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Wellard's tour at the RFDS new facilities

The Wellard Group have been supporters of the important and valuable work done by the Royal Flying Doctor Service for over four years. At a time of change for the Service, with new facilities and new aircraft coming into operation, Wellard was pleased to be able to visit the Western Operation headquarters at Jandakot, on Monday 3 August.

Twenty-six of Wellard's Perth and Fremantle based employees met with RFDS Medical Director, Dr Stephen Langford and Lesleigh Green, Director of Public Affairs. Dr Langford demonstrated his considerable knowledge of medicine and aircraft engineering as he took the team around the facilities, including the maintenance hangar, and the airfield. He explained the different characteristics of the long time stalwart of the Service, the twin engined Kingair B200Cs, introduced in the late 1980s, and the more recent Pilatus PC12s, introduced in the mid 1990s. We also discussed the advent of the new jet aircraft being commissioned for the Service, and how this will change operating practices.

Wellard staff were shown around the newly redeveloped facilities, which includes a training area, a new Patient Transfer Facility, where patients are welcomed and treated on arrival, the resuscitation area, fitted with new resuscitation devices and neonatal incubators, and the ambulance access point and bays. The new building at the eastern end of the RFDS base also features six single units providing sleeping accommodation for medical staff and pilots, who need to take mandatory breaks before undertaking another flight, as well as offices for doctors and nurses, secure storage, and a conference room. Finally, the Operations Centre,

the hub of the new facilities, where the team control the fleet of aircraft and people to get to where they are needed, safely and ready for all eventualities.

The visit was positively received by the Wellard staff, which feels now even closer to the flying doctors and their important job. “The RFDS and their staff play a crucial role in the health and wellbeing of Australians living in regional areas and Wellard will continue to support the RFDS with honour and pride” Steve Meerwald said.



The Wellard staff with Dr Stephen Langford

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