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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **ROYAL FAR WEST RECEIVES GRANT FUNDING TO EXPAND NDIS SERVICES**

Member for Murray Austin Evans has announced grant funding of \$1.339 million for Royal Far West to help them expand its NDIS services for children with disability living in rural and remote areas of NSW.

Mr Evans said Royal Far West is a not-for-profit organisation, based in Manly and provided development and capacity building programs for children and their families living in rural and remote parts of NSW.

“I’m delighted Royal Far West is one of just 10 businesses across NSW that secured a grant from the NSW Government’s \$19 million Disability Sector Scale-Up program to help them make the most of the NDIS rollout,” Mr Evans said.

“Royal Far West is already doing great work in the disability space and this grant will help them expand and enhance their capacity to support and improve the quality of life for people with disability all over NSW.”

The Serafin family at Yenda is just one family in our electorate to benefit from the funding that will allow their daughter Molly to utilise the Royal Far West program through the NDIS.

Kellie Serafin, Molly’s mother, said she is thrilled that the family will be able to use the NDIS so Molly can access the Royal Far West’s Windmill Program at Manly.

“Being able to access Windmill through the NDIS funding is fantastic, as Molly learns best through repetition, and she will have this for five days in a row. We will be able to follow this up with further visits or telecare, all funded by her package”, Mrs Serafin said.

Royal Far West Health Director Katherine Burchfield said Royal Far West established its award-winning Windmill Program back in 2015 to provide targeted therapy and support for children with disability aged 2 to 12 years, and their families.

“This grant will allow us to strengthen and expand the Windmill Program, developing new and innovative service models that respond to the needs of Aboriginal families and rural and remote communities across NSW, improving access and increasing choice under the NDIS,” she said.

Deputy Premier and Minister for Skills and Small Business John Barilaro congratulated Royal Far West on their success in a very competitive grant program.



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“More than 250 businesses applied for the Business Acceleration Grant program so as you can imagine competition was fierce,” Mr Barilaro said.

“While the businesses selected are exceptional and innovative, the quality of all applicants showcased the exciting opportunities for businesses with the rollout of the NDIS and I congratulate them all.”

Minister for Disability Services Ray Williams said the Disability Sector Scale-Up was a component of the NSW Government’s \$100 million Smart, Skilled & Hired initiative.

“On top of Business Acceleration Grants, the DSSU will provide low cost advisory services for small businesses across the state through [Business Connect](#) to help them identify and capitalise on opportunities that emerge as a result of the NDIS.

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