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Christmas comes early at Royal Far West

Royal Far West Children's Health Scheme celebrated Christmas in this week, December 4, with more than 50 children and their families enjoying a visit by Manly Sea Eagles team members, Santa and of course, Christmas presents.

Children currently staying at The Scheme's Manly facility were also treated to a barbecue dinner as part of the Christmas festivities.

Scheme CEO Jann Kingston said thousands of children from rural and remote NSW stayed at the Manly facility each year to access vital medical and allied health services not available where they lived.

"We like to do as much as we can for these children at Christmas because many of them come from areas where times are tough. With the help of our generous donors we were again able to make this a Christmas to remember with Santa providing a special gift for each child," Ms Kingston said.

Balls, teddy bears, remote control cars and handbags were among the gifts given out.

"For many of these children the Royal Far West gift is the only one they will receive this year so we like to ensure it is something they will really enjoy," she said.

"We were very lucky to have a visit by Sea Eagles Steve Menzies and Anthony Watmough. So many of our kids are enthusiastic NRL supporters and a visit by these elite players is a real highlight.

Menzies and Watmough also presented Ms Kingston with a cheque for funds raised in conjunction with Krispy Kreme following the opening of their new store in Warringah

More than \$700 was raised and the funds will go to the vital work RFW does in helping create Healthy Country Children.

"The community has really worked with us this year to help make Christmas at RFW a special time for the families staying with us," Ms Kingston said.

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