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MEDIA RELEASE

Record field for 2018 Outback Air Race

A record field of 40 aircraft will compete in a unique aviation event leaving from Archerfield Airport this month.

Event: Outback Air Race

Departs: from 8.30am to 11am – Sunday, August 19, 2018

Where: Archerfield Airport, Beatty Road, Archerfield

The Outback Air Race is a 12 day, GPS-based navigation time trial flying over 4,000km of remote Australia to raise funds for the Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS). It is held every three years – and this year marks the 90th anniversary of the RFDS' first flight from Cloncurry in 1928.

Media representatives are invited to cover the staggered start, which will be preceded by social activities for the event's competitors and their families.

After leaving Archerfield Airport, pilots and navigators in a wide range of light aircraft (including Cessna, Piper, Trinidad, Glasair, Bristell and Tobago) will fly to Bundaberg, Longreach, Mount Isa, Adels Grove, Daly Waters, Katherine/Tindal and Kununurra before finishing the event in Broome, WA, on August 31.

The Outback Air Race has been held since 1996 and tests pilots' basic navigational and planning skills. It offers participants a once-in-a-lifetime experience, and so far has raised more than \$2 million for the RFDS.

Members of the public may view departing aircraft from vantage points outside the airport boundary.

Interested media representatives: If you wish to come airside for interviews and vision before 8.15am, please contact 0407 036 791 to arrange media passes and an airside escort.

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