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Michael of Wagga Wagga loves Manly

Young Michael Kennedy of Wagga Wagga got in touch with his creative side when he took part in the '100 Things I Love About Manly' art exhibition.

Michael, 14, was one of many children staying at Royal Far West when Westpac Manly, hosted the art day and subsequent exhibition.

As well as the Royal Far West patients, families and staff aspiring artists from the community and local celebrities such as Sea Eagle player David Williams created their own works for the exhibition themed '100 Things I love About Manly'.

Westpac Manly Bank Manager Jonathon Browne said he was delighted with the exhibition and subsequent art sale which raised more than \$4000 for Royal Far West. The key sale item on the night was the signed painting by Manly Sea Eagle David Williams. The painting sold for more than \$1300.

Royal Far West CEO Jann Kingston said she was grateful for the support of Westpac in organising the exhibition – which included a chance for the children currently staying at Royal Far West to produce their own paintings – and the following exhibition and sale.

“Art is a wonderful medium for expression and creativity. It was great to give the children some exposure to this under the guidance of a professional artist and the funds raised from the exhibition and sale will help us continue the important work we do caring for country kids.

The exhibition also celebrated the refurbishment of the Manly Westpac branch.

“We have been part of the local community for a long time and it was wonderful to see so many locals get behind the '100 things I love about Manly' exhibition,” Mr Browne said.

Dignitaries at the exhibition included Williams, Sea Eagle and Royal Far West Champion for Country Kids Glenn Stewart and Member for Manly Mike Baird.

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