

**Media Release**

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**Redevelopment of Crowle Home creates great opportunity for Achieve Australia**

Achieve Australia has lodged the Concept Plan application with the NSW Department of Planning and Infrastructure for the redevelopment of the Crowle Home site in Belmore Street, Ryde.

The Concept Plan seeks the approval to redevelop the property as a 470 dwelling residential development, which includes up to 10% of the apartments being designated as community living residences for people with disability.

This ground breaking project will make a significant difference for people with disability by providing greater choice and creating a high level of excellence in 'fit for purpose' facilities both in the new complex and within our wider community. By opening up the purchase of apartments to the broader community, Achieve Australia will be one step closer to their vision of achieving social inclusion for the people they support.

The redevelopment will ensure security and economic self sufficiency of Achieve Australia for years to come and potentially provide funding for ongoing improvements to accommodation, employment, day programs and respite.

Achieve Australia Chief Executive Officer, Anne Bryce said,

"Services for people with disability across Australia are in crisis. We are incredibly fortunate that we have the opportunity to develop and extend our facilities and programs for people with disability and their families in this area.

"The redevelopment will place less burden on the taxpayer and give us greater independence."

The long history of the property will be honoured with the restoration and retention of the heritage listed Tellaraga house (Crowle Home) and memorial gardens.

The new development will become known as 'Crowle Gardens'.

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**About Achieve Australia**

Achieve Australia is a community based not-for-profit organisation operating across metropolitan Sydney. We support more than 550 people with disability across accommodation, employment and day programs throughout the community on the basis of achieving social inclusion. We are also planning to commence a respite service.

Achieve Australia is supported and funded by NSW Department Family and Community Services - Ageing, Disability & Home Care (ADHC) and programs funded by the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR). We support people with disability to live, work and participate in the community.

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