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Royal Far West mourns passing of Nancy-Bird Walton OBE, AO

Royal Far West has expressed its deep sadness at the passing of Nancy-Bird Walton OBE, AO.

Soon after being taught to fly by Sir Charles Kingsford Smith, Nancy-Bird, at the age of 20, was engaged by Royal Far West founder the Reverend Stanley Drummond to fly nurses to baby health clinics in remote NSW.

“Those early flights were pivotal to the provision of healthcare to children and families living in areas beyond medical help.” Royal Far West CEO Jann Kingston said.

In addition to her clinic flights, she also acted as the air ambulance in emergencies.

“Nancy-Bird made a tremendous contribution to the early days of Royal Far West and she remained a strong supporter of and advocate for the organisation the rest of her life.

“Her ongoing contribution to Royal Far West and to the health and well being of country children is valued greatly and we will miss her. The Board, staff and patients are united in expressing their sympathy to her family and friends. “

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