

Flying Dr Has New Base



The Bulls Flying Doctor Service opened its new hangar and avmed complex at Palmerston North in December, marking the extension of a unique service to New Zealand pilots developed by Dr Dave Baldwin. Over 250 invited guests attended the event, which saw the facility officially opened by Director of Civil Aviation, John Jones.

The new base means that pilots are able to fly in to Palmerston North to get their medical in an aviation environment. "No more screaming babies in the waiting room — pilots can sit back and relax watching flying videos," Dr Dave told *Pacific Wings*.

The Bulls Flying Doctor Service Avmed Centre is situated adjacent to Palmerston

Sandi Baldwin (Dr Dave's Boss) and Tom Williams help get ZK-Really-Jolly-Good ready for a flying doctor visit to the South Island.

North's control tower and fuel bowsers and is a dream come true for Dr Dave.

Dr Dave added that it was a great privilege to have the centre officially opened by CAA Director John Jones and his mate Dave Saxton (Mr South Westland himself, who had travelled up from Haast for the event).

With 1,300 pilots on the books, Dr Dave regularly flies to remote airstrips in the East Coast of the North Island, Blenheim and Motueka, and the West Coast, Mt Cook, and Te Anau. Now the aviation medical centre and hangar provides an HQ for the service.

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