

## THE FLYING DOCTOR

Yes, it's our real own Kiwi flying quack home here in New Zealand. This book is written by Dave Baldwin, the man behind the 'Not-So-Royal Bulls Flying Doctor Service' for the central rural community, who operated his off-beat medical service to isolated air strips in the high-country and other remote areas.



From his early years Dave struggled with dyslexia. He went on to graduate from medical school where he recalls his experiences as a house surgeon (really a fancy name for an apprentice doctor) before learning to fly and joining the Royal New Zealand Air Force. He worked in cardiology before setting up a general practice in Bulls.

It was his love of hunting that would draw him to the Southern Alps and wild west coast – along with his medical service. With his love of flying and second passion hunting as Dr Dave he became the respected flying doctor for the New Zealand 'out-back'.

Dr Dave calls it like it is. This is a highly entertaining story. It is unique and not without tragedy. Dave lost his best mate and son Marc in a terrible incident where Marc took his own life in the same place they'd shared so many cherished father-son moments. Sharing this raw emotion and love just draws the reader in with the sobering realisation that 75 percent of suicides are men.

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