



Royal Flying Doctor Service
TASMANIA

Become a volunteer



The RFDS in Tasmania



Our History

Based at Launceston Airport, the Royal Flying Doctor Service Tasmania was officially formed on September 12th 1960, and has steadily grown over the past 64 years.

Today, we provide physical, mental and dental health services to rural and remote Tasmanian communities.

Our Mission

RFDS Tasmania supports individuals and communities in rural areas with healthcare that would be otherwise inaccessible due to distance and terrain.

By removing the barriers to care of Tasmanian communities, we strive to improve the health outcomes of all Tasmanians.

Our Programs

Physical Health – Providing group and individual physical health consultations to treat chronic conditions.

Mental Health – Supporting adults and youth with counselling services across ten local government areas.

Dental Health – Mobile clinics deliver treatment to all ages where dental care is otherwise unavailable.



Why we need volunteers

Volunteers are vital to RFDS function

The Royal Flying Doctor Service relies on volunteers Australia-wide.

In Tassie, our volunteers reduce administration costs and make sure more of the donations and fundraising dollars we receive go directly toward providing physical, mental and dental services to Tasmanian communities.

Every task our volunteers perform helps us keep our costs low and our reach wide.

How our volunteers help

01 Attending events

Events are just one way that we promote our services. Out in the fields under the marquee, or at a regional community hall - it is often our volunteers talking to event goers about our physical, mental and dental health programs.

02 Driving special RFDS vehicles

While our branded cars can be seen traveling from Bruny Island to Smithton, the RFDS Tasmania fleet also includes two ex-Metro Tasmania Scania N113CRB buses, two custom-built Mercedes Sprinter dental vans and the Isuzu D-MAX that tows our cut-down aircraft, also known as the SIM (educational simulator).

Our invaluable volunteers use their skills, experience and special vehicle licenses to drive these custom vehicles and help us get where we're needed most.

03 Providing feedback on our documents

It is RFDS Tasmania policy to ensure that those that receive our services are consulted in the development of our publications. This way we can be sure we are meeting our consumers' needs in the information we provide.

We rely on our clients, patients and volunteers to offer feedback on the readability, presentation and information included in our brochures, booklets and fact sheets.



What we can give back to you



Training

Our volunteers are ready to go when they've received a full induction, including training on our organisation, policies and procedures.



Experience

Volunteering with the Royal Flying Doctor Service is a great opportunity for those at the start of their health industry careers.

There is so much to learn about the unique challenges Tasmanians face and how healthcare is provided in rural and remote regions.



Community

When you join the RFDS as a volunteer, you become part of a wider network of passionate individuals working towards better health outcomes for all Tasmanians.



Social events

We love our volunteers, and we make sure we celebrate them and the vital service they provide us.

If you're a regular volunteer with RFDS Tasmania, you will be invited to exclusive social functions throughout the year.



How to register your interest



What you need

All RFDS Tasmania volunteers must have a current **Working with Vulnerable People (WWVP)** card, which includes a police check.

To operate our vehicles, you must have the appropriate licenses. For example, a medium rigid license for the dental vans and a heavy rigid license for the buses.

To tow the simulator, as well as your Tasmanian driver's license, you should have experience towing a long/heavy trailer, such as a caravan or a boat.



Fill out a registration form

Over the page is our Volunteer Registration Form. You can:

- Cut it out, scan and email to us at enquiries@rfdstas.org.au
- Post it to us at:
PO Box 1407, Launceston TAS 7250
- Or hand it to a RFDS Tasmania team member.



Or complete the form online

Just go to the below page on our website to complete the form online:

<https://www.flyingdoctor.org.au/tas/support-us/volunteer/>

We'll be in touch to bring you on board and up to speed with our next event.

<https://www.flyingdoctor.org.au/tas/>

Other ways you can help the Royal Flying Doctor Service

Donate

From regular and one-off donations, gift-in-Wills to corporate gifting, donating is easy.

Find out more at -

<https://www.flyingdoctor.org.au/tas/support-us/>

Fundraise

Fundraising options are truly endless. From raffles and running events, to car shows and cocktail parties. Why not involve your family, friends, community group, or school.

Whatever you organise, know the funds raised will be put to good use supporting the health of Tasmanians.

Share your story

Has the RFDS made a difference in your life? Your story can help us share the benefits we bring to your community and raise awareness for the work that we do so we can keep doing it.

Contact our content team at enquiries@rfdstas.org.au

Follow us and subscribe

Following our channels is a simple way to support RFDS Tasmania.

Share our stories with your friends, families and communities to help others get to know us better.





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I would like to become a RFDS Tasmania volunteer

Name: _____

Address: _____

Contact No.: _____

Email: _____

About me:

I have a WWVP card

I am willing to get a WWVP card

I would like to review documents only

I would like to join the Consumer Advisory Group

I have the below licenses:

Class Car (C)

Class Medium Rigid (MR)

Class Light Rigid (LR)

Class Heavy Rigid (HR)

Thank you for your interest in joining our organisation. We would not be able to do what we do without the dedication of wonderful volunteers like yourself.





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