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Angel Flight's new Rural Medi Support Jet Service Flies Health Professional Home After Medical Visit to Rural Patients in remote Bamaga

Angel Flight has partnered with national medical group Ochre Health to transport a health professional via Angel Flight's first ever medi—support jet flight, in and out of rural Queensland where medical treatment is not easily accessible. This expanded Angel Flight service, will make health care easier and more affordable for rural and remote Australians.

Angel Flight has, for 20 years, transported patients from the outback to city specialists, but for this mission, it will be different. This mission is the first in Queensland utilising our Jet service, to transport a doctor treating rural patients in Bamaga, far north Queensland. The flight is scheduled to land at Archerfield airport on March 23, at 1.00pm local time.

This venture has been made possible with the assistance of Ochre Health who is the perfect partner for Angel Flight. Not only have Angel Flight and Ochre Health been in operation for 20 years, both organisations have a strong focus in making quality health care available for more Australians.

Angel Flight CEO Marjorie Pagani said "for too many regional communities, access to much-needed health care is out of reach."

Angel Flight is a charity that launched in 2003 and since then has coordinated thousands of non-emergency medical flights around Australia, including rural and remote regions. All flights are free, and this first jet flight service aims to bridge the transportation gap when it comes to ensuring health professionals can access rural and remote towns safely and avoid long drives across often-flooded regions.

In order to ensure the provision of continuing medi-support jet services, Angel Flight have teamed up with Your Jet Life to give people an opportunity to win their own plane with proceeds going towards funding this much-needed new service.

For too many regional communities, access to primary health care is out of reach: Angel Flight will continue to expand its free flight services not only to bring patients to the cities for specialist medical care, but to ensure health professionals can conduct regular clinics in the rural regions. This service will work to alleviate the challenges rural and remote patients face in trying to access care.

For more on Angel Flight, visit www.angelflight.org.au

For more on Ochre, visit www.ochrerecruitment.com/

For tickets for the lottery visit www.yourjetlife.com

Angel Flight is a charity which coordinates non-emergency flights to assist country people to access specialist medical treatment that would otherwise be unavailable to them because of vast distance and high travel costs. All flights are free and may involve travel to medical facilities anywhere in Australia.

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