

Photo: Margaret Wheatley.



Congratulations Artie

Artie Withers has been honoured with the Medal (OAM) of the Order of Australia for service to the community of Flinders Island.

A true local, having lived on the island all his life, Artie worked at the airport for over 40 years, retiring as the Airport Manager in 1994.

The RFDS holds in great esteem the significant service he provided by laying kerosene flare paths and clearing the airstrip of wildlife to assist the aircraft when landing at all hours of the night. Through his passionate support of the RFDS, Artie was a guest speaker for over 20 years at Gillian Woods' annual musical soiree fundraiser, where he had many a tale to tell.

The humble and unassuming Artie has been recognised for his service to many local community organisations including the Parish Council, Show Society, Parents & Friends Association, Scout Club, Cricket Association, Bowls Club, Furneaux Historical Research Association and he has also acted as a Justice of the Peace.

Congratulations Artie, we salute your lifetime's contribution to the community of Flinders Island and the RFDS.

Right as Rain

The RFDS Right as Rain health initiative team touched down recently at George Town Rotary Club's Wings & Things Family Fun Day and the King Island Show to help meet the specific health needs identified by each local community.

The RFDS partnered with Active Tasmania in the provision of active lifestyle messages to provide health promotion activities and conducted a survey about the health of the communities.

At Wings and Things, the RFDS purchased 50 kits for the treatment of head lice and received support from a PhD Pharmacy student from The University of Tasmania who discussed the appropriate treatment of the parasite with local families.

For the King Island Show the RFDS was supported by a nurse from Family Planning Tasmania to address family planning with community members.



The RFDS Right as Rain team at King Island.



The RFDS site at Wings & Things, George Town Airport.

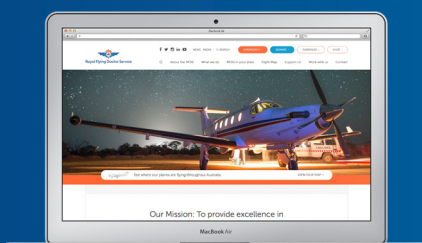
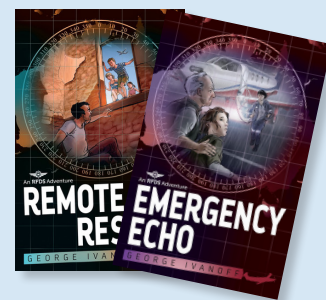
The aeromedical training simulator and medical dummy made a guest appearance at both events. While on King Island, Sarah Little, RFDS Community Development Coordinator, visited the District School with the simulator to present the Look! Up in the Sky educational program to students in years 2 to 6.

Children's book release

The RFDS, in partnership with Random House, is publishing a series of children's books based on the work of the RFDS with a percentage of all book sales being donated to the service.

The high-octane adventure series that will have every Aussie kid hooked is aimed at children aged eight to 12 years. The Outback takes the lead role, giving city kids a taste of rural life and country kids some recognition for the challenges they face.

The first two books in the series, *Remote Rescue* and *Emergency Echo*, written by George Ivanoff, are available for \$15 plus postage by calling 03 6391 0504 or from the RFDS Doc Shop www.flyingdoctor.org.au/support-us/shop/



RFDS website

Take a look at our website, www.flyingdoctor.org.au that was redeveloped last year with our supporters in mind. The website is user-friendly and presents a national image, clearly communicating the diversity and breadth of our services across each Section.

New Base at Hobart Airport

RFDS Senior Base Pilot, Stan Griffiths.

Thanks to the wonderful support of Royal Wolf, *Better Homes and Gardens*, Bunnings Warehouse and Hobart International Airport, our pilots and Ambulance Tasmania paramedics have a new base in Hobart.

Royal Wolf kindly donated the two 20-foot shipping containers and their transfer to Hobart Airport after *Better Homes and Gardens* and Bunnings Glenorchy completed a renovation makeover for an episode of Channel 7's lifestyle program.

The renovated containers now provide a physical presence for the RFDS at Hobart Airport and are situated in proximity to where the aircraft lands. The well-appointed base is fitted with plumbing and electricity and comprises a bedroom, bathroom, kitchen and lounge room.

It's smiles all around from our pilots and Ambulance Tasmania paramedics who will enjoy the improved comfort level of our new base while waiting for patients to be transferred to the airport.

Patron's visit

Her Excellency Professor the Honourable Kate Warner, AM, Governor of Tasmania and Mr Richard Warner visited the RFDS Base to meet Board members and staff during a tour hosted by the City of Launceston.



Her Excellency and Mr Warner.



Elizabeth Daly OAM



Dr Tim Mooney

Welcome to the Board

The RFDS Tasmania has welcomed two new members to the Board.

Mrs Elizabeth Daly OAM is the Northern Manager of Colony47 and the Chair of the Tasmanian Early Years Foundation. Elizabeth has extensive experience as a school principal and has held senior positions with the Department of Education, retiring as the Director of Education in 2006.

Elizabeth was awarded a Medal (OAM) of the Order of Australia in 2008 for 'service to education in Tasmania; particularly in the areas of early childhood education, language development and policy implementation, and to the community'.

Elizabeth has served as chair on a number of boards and committees and was presented with admission as a Fellow of the University of Tasmania in 2010 for her service to the University's Council and Alumni.

Dr Tim Mooney is a rural general medical practitioner from George Town who has a particular interest in GP education and assessment.

Tim is an active member of the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (RACGP). He is the Tasmanian representative for the RACGP National Rural Faculty (NRF) and sits on the Rural Education Committee, RACGP Board of Censors and the RACGP Board of Assessment.

Within Tasmania, Tim sits on the RACGP Tasmanian Faculty Board and is active within the Rural Doctors Association of Tasmania and Tasmanian Branch of the Australian Medical Association.

Tim was awarded the RACGP General Practice Supervisor of the Year Award in 2013 for his significant contribution towards the training and mentorship of GP Registrars.



Look! Up in the Sky

The free interactive online teaching program has been redesigned in line with the Australian Curriculum providing direct links to subjects and themed topics such as 'This is Australia' and 'Icons of Australia'.

The easy-to-use educational resource now includes a tour of the Broken Hill Base, interviews and videos with a pilot, doctor, a flight nurse and staff and students from the School of the Air.

The educational simulator has been transformed to now include a cockpit complete with avionics, a propeller and a flight simulator. The fuselage is fully equipped with stretchers, communications, oxygen, suction and the equipment used by the doctors, nurses and pilots of the RFDS.

Watch out for news about the simulator visiting Tassie schools later this year.