



Royal Flying Doctor Service
QUEENSLAND SECTION

Your

Flying Doctor

SUMMER 2024

80

life-saving
years

Our Charleville Base
reaches a major
milestone.



**SAVING LIVES IN THE
SKIES.** A DAY IN THE LIFE
OF FLIGHT NURSE IZZY.

**A COMMUNITY COMES
TOGETHER.** MEET THE
OUTBACK HEROES OF
CLONAGH STATION.

**CELEBRATING A LIFE
ON THE LAND.** JOIN
LONG-TIME SUPPORTER,
JOHN GOODLAND.



Another momentous year,

thanks to you!

I'm excited to share the 2024 Summer edition of Your Flying Doctor magazine. Inside, we celebrate your immense contribution to Queensland's people and communities during 2023.

I'm so thankful that Queenslanders in our most remote regions, from Cape York to Birdsville, could rely on the RFDS to show up for them over the past year, thanks to you.

The inspiring stories in this edition represent just a fraction of your amazing

achievements. **Whether bringing emergency medicine or primary health care services, you made it possible for our crew to deliver the finest care to the furthest corner once more!**

And we continue to look for ways to expand your wonderful impact. Over the past decade, you helped 17,000 patients in 26 remote and rural communities access vital dental care. I'm proud to share that we will expand this popular service to help even more Queenslanders who would otherwise have to travel very long distances to see a dentist.

The internet also offers incredible potential to tear down barriers to healthcare

and we are determined to be at the forefront of this transformation. This year alone, you helped provide more than 23,900 after-hours telehealth services to people in Cairns, Townsville and Mackay regions. Innovative services like this can truly be life-saving for regional Queenslanders.

Never forget that you are the backbone of the Flying Doctor.

Warmest regards,

Meredith Staib
Chief Executive Officer
RFDS (Queensland Section)

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KATRINA LEHMANN

80 YEARS OF CHARLEVILLE

With a waiting room of more than 622,000 square kilometres, the Charleville Base has been serving many of Queensland's most remote communities since 1943.



Today, the Charleville Base provides the full range of medical services, including medical chests, remote medical consultations, aeromedical retrievals, and primary health care clinics incorporating general practice, child and family health, health promotion and field days.

Over the past 14 years alone, RFDS Charleville has treated more than 56,000 patients across more than 6,700 clinics and undertaken 8,200 transfers.

In fact, during this same period, the Charleville fleet has flown almost 6.5 million kilometres – the equivalent of eight return trips to the moon!

While the statistics are impressive, it's the people who are the heart and soul of the Charleville Base. From

saving a seven-year-old stroke sufferer to emergency trauma treatment on helicopter crash victims and everything in between, the dedicated RFDS Charleville team have been there for it all.

At our 80-year anniversary celebrations in November last year, we honoured RFDS nurses, Joanne Mahony and Diane Dowrick for an incredible 20 years of service to the community.

Thank you

to our Charleville team and dedicated supporters who ensure we are always there to provide the finest care to the furthest corner.



Guests enjoy our Charleville Base celebrations.



Joseph Oui,
Recognised
Mental Health
Counsellor.

MENDING MINDS IN CAPE YORK

Growing up in far north Queensland, the RFDS was a household name for Joseph Oui. Now, life has come full circle, and Joseph's back helping us improve mental health in the remote communities where he often visited family as a young child.

"I've got family all up the coast and spent a lot of time up the Cape as a young fella," says Joseph, who recently joined the RFDS Cairns Base as the first Recognised Mental Health Counsellor.

It's a role Joseph thrives in. One day he'll be hosting group discussions with Kuuku Ya'u men in Lockhart River, another day doing individual counselling in the Injinoo community and the next week running mental health education sessions across

the Northern Peninsula Area. But none of it, he says, could happen without the hard work he puts in to build trust.

"Many Indigenous men and women will shy away from mainstream organisations, so observing cultural protocols is an important part of implementing any program, even as a First Nations man," he explains.

"I've built a strong, respectful relationship with the communities where I have lived and

worked in the Cape and am trusted and accepted. It is a real privilege to be acknowledged this way."

Joseph says another thing that helps him have the biggest impact possible is that the communities he is supporting have a deep respect for the RFDS, as a well-known, trusted service. *"That makes it much easier for me, as a clinician, to create a culturally safe space which is open and welcoming,"* says Joseph.

Joseph's appointment comes at a time when RFDS research has identified improved social and emotional wellbeing as a priority in remote Indigenous communities. Indigenous Australians, especially young

men, are significantly more likely than non-Indigenous Australians to be hospitalised or die from mental disorders.

"For me, this role is all about re-connecting and having that understanding of the dynamics in the community and all that comes with it," Joseph says.

"The experience of working in these remote communities is very rewarding. You get to meet wonderful and amazing people, and they're very accepting of who you are, once you've built a relationship. You might even get to go fishing!"

You can find out more about our mental health wellbeing service across Queensland at: rfds.co/mental-health

Joseph works out of the RFDS Cairns Base.



GET YOUR DOWN TO EARTH MENTAL HEALTH GUIDE TODAY

There's an unspoken understanding that people in remote and rural Australia are supposed to be resilient. Tough. We weather all the storms; we get up and out there, rain, hail, or shine.

But this ignores the fact that we're human and face hard times. We have intense and often conflicting emotions, and sometimes we struggle to get through the day.

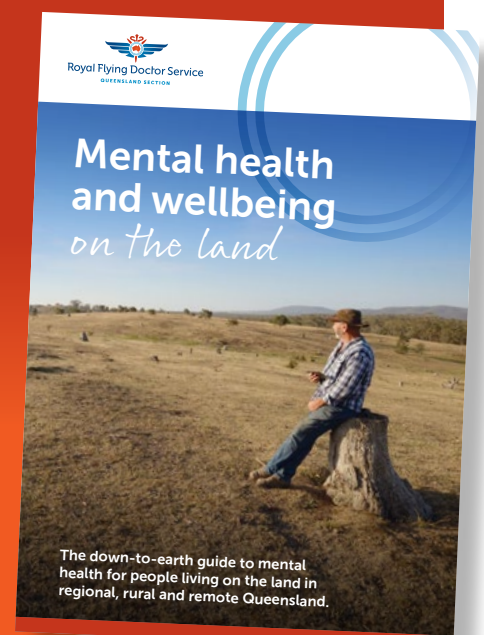
That's why RFDS has

prepared a new booklet for people living in rural and remote Australia, offering straight-up, no-nonsense tips and strategies from mental health professionals working in the bush.



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Janet during her
Oceans to Outback
challenge.

A vision to help the people of the bush

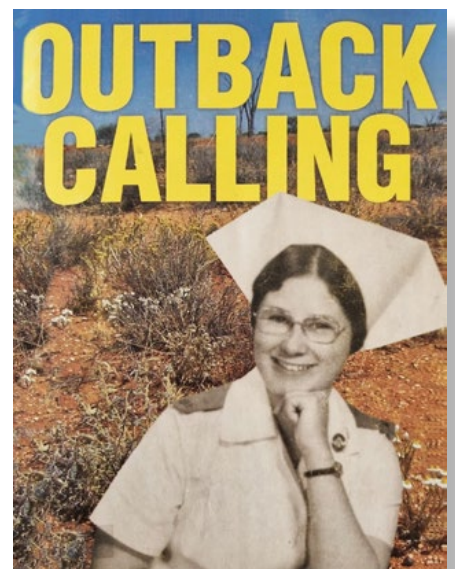
Inspired by RFDS founder, John Flynn, Janet travelled to the outback to start her nursing career. Decades later, Janet is fundraising for the RFDS through Oceans to Outback! Here she shares just a few of her extraordinary adventures on her journey to this point.

As a young girl, I read a book about Reverend John Flynn and had a vision I wanted to be one of the nurses. I completed my nursing and midwifery training before applying to the Australian Inland Mission. I was delighted when I got my letter to say I was going to Birdsville.

I loved the desert country with its wide-open spaces. I wrote a poem called '*Outback Calling*' which I later used as the name of my autobiography.

Life in Birdsville was pretty harsh. There was no air conditioning and no telephones. You had to crank up the generator to charge the battery bank if you needed power – or put the wind charger on if it was windy. There was so little power, you had to let everyone in the town know if you were going to use the iron!

Once, I was driving between Birdsville and Bedourie when I rolled the ambulance. I was trapped in the vehicle for a



while, but luckily managed to drag myself out. It was very remote, and the crows were already circling. Luckily there was a car close behind and they took me back to Birdsville.

My colleague put me on the ward, but after a couple of nights of hearing me crying in pain, she called for the Flying Doctor. **Doctor Tom O'Leary arrived and they flew me straight to Charleville Hospital. I was very lucky that Pilot Stan Pullen took me home to stay with him and his wife after being discharged from Charleville hospital until I was well enough to fly back to Birdsville.**

We only had a dirt strip back then, so if there was any rain or difficult weather, the RFDS aircraft couldn't land. And, if we had an emergency on the weekend, we had to send a special alarm to the RFDS base. We had a special

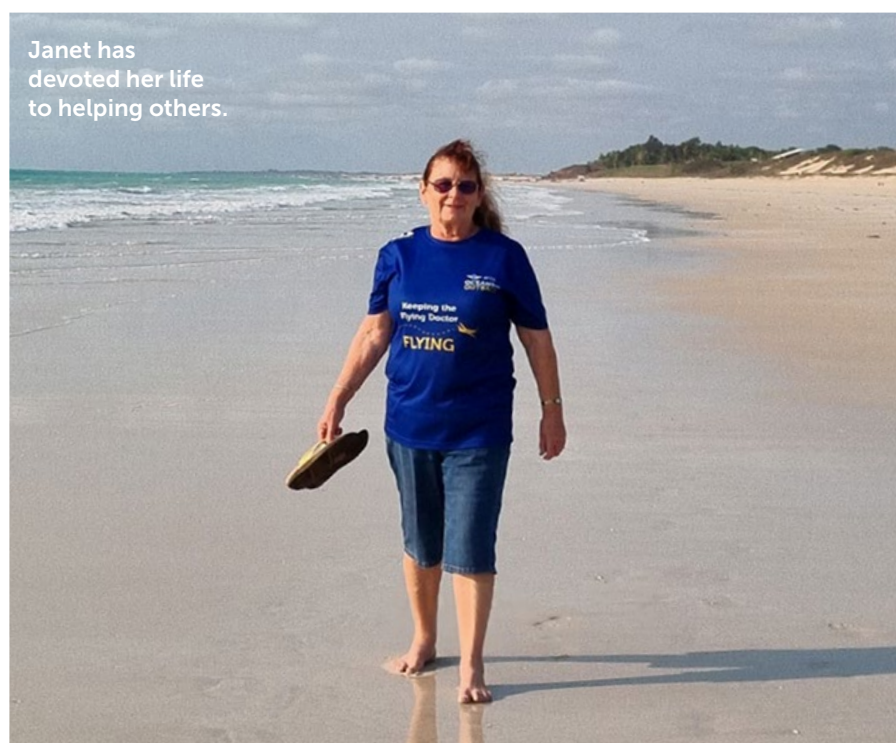


whistle that we used to blow a certain, high-pitched tone down the radio to set off the alarm at Charleville. It took me a while to get the hang of it.

I'm scared of flying, but I didn't have much of a choice with my 4th child. **We were living a few hundred kilometres outside of Mount Isa and I had to fly to a hospital to give birth. It was a very difficult labour, but I was so grateful I named my baby, Peter, after the Doctor and Pilot. And we made the RFDS Doctor and Nurse his godparents.**

Today, we live outside Katherine in the Northern Territory. I work with a small community as a Remote Area Nurse. In my spare time, I'm also raising money for the RFDS through the Oceans to Outback challenge... although I completed my final few kilometres along Cable Beach in Broome, so for me, it's more like Outback to Oceans!

Janet has devoted her life to helping others.



Thank you

to everyone who supports the Flying Doctor. It's more than just a medical service, it's the very heart of so many of the remote communities I have worked and lived in.
– Janet.



Catriona Saunders, Senior Base Pilot.

Every day in the skies is a joy

You'll find her at the controls, but Pilot Catriona Saunders knows she's an integral member of the life-saving team alongside the nurses and doctors on board her aircraft – and there's nowhere she'd rather be.

"We all know that for the patient we are picking up, this might be the worst day of their life, but our job is to make that day a little better and brighter," Pilot Catriona says. *"We never lose sight of that."*

In 2019, Catriona, already an experienced pilot, wanted a fresh challenge and a chance to make a difference. Prior to this, she'd been flying small aircraft in outback South Australia and the Northern Territory, and she loved working with the wonderful people in these remote communities and regional towns.

Catriona was thrilled in 2019 when her application to join the Flying Doctor in Alice Springs was successful. There, Catriona remained until January 2023, when she relocated to Queensland to become our new Senior Base Pilot in Townsville. It's a role she relishes – where no day is the same.

Flying for the RFDS requires unique qualifications, skills and experience, including 4,000 hours of flying time, 2,000 hours as Pilot in Command and 200 hours in Command at night. Pilot Catriona loves being at the



forefront of aeromedical aviation and being constantly challenged.

"There is no other pilot job that requires such adaptability or offers so much diversity," she says. *"It's often 'all hands on deck' and you rarely know in advance where you will be flying to, or what type of job you are going to, whether it's an inter-hospital transfer or emergency retrieval."*

In Townsville, we primarily fly the King Air B350 and B360 aeromedical aircraft to ensure Queenslanders have access to the best medical care, wherever they are. It's a job like no other."

LEADING THE WORLD – THANKS TO YOU.

Your support means Catriona and her fellow pilots have world-leading training and world-class aircraft in the form of three state-of-the-art B360's in active service and another undergoing its fit-out.

Celebrating a life of care for regional and remote communities

Annaliese Andrews and her husband of over 43 years, John, live within earshot of the RFDS Bundaberg Base. As long-time members of our Support Crew, they know that each time they hear the familiar sound of one of our aircraft taking to the sky, their support is in action, and saving lives.

Now in her 80s, Annaliese moved to Australia from East Germany in 1969. She had trained as a Nurse in Berlin and was excited to continue her work at the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital in Sydney.

"I worked my way up to become a registered Nurse at the chest clinic. It was 1979 and there were still a lot of patients suffering horribly from Tuberculosis (TB)."

Annaliese moved to Orange and took charge of clinics from Lithgow up to Lake Cargelligo, where she was testing for TB and administering vaccinations.

"I really enjoyed visiting all

the patients. I would drive out to remote communities and transport people by car to hospital for x-rays."

Today, Annaliese and John live a simple life that allows them to support the causes that are important to them, including the Flying Doctor in Queensland:

"We first started supporting the RFDS through a friend who had been in the Navy. More recently, there was a lady from our church who got very sick. She was flown straight to Brisbane by the Flying Doctor and I saw what an amazing service it is. Without the Flying Doctor, she would have died."



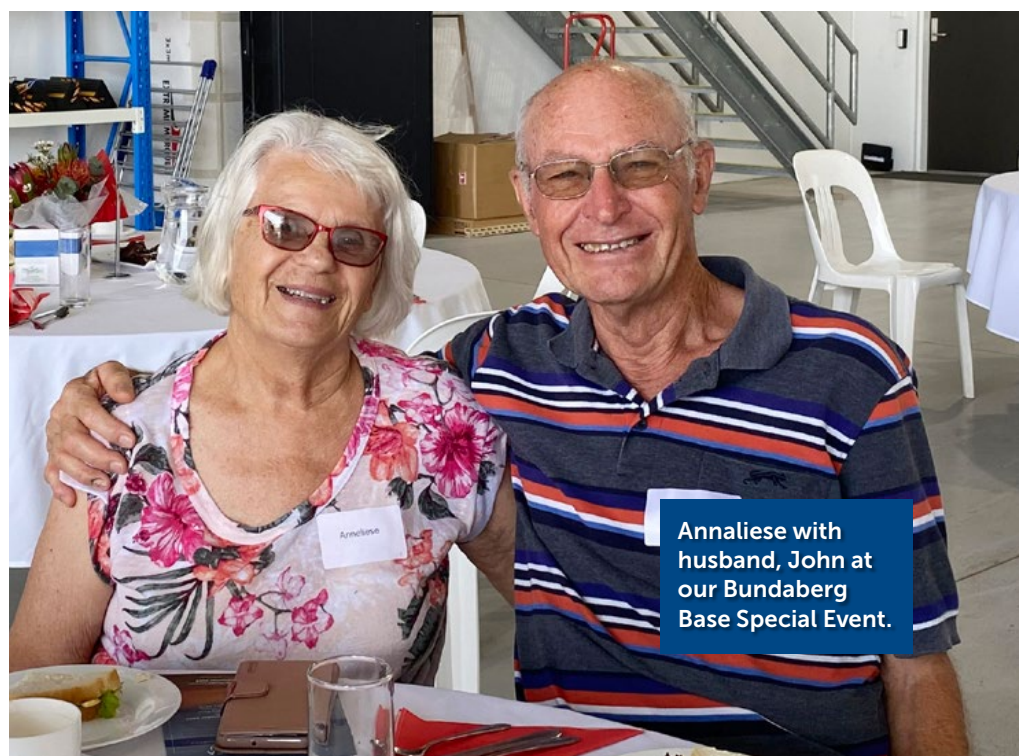
Annaliese during her working life as a Nurse.

Thanks to

caring Support Crew members like Annaliese and John, who make a regular, automated gift to the RFDS, we can be there for Queenslanders 24/7. To join the crew that saves lives, please scan the code below or call



our supporter care team today on 07 3852 7515.



Annaliese with husband, John at our Bundaberg Base Special Event.

MEET THE outback heroes OF CLONAGH STATION



Recently the Flying Doctor team were put to the test on a remote evacuation and a group of everyday heroes banded together to help get the patient where they needed to be.



Living in outback Queensland comes with its challenges, especially in an emergency.

Clonagh Station Manager Peter and his wife Emma experienced this firsthand when one of their Station Hand, Sarah, was injured after falling off her horse.

"I am a Nurse myself, so I did a quick spinal assessment, and I was quite happy to send her into town for a check-up, but then we started to notice she had some memory loss," Emma said.

"She started to repeat

herself, so I rang the RFDS."

Emma was connected with our RFDS Mount Isa team who quickly dispatched Senior Pilot Sam, Senior Doctor Jason, Doctor Joe and Flight Nurse Lissa to retrieve Sarah and transport her to hospital for further assessment.

As the airstrip was more than a kilometre from the station, Emma arranged her staff to take two vehicles to drive our RFDS team from the aircraft to the station to see Sarah. She was then transported on a stretcher, in the back of a Ute, for her flight.

"I stayed at the house with the kids and then after a little while longer I saw my husband running across the lawn towards the house," Emma said.

"He quickly rounded up more staff from the station to assist the team as the aircraft had become grounded and they were running out of daylight for take-off."

Our team were quick to make the call and arrange for QAS to transport Sarah with Doctor Jason and Doctor Joe to Cloncurry Hospital for further assessment but praised the staff from Clonagh Station for their help.

"When we talk about team, the team is not just our doctors and nurses; it's everyone in the community around us who help," Sam said.

"Without them, we wouldn't be able to do what we do out there."



RFDS Senior Doctor Jason said it was heart-warming to know the community always has our back in times of need.

"You often hear stories about how the RFDS helps patients, but when we need help, we know that we will be taken care of," says Jason.

"It's times like these when we see a community come together."

Peter and Emma kindly offered our Pilot Sam and Flight Nurse Lissa

accommodation for the night at the spare Station Hand quarters so they could safely fly back to base in the morning.

"They offered us nice clean warm bedrooms, towels, showers and toilets," Lissa said.

"We were fed and watered, you can't beat country hospitality!"

Sarah has now recovered from her fall and is back working at the station on light duties.

Guiding Lights

Thanks to kind supporters like you 1,770 airstrip lanterns are now ready to light up 59 stations across remote Queensland. Clonagh Station will soon receive its airstrip lanterns and 12 other stations are on the waitlist for delivery in early 2024.



A fresh box of fruit and a chance to thrive



Shanaya enjoying
her first taste of
watermelon.

**Primary Health
Care Nurse Lesley
is passionate about
children in remote
communities getting the
healthiest start to life.**

Little Shanaya looks at the bright slice of watermelon handed to her by RFDS Primary Health Care Nurse Lesley Mallard; she turns and giggles at her friends.

Curiously, Shanaya takes a small bite, looks at Lesley and smiles. This is the first time she has tried watermelon; a fruit children would not usually have access to where she lives. Shanaya loves it!

Lesley is here with Shanaya as she and her colleagues have been invited to make regular visits to a new primary child health clinic at Gregory, a remote community in Far North Queensland.

This RFDS team is dedicated to making sure all Queensland children get to grow up healthy and strong.

They bring along fresh fruit for the children to enjoy, donated by our Principal Partner, Woolworths, as part of their Free Fruit for Kids Program.

While the children enjoy eating fresh foods, Lesley conducts important child health checks, educates families about good nutrition, and discusses any health concerns.

"This is what primary health care is all about – we are trying to provide the right care and education to have a positive effect on children's lives," Lesley says.

"These visits stop them from developing problems later on by treating skin infections, ensuring they have had immunisations and by providing education on healthy lifestyles."



Lesley has been a regular visitor to Bidunggu and Gregory.

Families like those living in Bidunggu and Gregory are hugely disadvantaged by distance. Children must travel more than an hour each way to go to school or access a remote shop that sells basic supplies, and the nearest health clinic is an hour's drive away.



"We really are the only service for a lot of people in these remote locations," Lesley says.

Because of this, Lesley and the team will do as much as they can for people when they visit remote communities like Bidunggu and Gregory. That includes offering screening and assessment, bringing their medications from a pharmacy, and collecting their pathology. The team will help families coordinate health appointments, assist with chronic disease care and provide education, counselling and health planning.

"It is such a privilege for us to be invited into these communities," Lesley says.

HOW YOU HELP PREVENT THE WORST-CASE SCENARIO

Your wonderful support helps us deliver primary health care services to communities in rural and remote Queensland. These services are just as important as the emergency evacuations for the seriously ill and injured that you make possible.



Because of you, a person with diabetes in a remote community is getting regular support from a GP to manage their condition, a woman pregnant for the first time is having ongoing midwife visits to check her baby's health and a farmer on an outback station is receiving counselling to manage depression.

Lesley explains: *"Good chronic disease care and prevention means that people are less likely to need specialist appointments or emergency retrievals – that is good healthcare."*

Thank you

for providing world-class primary health care to more Queenslanders.



*"I'm just glad
we can be there."*

A DAY IN THE LIFE OF AN RFDS NURSE

For one day, we follow Flight Nurse Izzy Graham, part of a dedicated team flying across southwest Queensland to assist country people in need of medical and healthcare. This is Izzy's day.

06:00 AM

We usually start work at 6am but it can be earlier if there's an emergency. After a quick discussion with the Pilot and Doctor, we check our equipment to ensure it's in working order and pack the aircraft so we can respond quickly to a call out.

07:00 AM

The wheels are up, and we have an urgent task. John* has presented to Charleville hospital with pain, shortness of breath and tightening of the chest. He lives seven hours drive from the appropriate medical facility and needs an urgent body scan to find a blood clot. We fly John to Toowoomba hospital for further care, saving 5 ½ hours on his journey.

Our teams
must be ready
for everything.



09:30 AM

Now we're flying to Thargominda, a tiny town without their own GP. It's a beautiful part of our outback: take a look at the stunning red surrounds as we prepare to land.

11:00 AM

In Thargo we run a weekly clinic providing essential GP services. At 34 weeks pregnant with her first child, Ash needs regular check-ups to ensure baby is developing properly. Ash is so grateful she can access our services. Alright, back to it.

03:00 PM

Time for a mid-air snack break. One thing people



don't realise is how small some of our aircraft are, as you can see in this photo. But we can work magic! In this tiny space, our patients get the same level of care as they would in the hospital.

**04:00 PM**

I'm on the home stretch now. Sitting next to me is Amy*. She's 85 years young and this is her first time on a plane! Amy has been unwell for the past five days hoping her illness would pass. But her symptoms now include difficulty breathing and fluid in her lungs. We'll fly her from Chinchilla to Toowoomba hospital for further investigation.

06:00 PM

As you can see, sunsets up here are like no other. When the sun's low, it also means I'm close to home. I don't know about you, but I'm ready to hit the hay.



Izzy and the team are grateful for your support.

ONE QUICK THING BEFORE I GO...

I want to personally thank you for helping Queenslanders access emergency and primary health care, no matter how remote they are. We can't do this life-saving work without you!

*names have been changed to protect our patients' privacy.

John Goodland at home on the farm in Theodore.



86 years on the land and an extraordinary gift

After a lifetime on the land, there's still no place John Goodland, 86, would rather be than up on the tractor, cultivating the fertile soils of his Theodore cattle farm.

Born and raised on cattle country, John was not long out of school when he took on his own farm. In his 30s, a chance meeting led John to his future wife Juanita, a Nurse.

Juanita too has embraced the joys and challenges of life on the land. "We've been married 51 years," says John. "Juanita is very involved with our church, and we're both in the Lions Club, and she's

also in the Country Women's Association."

Together they've raised five children and now have six lovely grandchildren to enjoy. **While John could retire and enjoy the fruits of his labour, he's still working alongside his son on the farm.** "My son does all the heavier work now, but I still manage the farm," John explains. "In the hot weather I do feel tired... but I'd get bored with nothing to do!"

When John can get away, he loves spending time with his grandchildren. They live as far and wide as London, UK, Hervey Bay, and Rockhampton, with easy access to amenities including emergency and primary health care services.

When he and Juanita were raising four little children on a remote farm, things weren't so simple. John's grateful they never had to call on the Flying Doctor – although it was reassuring to know they could.

"We had no problems with our babies. But it's not uncommon, is it, for there to be birth problems," he says.

"You hear of RFDS flying women from the outback that are expecting a baby. They probably save a lot of young lives like that."

Later, a farming accident again brought home the importance of the service: *"I had my hand crushed under a tip truck loaded with grain. I was in considerable pain, but the Flying Doctor team looked after me,"* he recalls.

And while John was recovering from a knee reconstruction, his knee suddenly dislocated. He needed surgery and the Flying Doctor helped get him to specialist care: *"I had first-class attention and care. They couldn't have done more for me"* John recalls. "The flight was only an hour



John and Juanita with their grandchildren.

– it would have been at least three by ambulance and on some very rough road, which would have been extremely uncomfortable."

John wanted to show his gratitude for the incredible care he received and the RFDS was front of mind.

After careful thought, John recently decided RFDS is the charity he will support well beyond his lifetime with a Gift in his Will.

"It's unfortunate to have an accident, but it does make you aware of what wonderful service RFDS does. I love to help where I can."

Thank you

to our amazing supporters who are considering leaving a Gift in their Will like John.



John, with wife Juanita.

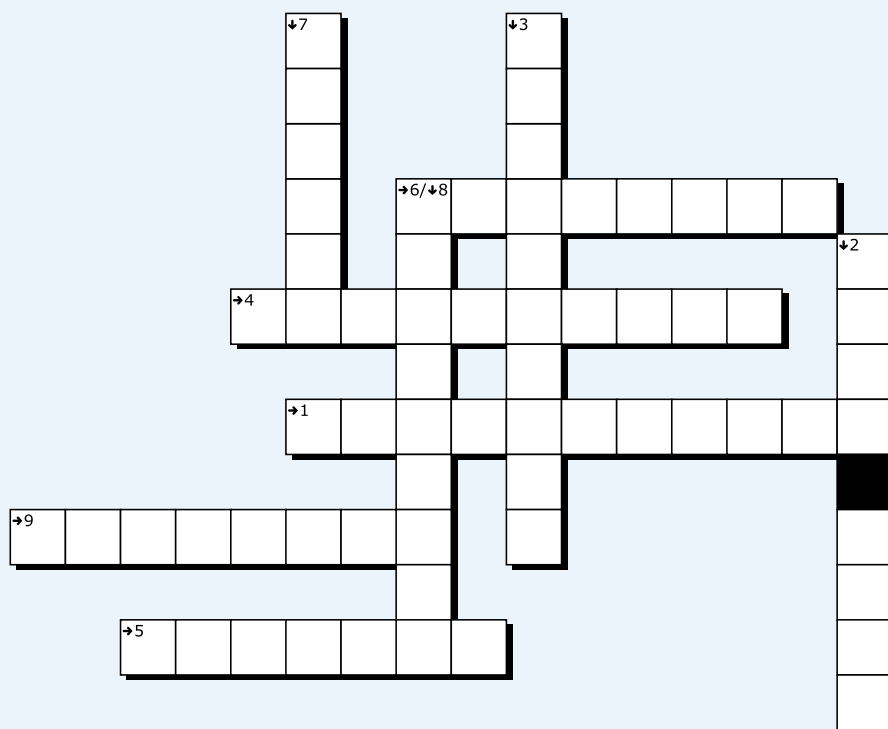


If you would like to find out more about leaving a Gift to the Flying Doctor in your Will, please contact Michela Everett, Special Supporter Coordinator on **07 3541 4312 | meverett@rfdsqlld.com.au** or Heather Stott, Senior Manager – Key Relationships on **07 3852 7586 | hstott@rfdsqlld.com.au**

Crossword

The Flying Doctor community truly covers every corner of our vast state. But which places are featured in our special “Where in Queensland?” crossword? All answers can be found in your magazine.

1. RFDS Base celebrating 80th Anniversary
2. Mental Health counsellor, Joseph's, corner of Queensland
3. First stop for newly qualified Nurse, Janet
4. Senior Base Pilot, Catriona, takes-off from here
5. _____ Station, home to our outback heroes
6. Site of FNQ's new primary child health clinic
7. Izzy's second stop of the day
8. Annaliese's nearby RFDS Base
9. John's cattle station home



Answers 1. Charleville, 2. Cape York, 3. Birdsville, 4. Townsville, 5. Clonagh, 6. Bundaberg, 7. Thargo, 8. Bundaberg, 9. Theodore

Where do you read yours?

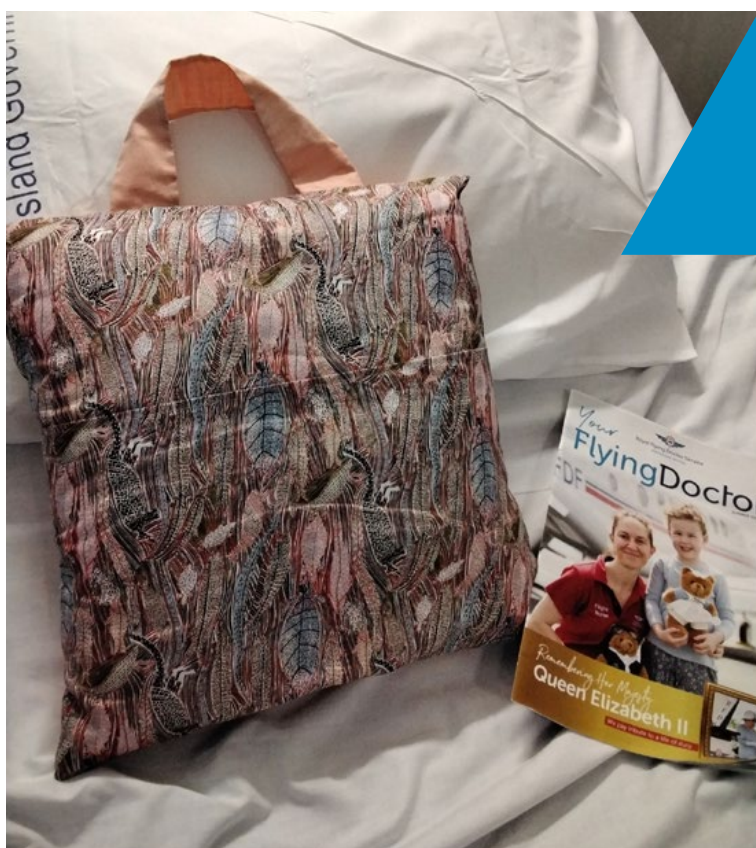
We often receive lovely messages of thanks for our Flying Doctor crews. Di said she couldn't thank the crew who flew her for a recent heart surgery enough. She shared a picture of her Flying Doctor magazine which she read while in hospital.

We'd love to see your photos of the weird and wonderful places you've been reading your Flying Doctor magazine.

Send your photo and description to:

Kate Rule, Supporter Relationship Specialist,
krule@rfdsqld.com.au

Thanks for sharing!



This edition we bring you something special from RFDS Supporter Relationship Specialist, Kate Rule:

Growing up on a humble cane farm in North Queensland, my cousins and I spent our childhoods collecting mulberries.

Grandma would transform those juicy, sun-kissed mulberries into the most delicious pie.

Just like my grandma, I believe in the power of bringing people together through food and the joy of giving. In my role, I'm so lucky to now work for an organisation that has forever been close to my heart having had a rural childhood.



Mulberry Pie



Pastry :

Shortcrust Pastry Sheets
(2-3 Sheets needed)

Mulberry mixture:

4-5 cups of ripe, plump mulberries (washed and stems cut off)

1.5 cups caster sugar

½ cup plain flour

½ cup milk

1 egg (for egg wash)

METHOD:

Mulberry mix:

Place mulberries, flour and sugar and *half* of the milk all together in a bowl and stir to combine

Add remainder of milk and keep stirring gently until the mix becomes the consistency of cake mix (but still with mulberries relatively intact)

Assembling & Baking:

Pre-heat oven to 180°C

Place the bottom pastry sheet into a prepared pie dish

Add baking paper and cover with baking beads or dry rice and blind bake for about 15 minutes

Take the pastry out, remove baking beads and baking paper and pour in the mulberry mix

Use another pastry sheet to cover the pie in a decoration of your preference (I love to cover whole and use a plait around the edges)

Crimp the edges together and ensure you have a small hole for the steam

Brush the top with an egg wash or butter

Bake for 30–40 minutes

Serve hot or cold! I like to serve with a mascarpone cream (equal parts thickened cream and mascarpone beaten together)

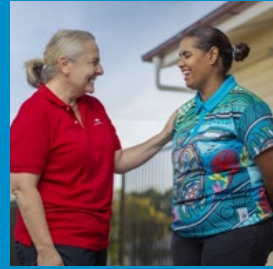
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occasions of care
across Queensland
each day



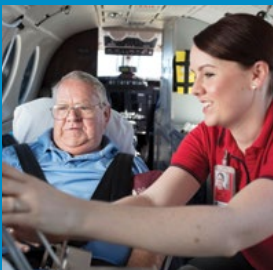
More than
3,500
immunisations
administered



More than
11,800
consultations
conducted by RFDS
mental health clinicians
and headspace Cairns



More than
1,200
medical chests in
rural and remote
locations throughout
Queensland



More than
12,500
patients transferred via
aeromedical service



More than
26,500
consultations at RFDS
GP and nurse clinics



More than
23,900
remote consultation
calls through our
telehealth service



More than
1,780
consultations by our
RFDS Dental Service

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The Royal Flying Doctor Service acknowledges the Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the first inhabitants of the nation and the traditional custodians of this land.

