary Health Services provided by RFDS. The Hon Tanya Plibersek MP Minister for Health announced a two year extension of funding for the Rural Women's General Practitioner Service in November and the RFDS will receive \$7 million to deliver the Rural Women's GP Service until 30 June 2015.

## RFDS focus on improving mental health

The Royal Flying Doctor Service (WA) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Act-Belong-Commit, demonstrating a commitment to actively improve awareness and understanding of mental health issues.

RFDS General Manager of Nursing and Primary Health Care, Gabrielle West, said the RFDS health promotion programs for 2013 would focus on mental health and wellbeing.

"We will be incorporating the Act-Belong-Commit message as part of all our health promotion activities undertaken throughout rural and remote regions of Western Australia this year," Ms West said.

"In the last four years the number of mental health transfers undertaken by the RFDS in WA has increased by 63%, and this is a very concerning statistic," Ms West said.

"We have seen firsthand the impact that mental health disorders have on families and communities and the isolation of living in rural and remote areas places an additional burden on regional residents, where there is also reduced access to health services and professional support for those experiencing mental health issues.

"By partnering with Act-Belong-Commit, we will be working together to encourage people to be mentally, physically and socially active to improve their mental health and wellbeing," Ms West said.



## Did you know?

**In Australia, one in five people will experience some form of mental illness each year (ABS 2007).**

**A survey of 2,200 people in Western Australia conducted in September 2005 indicated that one in four (25%) respondents 'have visited a doctor, counsellor, or psychologist because of a mental health problem', and three in four (75%) have known someone with a mental health problem.**

**Estimates by the Epidemiology Branch of the WA Department of Health show that by the year 2016 the burden of disease for psychosocial illness in WA will surpass that of cardiovascular disease.**



# Thank you to all our supporters!



## South East Golf Tour

The South East Golf Tour is a unique golfing event that has been running for an incredible 34 years! One of the largest golfing tours in Australasia, it has been supporting the RFDS with many wonderful donations over the years. Held annually in September over six days, spanning six golf courses from Esperance to Bremer Bay, it is an event not to be missed. Last year the golfers raised over \$5,000 and are looking to grow that again in 2013.



## Masquerade Ball Karratha

The inaugural Karratha Charity Ball for the RFDS, sponsored by Crawford Realty, was a fabulous success! With a beautiful Masquerade theme, the who's who of Karratha came out to shine. Ernie Dingo was MC with entertainment by Darren Reid and the Soul City Groove. With an enthusiastic crowd and keen supporters, more than \$11,000 was raised for the RFDS. In addition to this there was a special announcement on the night by the friends and family of Garnett Skuthorp, who had left a very special bequest gift.



## Community Fun Runs for RFDS

Many thanks to all of those incredibly motivated people who took part in community fun runs in 2012. We had some fantastic teams and individuals in the following runs and together they raised an incredible \$52,608.

- > HBF Run for a Reason - \$13,451
- > Priceline Pharmacy Margaret River Fun Run - \$9,090
- > Chevron City to Surf - \$19,459
- > Suncorp Bank Fremantle Fun Run - \$6,387
- > WA Marathon Club Fremantle Fun Run for RFDS - \$4,221

We are really looking forward to setting some new records this year, so if you are a runner or know someone who is, we would love for you to "Run for Team RFDS". Please contact Sonia on (08) 9417 6408 to find out how to get involved.



## Old Style Car Rallies!

September to November were busy months for car enthusiasts across WA. The RFDS was lucky to have three outstanding motoring events that raised much-needed funds for our medical equipment and aircraft.

The first 'cab off the rank' was 'Hauling the Great Eastern' run by the commercial section of the Vintage Automobile Association. This was their first annual event and involved more than 35 vintage trucks, utes & even a bus! They raised over \$7,500 as they drove from Kewdale to Kalgoorlie.

The annual 'On the Road Again Tour' took on the coral coast and Kennedy Ranges in 2012, and raised an incredible \$75,000 for the RFDS! This rally is a mystery tour of 4WD and pre-1980 vehicles, with lots of fun had along the way.

The next event was a bit more sedate with a convoy of pre-1940 vehicles re-creating the iconic Genevieve 500 Rally that was held more than 20 years ago. Sponsored by WA Country Builders, the cars travelled from Perth to Albany via York and Katanning, raising over \$11,000.



## Augusta Poker Run

For the last few years, the Rogue Riders Social Club in Bunbury has been hosting a motorcycle ride with a difference! With a mystery destination and card each 'round', the players/riders travel from Bunbury to Augusta.



## Cape Keraudren Golf Day

You couldn't get any more uniquely Australian than a group of winter escapees enjoying a game of golf on a make-shift salt/tidal flat golf course! Every year travelling nomads gather together in July at stunning Cape Keraudren, 130 kms east of Port Hedland. Whilst fishing and beachcombing take up most of their time, everyone comes together in generous spirit to raise money for the RFDS.



# Outback Air Race

> Outback Air Race teams in  
Ceduna, South Australia



As a first timer in the Outback Air Race, the enormity of the event really struck me as we began our decent on Ceduna Airstrip with radio calls coming in fast and steady, as one by one teams came in to land. Proceedings kicked off on Monday 27th August and by the time we reached Arkaroola all 48 participants had become well acquainted. The race progressed towards Innamincka and then on to Cloncurry, the birthplace of the RFDS.

The race ended on 7th September 2012, with team Superfly the winners and team GFR took the title of highest fundraisers. Throughout the race I was in awe of the

generosity of people. The stories regaled by those who have been helped by the RFDS were heartwarming. In total \$296,955 was raised for the RFDS, more than expected. I would like to thank all committee members and the 19 teams who put so much effort into the event.

Thanks to Worley Parsons for being our major sponsor. For a full list of our sponsors, team information or for more insights on the race, visit [www.outbackairrace.com.au](http://www.outbackairrace.com.au). To register interest for the next race email: [contact@outbackairrace.com.au](mailto:contact@outbackairrace.com.au)

*Billeagh Marcus, Team Bliss*

## You can make a difference...

**With your help we can continue to deliver the finest care to the furthest corners.**

- > **Become a RFDS Regular Giving Partner** and know that with your monthly gift you will become a valued member of a proactive community who have made a conscious choice to contribute on a regular basis to the vital services we provide.

From as little as \$15 per month, you can feel proud that for 24 hours a day, 7 days a week you are helping us be there for those in need. By giving the RFDS authority to deduct the amount you wish to contribute from your credit card or bank account, you no longer need to write out a cheque, fill out forms, send emails or make phone calls. Your generous monthly support will be summarised in an annual tax deductible receipt sent at the end of the financial year.

Linda Shipster on (08) 9417 6400 will be happy to provide further details on how to become a Regular Giving Partner.

- > **Put the fun into fundraising** by doing something different to celebrate an important event, at the same time



helping the RFDS. Encourage family and friends to make a donation in lieu of a gift for your birthday, wedding or an anniversary. Single gifts can be made through the RFDS website, or you can set up your own online fundraising page. Contact Sonia Abbott on (08) 9417 6400 for help with creating your personal page.

- > **Leave a lasting legacy** Bequests, large or small, are vitally important to the RFDS as they allow us to plan for the health needs of future generations. We know from talking to our supporters that after making provision for family, many want to remember us in a special way by leaving a gift to the RFDS in their Will. If you would like to read more information on this please call Sue Taylor on (08) 9417 6400 to request an obligation free copy of our booklet *Leave a legacy that saves lives*.



# What's on in support of RFDS

## Guildford Heritage Markets

21 April, 19 May, 16 June, 21 July

Held on the 3rd Sunday of each month at the historic Guildford Town Hall from 9am to 3pm. For more information see [www.guildfordmarkets.vpweb.com.au](http://www.guildfordmarkets.vpweb.com.au)



## Midwest Bridal Expo 2013

4 & 5 May

For all your wedding planning needs in the mid-west! For more information please contact (08) 9923 1888.



## Flying Doctor Day

17 May

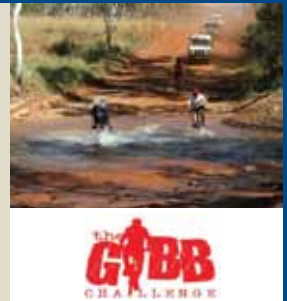
This year is the 85th Anniversary of the first RFDS flight in 1928. Contact the RFDS on 08 9417 6408 to register your special Anniversary fundraising event. The RFDS will be displaying its aircraft simulator in Forrest Chase, Perth City, in May, so come on down and check out what the inside of an RFDS aircraft looks like.



## The Gibb Challenge

19-23 May

An epic 700km mountain bike adventure through the Kimberley, along the dusty Gibb River Road. With more than 70 teams competing this is a life-changing experience! For more information visit [www.thegibbchallenge.com.au](http://www.thegibbchallenge.com.au) or sponsor one of these spirited teams at [www.everydayhero.com.au/event/gibbchallenge2013](http://www.everydayhero.com.au/event/gibbchallenge2013)



## HBF Run for a Reason 26 May

Make your 'reason' the RFDS and get a team together today! Registrations are open now. Visit [www.hbfrun.com.au](http://www.hbfrun.com.au) for more details.



## PESA Charity Ball 15 June

The annual Petroleum Exploration Society Ball is an industry highlight filled with fun and excitement. For more information visit [www.pesa.com.au](http://www.pesa.com.au)



## Karratha RFDS Ball 22 June

The Annual Pilbara Ball for the RFDS is hosted by Crawford Realty at Tambrey Tavern, Karratha. A fabulous evening for all. Contact Shonna on (08) 9143 1599 or via [admin@clawfordrealtykarratha.com.au](mailto:admin@clawfordrealtykarratha.com.au) for more information.



## Fremantle Fun Run for RFDS

28 July

A community fun run/walk (5 or 10 kms) for all ages and fitness levels. For more information contact the WA Marathon Club on (08) 9472 4833 or visit [www.wamc.org.au](http://www.wamc.org.au)



## Chevron City to Surf

25 August

A huge community fun run through the city and out to City Beach. Get your corporate teams together and raise some money for RFDS and the Activ Foundation. Visit [www.perthcitytosurf.com](http://www.perthcitytosurf.com)



## South East Golf Tour

16-21 September

A golf lovers paradise, 6 days of golf from Esperance to Bremer Bay, situated along the rugged south-east coast of WA. With raffles, auctions & Calcuttas along the way. Visit [www.southeastgolftour.com.au](http://www.southeastgolftour.com.au) for more information.



## Morawa Short Circuit Racing

28-30 September

A long weekend of dirt racing! For more information contact RFDS on (08) 9417 6400

## Charity Golf Days

Various

Does your Golf Club hold a charity day for the RFDS? We would love to hear from you, please contact Sonia on (08) 9417 6408 to find out how we can help you have a fantastic day!

## Royal Flying Doctor Ball

Chevron - RFDS Spirit of the West Awards  
17 August

The annual RFDS Ball is a fantastic night of entertainment and recognition for our fabulous fundraising volunteers. This year it will be held at Crown Convention Centre.

For more information contact (08) 9417 6400.



## We Challenge You... 2013 RFDS Swim Thru

Saturday 13 April

9am to 5pm, Goldfields Oasis, Kalgoorlie

A fantastic family-friendly event from 9am to 5pm. Teams compete to swim as many laps as possible and raise money for the RFDS. Visit [www.flyingdoctor.org.au/RFDSswimthru](http://www.flyingdoctor.org.au/RFDSswimthru) or phone (08) 9093 7590 for more information.

