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SA Societies Donate To RFDS

On 22 November, 2010 the South Australian branch presidents of PESA, SPE and ASEG jointly presented a cheque for over \$3,000 to the Royal Flying Doctor Service's Central Operations CEO, John Lynch. The donation was raised at a recent Quiz Night fundraiser held by SA's three main geoscience and engineering not-for-profit societies.

The SA branches of the three organisations regularly organise and hold fundraisers for the RFDS, the largest and most spectacular event being the eagerly anticipated biennial PESA Golf Day. The last Golf Day in 2009 raised \$25,000 for the RFDS and the 2011 event,

scheduled for late February, is rapidly taking shape.

While not all those employed in the SA oil and gas and mineral exploration industries work in 'The Basin' (ie. field duties in the Cooper/Eromanga basins), we all have colleagues, friends or family who from time to time do. The presence of the RFDS is something which touches all of our professional and personal lives at some time, and deserves the support of our organisations.

Central Operations has almost completed its two year transition to a new fleet, with four out of five new planes being in service and the new

fleet to be completely operational by next year. RFDS planes are flown for 15,000 hours, around 75% of the manufacturer's recommended life, taking between 10-15 years for a plane in active service, before being sold on and replaced.

With a new plane costing several million dollars to purchase and equip, every contribution helps towards maintaining the RFDS' first class service, which any one of us could depend on at some time. The members' support of the various fundraisers is greatly appreciated, and the RFDS asked that their gratitude be passed on via our respective news media.

Simon Brealey