

STATEMENT

The Royal Far West Neighbourhood Development Application is approved

In June 2022, Royal Far West (RFW) submitted a Development Application to Northern Beaches Council for the redevelopment of its Manly beachfront land to:

- Support RFW to grow and support the health and wellbeing of more country children
- Provide amenities to the local Manly community and
- Futureproof the sustainability of RFW to continue to gift healthcare to those most in need

The vision is to create a beautifully integrated “Neighbourhood” – a mixed-use space that is inclusive, open, and innovative. RFW’s architects Murcutt Candalepas were engaged to design the redevelopment of the site situated at 14-22 Wentworth Street and 19-21 South Steyne. The Development Application was approved on 14 December 2022.

The approved redevelopment will feature:

- 58 premier residential apartments in two new buildings
- A revitalised Drummond House for visiting RFW clients and children that will also serve as quality guest house accommodation in Manly
- A mix of retail and commercial spaces (approx. 2,800sqm)
- Public domain for community use with landscaped areas

About the Royal Far West (RFW) Neighbourhood Vision

The RFW Neighbourhood is a careful yet brave reimagining of a precious place in Manly and a vitally important service provider to children from the country. The redevelopment is a bold new approach to ensuring the continued work of the RFW charity, while also manifesting its values of care, connection, passion, and impact within an innovative neighbourhood – one that places the health of all children at its heart.

For nearly 100 years RFW has improved the health and wellbeing of children who live in rural and remote communities by bringing them and their family to Manly to access health services. The casual local atmosphere, sun, sand, and water are as much a part of the experience as vital assessment and therapy services.

These intrinsic qualities of place are the grounding inspiration for an innovative design for the RFW Neighbourhood that will transform the site into a mixed-use precinct where enhanced facilities for the organisation will be complemented by a discrete number of residential apartments, well-aligned commercial businesses, and a generous public realm. Behind every aspect of this redevelopment is RFW’s drive and intent to support more children in need.

The community will be kept informed about the redevelopment program and construction plans during 2023 and beyond.

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