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Children to benefit from board's decision

Royal Far West will close its aged care service at Drummond House as the organisation continues to refocus on its key role of providing health care to country children.

Residents of Drummond House, a low-care facility, will be assisted to relocate to other services by existing staff and a newly engaged resident liaison officer.

Royal Far West CEO Jann Kingston said the organisation's board was committed to providing services to meet the growing health needs of children from country NSW.

"In 2009 we will launch a program focussed on healthy eating, target the growing demand for mental health services and bring more children from country NSW to Manly to access a range of allied health programs and our new dental services.

"These are important and vital expansions.

"However, we remain mindful of our commitment to our aged care residents and we will be working with them and their families to ease their transition to alternative facilities."

Royal Far West announced the changes to the residents, their relatives and Drummond House staff on Thursday, December 4, 2008. The proposed closure date is March 31, 2009.

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