

# Above AND *Beyond*

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



Royal Flying Doctor Service  
QUEENSLAND SECTION



# Thank you for furthering this vital cause... ...and going *Above and Beyond*

As one of our truly generous supporters, I know you understand the critical role the Royal Flying Doctor Service plays, in the lives of remote 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.

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.

Over the last 91 years our service has grown, but so has the need. Your Gift in Will means that we will be there for the next 91 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 hope you'll consider it.

Warmest regards,



**Meredith Staib**  
Chief Executive Officer  
Royal Flying Doctor Service  
(Queensland Section)





# 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 over 90 years ago by Rev John Flynn. In 1917 Rev 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 ten 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 a 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.



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



*The furthest corner*

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# 90 years later, here's *further* evidence of how we're a lifeline to so many.

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

Queensland's remote and regional communities are spread far and wide across our great state. In the last year, our fleet of 23 aircraft flew almost 7.5 million kilometres.

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**11,479** Patients  
flown in Queensland  
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**95,000** Patients  
cared for  
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**773** Babies flown  
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**1,192** Dental  
patients  
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**70** Nurses  
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**50** Doctors  
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**70** Pilots  
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**350** Staff  
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**23** Aircraft  
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**9** Queensland bases  
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**3,904** landings at  
Brisbane Airport  
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*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.

Rhiannon Finger knows how every moment matters. She was airlifted by the Flying Doctor when she went into labour three and a half months before her due date, hundreds of kilometres from the care she and her baby desperately needed.

Every time she looks at her beautiful boy, Oscar, she is grateful that thanks to the Flying Doctor exceptional care is within her reach.



*Oscar, here with little sister Imogene, is alive and well today, thanks to supporters like you.*





*A history of innovation*

# Meet the Flying Doctor.

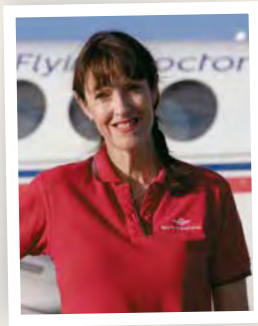
**While our aircraft attract attention, it's our passionate people who are the heart and soul of everything we do.**

They are the best of the best, able to provide emergency medical care in the skies over Queensland—meet our team which make up the Flying Doctor: Dr Charle Ellis, Flight Nurse Louise Burton and Captain Mick Jess.



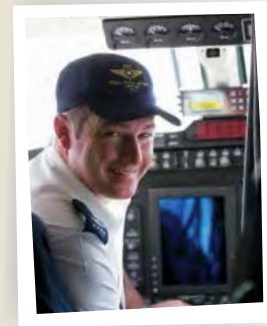
**Dr Charles Ellis**

*Dr Ellis has 15 years experience with the Flying Doctor, providing life-saving emergency and primary healthcare.*



**Nurse Louise Burton**

*Louise has 20 years service with the Flying Doctor in Queensland. She is highly skilled in critical care and midwifery.*



**Captain Mick Jess**

*Mick has been a Pilot with the Flying Doctor for 16 years and has more than 13,000 hours as Pilot in Command.*



*Our intensive care unit*

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

## Meet two long term Flying Doctor supporters, Joan and Bob.

In his lifetime, Bob has seen many changes and shared many great experiences. He tells us he was privileged to be part of the team that designed the seismometers for the 1969 Apollo moon launch.

Bob is now going above and beyond in another way. He's made the generous decision to leave a gift in his Will for the Royal Flying Doctor Service. A proud Queenslander, Bob wants to ensure that all Queenslanders are within reach of the Royal Flying Doctor.

Joan also knows what it's like to live in rural Australia. She understands how important the Flying Doctor is when you live out west. The people who produce the meat, milk, crops and fruit we enjoy, need the Flying Doctor. They trust the Flying Doctor to be there in an emergency and

to provide the routine health care they need. That's why Joan has chosen to leave a gift in her Will, so all Queenslanders can continue to receive the care they need in the future.



Joan (on the right) with Val from the RFDS Volunteer Auxiliary.

**Bob is proud to support  
Flight Nurses like Ellie to  
provide the best medical  
care in the air.**

*Bob is part of the team  
that goes Above and Beyond*



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

After his helicopter crashed and exploded on his family's farm in Augathella, Michael was forced to fight for his life, but he didn't have to fight alone.

The Flying Doctor was quick to respond.

Throughout the life-saving flight, Michael's condition was critical: *'A few times my organs tried to shut down. I was on the edge of death really.'*

The moment we got him on board our aircraft, we were able to start Michael's care, keeping his critical condition stable throughout the flight. Had it not been for the life-saving equipment on board and the incredible skills of Dr Ellis and the Flight Nurse, Michael would never have made it to the emergency room alive.

Michael is very thankful the Flying Doctor was able to reach him in time: *'The RFDS are the lifeblood of a lot of communities. They save our life.'*

Every day, the Flying Doctor goes Above and Beyond helping families receive the finest care in the furthest corners of our state. Many times, that care is the difference between life and death, as it was with Michael.

**It's this care, and your generosity, that has given Michael—now a husband and a father—a second chance at life.**

*The Flying Doctor was quick to respond after Michael's horrific helicopter crash.*





*Michael is grateful for  
a second chance at life*

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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 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 Heather on 07 3852 7586.





*Our promise to you*

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# 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 Royal Flying Doctor Service of Australia (Queensland Section) ABN 80 009 663 478, of 12 Casuarina Street, Brisbane Airport, QLD 4008. The receipt of the treasurer, secretary or public officer for the time being of Royal Flying Doctor Service (Queensland Section) 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 Royal Flying Doctor Service of Australia (Queensland

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**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 Royal Flying Doctor Service of Australia (Queensland Section) ABN 80 009 663 478, of 12 Casuarina Street, Brisbane Airport, QLD 4008. The receipt of the treasurer, secretary or public officer for the time being of Royal Flying Doctor Service (Queensland Section) is an absolute discharge to my executor.'

**The correct address and ABN of the Royal Flying Doctor Service of Australia (Queensland Section) is:** 12 Casuarina Street BRISBANE AIRPORT QLD 4008 ABN 80 009 663 478



*We're there for you*

A gift in your Will.  
It will help us go  
*Above and Beyond*

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

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