

# Above AND *Beyond*



Royal Flying Doctor Service  
QUEENSLAND SECTION



Go further, with a gift in your Will  
to the Royal Flying Doctor Service  
(Queensland Section)

# Going *Above and Beyond* — together for healthcare that reaches everyone.

As someone who cares about the wellbeing of fellow Australians, I know you understand the critical role the Royal Flying Doctor Service plays in the lives of remote, rural and regional families — many of whom are the lifeblood of our great state.

When you, or someone you love, finds themselves facing a medical emergency — every kilometre from care matters. Which is why the Flying Doctor can be the difference between life and death, as is your support.

The Reverend John Flynn leased our first aircraft in 1928, with a Gift in Will that was left to him by a friend who believed in his vision.

For almost 100 years our service has grown, but

so has the need. Your Gift in Will means that we will be there for the next 100 years and beyond.

Inside, you'll learn how leaving a gift in your Will can help to provide the finest care to the furthest corners of our state for many generations to come. I sincerely thank you for considering it.



Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M. Staib', written over a white background.

**Meredith Staib**

Chief Executive Officer  
RFDS (Queensland Section)



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# It all started with a legend who went *further* than anyone else.

**In 1928, Reverend John Flynn's remarkable vision was realised.**

The Royal Flying Doctor Service was started more than 95 years ago by Reverend John Flynn.

In 1917 Reverend Flynn received an inspirational letter from Lieutenant Clifford Peel, a medical student with an interest in aviation. The young airman and war hero suggested the innovative use of aviation to bring medical help to the outback.

Shot down in France, Peel died when he was just 24, and he never knew that his letter became a blueprint for the creation of the Royal Flying Doctor Service.

For the next 10 years, Flynn campaigned for an aerial medical service. His vision was to provide a 'mantle of safety' for the people of outback

Australia. Flynn's dream became a reality when long-time supporter, Hugh McKay, left Flynn a gift in his Will. That gift was used to lease our first aircraft.

It was through this special gift that the Flying Doctor first took flight from Cloncurry, Queensland.

Today, we're hoping you too will make a gift in your Will, so we can go further for generations to come.



*Reverend John Flynn's dream of the Flying Doctor was achieved thanks to a Gift in Will, which allowed him to lease his first aircraft.*



The furthest corner

# Almost 100 years of compassion, and here's *further* proof: a caring community remains a lifeline to so many.

**The Royal Flying Doctor Service is unique.  
Trusted throughout Australia and respected around the world.**

Queensland's remote, rural and regional communities are spread far and wide across our great state. In the last year, our fleet of **26 aircraft across our 9 bases flew over 8.3 million kilometres.**

**In the last year, more than...**

**225 Occasions of care each day**

**12,850 Patients flown**

**3,650 Immunisations administered**

**2,400 Dental patients treated**

**11,400 Mental health consultations**

**1,300 Medical chests**

**26,000 Telehealth service calls**

**2,300 Dental consultations**

**25,900 GP & nurse clinic consultations**



*Our dental service brings world-class dental care to Queensland's most remote communities.*

The finest care



# As demand for our services grows, so does the need for your *further* support.

**To every corner, for every patient, in every emergency, we're there.**

The Flying Doctor promises to be within two hours by air from anyone in Queensland, because the best available medical care should be available to everyone.

Nikiha Davies from Chinchilla knows every minute matters. When she went into labour with twins at just 25 weeks, she knew her babies would need specialist care to survive. She was airlifted to hospital by the Flying Doctor with our Flight Nurse looking after her and her babies on board.

*"I knew that whatever happened during that journey, my babies were as safe as they could possibly be,"* recalls Nikiha.

Today, the twins are happy and thriving and Nikiha is forever grateful to the Flying Doctor for the exceptional care she received.

*Nikiha's twins, Nash and Reuben are happy and healthy today thanks to kind people like you.*





A history of *dedication*

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# Meet the Flying Doctor.

**While our aircraft attract attention, it's our passionate people who are the heart and soul of everything we do.**

They are the best of the best, able to provide emergency medical care in the skies over Queensland – meet some members of our team which make up the Flying Doctor: Dr Ben Clarke, Nurse Practitioner Maree Cummins and Captain Victoria Harrison.

## **Dr Ben Clarke**

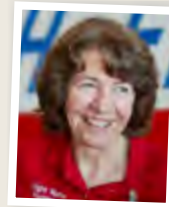
Ben has been a Doctor for 20 years, specialising in emergency medicine.



*"The best part of my job is being able to train current and future Doctors in emergency retrieval medicine and bringing consistently high-level clinical care to the people of rural and remote Queensland."*

## **Nurse Practitioner Maree Cummins**

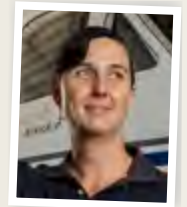
Maree has worked as a Nurse for over 30 years.



*"I started in 1991 at the RFDS Mount Isa Base, conducting primary health care clinics and emergency flights in the Gulf region and as far south as Bedourie. Since then, I've flown patients all over Queensland and worked at every RFDS Queensland Base. What I enjoy most about my work is the people I meet, and knowing that as a member of the RFDS, I can offer support and assistance in their time of need."*

## **Captain Victoria Harrison**

Victoria has been with the RFDS for a little over 12 years.



*"I love the people – our staff are so great, such a variety of backgrounds and all here to get the job done. Our patients and their families are wonderful. It doesn't seem to matter how sick they are, they're always so appreciative and usually excited to have a 'girl' Pilot too!"*



*Our intensive care unit*

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# Why we chose to go *further* for Queenslanders who need our help.

Meet long term Flying Doctor supporters, John, Juanita, Ian and Lesley.



John, with  
wife Juanita.

John has always called outback Queensland home. Now in his eighties, he lives with his wife Juanita just outside Theodore, 180km inland from Rockhampton. He continues to work alongside his son on the property he's owned for over 65 years. John knows first-hand the importance of the Flying Doctor for families like his:

*"It's unfortunate to have an accident, but it does make you aware of what a wonderful service the RFDS is. I've flown with them twice and received first-class care. I've chosen to include a donation to the Flying Doctor in my Will as they're an incredibly important service for families like mine living rurally."*

Jundah residents, Ian and Lesley are long-time supporters of the Flying Doctor. After moving to regional Queensland from a capital city, Ian quickly learned how vulnerable those in isolated areas could be.

Both Lesley and Ian have been supported by the Flying Doctor – Lesley was flown from Longreach to Rockhampton after falling ill and Ian received counselling at his local primary health care clinic run by the RFDS. Ian has included a gift in his Will to help the RFDS continue to save lives.

**We are deeply grateful for  
John, Juanita, Ian and Lesley's  
kindness and generosity.**



Ian and Lesley.



You are part of the team  
that goes *Above and Beyond*

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# Thanks for going *further* for people like me.

Wildlife Ranger, Craig Dickmann, was packing up his fishing equipment at a remote beach on Queensland's Cape York Peninsula when he was attacked by a 2.8 metre crocodile. Although Craig managed to fight the croc off, he was left with limb-threatening injuries to his arms and legs.

After administering pain relief to Craig over the phone, from the RFDS medical chest at Bramwell Station, RFDS Medical Officer Dr Katrina Starmer and team set out to retrieve Craig to Cairns for urgent medical treatment.

*"We met Craig in the dark and ushered him into the aircraft to assess his injuries," recalls Katrina. "Flight Nurse Katie and I cleaned and dressed Craig's wounds to stop the bleeding. We gave Craig intravenous fluid, antibiotics and more pain relief, before flying back to Cairns."*

They arrived back in Cairns in the early hours of the morning, where a waiting ambulance took Craig straight to hospital for surgery.

Despite the severity of his injuries, Craig has made a full recovery. He's extremely grateful to everyone who helped him on the day an ordinary fishing trip took an extraordinary turn.

From the painkillers in the Medical Chest, to the Patient Trauma Kits on every RFDS aircraft, your support gives our crews the equipment they need to save lives.

*Wildlife Ranger, Craig Dickmann  
with the RFDS crew.*





Craig is *grateful* for  
a complete recovery

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# Royal Flying Doctor Service

## Bequest Charter

**In considering a gift in your Will to the Royal Flying Doctor Service, here's our promise to you:**

We'll answer any questions honestly and quickly.

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We won't put you under pressure – it's your decision.

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Your loved ones come first – we respect this and won't ever try to change it.

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Every dollar you give will go directly to saving lives, and improving the health of Queenslanders living, working and traveling out west.

You can come and see our work first hand – we'd be delighted to show you around any of our nine bases and introduce you to our dedicated Doctors, Flight Nurses and Pilots.

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We won't ever expect that you will tell us whether you have made this decision. If you do choose to tell us, we will be delighted to thank you and show you exactly how your gift will be used.

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You can choose where your Gift in Will is used. If you'd like to talk about a specific area of our work, please contact Michela on 07 3541 4312 or Maria on 07 3852 1168.



RFDS  
FIRST AID NURSE

RFDS  
DOCTOR

Our promise to you

# These words can help us go *further*

Please take your time to consider them.

We recommend you seek advice from a solicitor to ensure that the wording of your Will reflects your exact wishes. There are several ways of leaving a gift in your Will, dependent on what is best for you and your family. Below is some suggested wording.

**1. A residual Gift in Will is where you can nominate to leave part or all of what is left of your estate, after provisions have been made for family and friends.**

'I give, free of all duties and taxes, the residue of my estate (or \_\_\_\_\_ % of the residue of my estate), to RFDS Foundation Ltd ABN 85 623 867 461, of 12 Casuarina Street, Brisbane Airport, QLD 4008. The receipt of the treasurer, secretary or public officer for the time being of RFDS Foundation Ltd is an absolute discharge to my executor.'

**2. A specific Gift in Will may be money, property, stocks, shares, or insurance.**

'I give, free of all duties and taxes, the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ or my units/shares in \_\_\_\_\_ Trust/Ltd, or my real property situated at [insert street address] having the title reference \_\_\_\_\_ to RFDS

Foundation LTD ABN 85 623 867 461, of 12 Casuarina Street, Brisbane Airport, QLD 4008. The receipt of the treasurer, secretary or public officer for the time being of RFDS Foundation Ltd is an absolute discharge to my executor.'

**3. A percentage Gift in Will is where you can nominate to leave a specified percentage of your total estate.**

'I give, free of all duties and taxes, \_\_\_\_\_ % of my estate to RFDS Foundation Ltd ABN 85 623 867 461, of 12 Casuarina Street, Brisbane Airport, QLD 4008. The receipt of the treasurer, secretary or public officer for the time being of RFDS Foundation Ltd is an absolute discharge to my executor.'

The correct address and ABN of the RFDS Foundation Ltd is: 12 Casuarina Street BRISBANE AIRPORT QLD 4008 ABN 85 623 867 461.



We're there for *you*

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A gift in your Will is a powerful way to carry your care and compassion forward. It will help us go

*Above and Beyond*

for years to come.

Thank you for helping us go further for every patient we care for.

12 Casuarina St, Brisbane Airport QLD 4008

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