

STATUTORY DECLARATION

Made at North Sydney, New south Wales on Friday 10 August 2012

I, George Richard Barron, do solemnly declare that I am the Chairman of the Royal Far West and with respect of the matter of the use of the Elsie Hill building on 28 January 2000 and its subsequent use as boarding house, that I have researched the available records of the organisation and from my own recollections of events at that time have found the following facts.

The Royal Far West administration was located in Elsie Hill building up till early 2001.

1. This is demonstrated by the address of organisation in all Annual Reports prior to 2001 being in Wentworth St and from 2001 onwards being South Steyne.
2. In the CEO's section of the Annual Report 2001 it states "Earlier in the year the administration section relocated from the Elsie Hill Building in Wentworth Street to the main building located in South Steyne.
3. In the Financial Report – 30 June 2001 it states "With the relocation of the Administration Department from the Elsie Hill Building to the Medical Centre an application has been lodged with Manly Council to utilise that building as Guest House".

On 18 March 2001 an Application was submitted to Manly Council for "Reclassification of Existing Royal Far West ...(Elsie Hill) Building , from a self-contained Accommodation/Hospital Unit to a Boarding House", the applicant being Mudge Property Services.

Following various issues mainly relating to car parking, the Council resolved on 9 December 2002 to adopt the LEP Amendment to allow rented residential accommodation that provides residential accommodation ... for periods of not less than 3 months, and provision of a Master Plan.

This became LEP Amendment no 54 and was gazetted on 23 August 2003, and formal advice of the Amendment was received from Manly Council on 17 September 2003, 2 years & 6 months after the original application.

Following the LEP Amendment No. 54 Gazettal, Royal Far West was advised that a Development Application (DA) for the boarding house would require bringing the 1960's building to full current BCA compliance before it could be used for boarding house accommodation. It took some time to commission the BCA Report and have it costed. The cost was such that the financial viability of conversion to boarding house was questioned at a Royal Far West Council meeting, the Council believing that the boarding house would be only a temporary measure until the new Clinical Services would be required.

With respect to the matter of the actual accommodation occupation of the Elsie Hill building on 28 January 2000, the Royal Far West records indicate that there were 5 members of staff (including the then CEO) occupying the residential flats that were initially built for senior staff. This accommodation was provided as part of their salary packaging at low rates. The majority of the building was used for all administration functions and some clinical functions, such as orthodontal. There would have been a security issue if accommodation was provided for persons not involved in the organisation, as there was no way of providing inter floor security.

I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true and by virtue of the Oaths Act 1900 (NSW).

Declared at North Sydney on 10 August 2012



George Richard Barron

I, Kylie Anita Godden, a JP for NSW (Registration No. 157355), certify that I have known George Richard Barron for over 12 months.



Dated : 10 August 2012

Signature of JP