



media release

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Sea Eagles build a nest to care for country kids

Manly Sea Eagles have come out in strong support of children's charity Royal Far West, with the Sea Eagles and prominent sponsor Harbord Diggers due to present a \$15,000 cheque to the local children's charity.

The cheque will be presented to Royal Far West Chairman Richard Barron and CEO Jann Kingston at the Sea Eagles vs Sharks match as part of a charity partners' game day on Sunday April 11 and the funds will help create the "Eagles' Nest".

The Eagles Nest will be an area for educational programs and also a recreational space where players can interact with the thousands of children from rural NSW who visit Royal Far West each year to access specialist healthcare.

"The Eagle's Nest will let the children and their parents identify with the players on a more personal level – the kids will be able to build relationships with the players and feel part of the Sea Eagles' family," Ms Kingston said.

Several prominent players are behind the project including Royal Far West Champion for Country Kids Glenn Stewart and Dave Williams – who is preparing a giant mural for inside the Nest.

Ms Kingston said the Eagles' Nest would boast wonderful amenities and Sea Eagles memorabilia as well as giving country children an open learning space where important programs promoting self-esteem, resilience and positive problem solving could be held.

"Most of our kids are huge footy fans and for them to see the Manly Sea Eagles and Harbord Diggers getting behind them and making such an important investment in Royal Far West is amazing," Ms Kingston said.

Royal Far West will also run a raffle at the game with all proceeds supporting the organisation's important work caring for country kids. First prize is Glenn Stewart's signed 2009 Origin Jersey, second prize is a one hour skills and fitness session with Manly's Matt Ballin and third prize is a \$200 voucher at Hugo's Manly. The fitness session is for up to 20 children aged 13-15 years. Businesses are being encouraged to purchase tickets on behalf of local sporting groups. The raffle will be drawn at Royal Far West on May 31. To purchase tickets call 8966 8575.

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