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LOTTERYWEST GRANT SEES PROJECTS BECOME A REALITY

Senses Australia, a leading disability services provider, has received funding from Lotterywest to plan and design a service hub in the northern suburbs and redevelop the not for profit's head office in Burswood.

Debbie Karasinski, Senses Australia's Chief Executive Officer, says this is an exciting time for Senses Australia.

"I would like to thank Lotterywest for awarding us the grant to undertake two significant building initiatives.

"Senses Australia will celebrate our 120th year next year and in the last few years we have experienced significant growth. Just five years ago we had 100 employees and provided services to 150 people. Now, we have more than 260 employees and provide services and support to 650 children and adults. Therefore, there is a need for us to undertake this vital work to ensure we are positioned for further growth.

"We are currently planning and designing a service hub which will enable us to provide our services more effectively in the northern suburbs. The service hub will reduce travel for our clients and will be integral to the community and consistent with our ethos of providing community based service delivery.

"We are also planning and redesigning our head office, using Activity Based Workplace design principles. This will enable all the critical functions of the head office to be undertaken as we grow, without the need for a bigger office," explains Debbie.

Senses Australia is currently looking for a suitable location for the service hub.

"The service hub will enable Senses Australia to provide all of our services to children and adults who would prefer to come into a centre rather than seeing a therapist in their own home," explains Debbie.

Senses Australia is the only service provider in Australia providing services to people of all ages who are deafblind, as well as providing support, training and information to families and carers. The service hub will also become a 'centre of excellence' for people to have contact with a deafblind consultant where information, training and support would be readily available.

Senses Australia's support groups including the parent group, sibling support, Usher support and therapy groups including a playgroup will also run out of the service hub.

To find out more about Senses Australia visit www.senses.org.au, telephone (08) 9473 5400 or email admin@senses.org.au.

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Senses Australia is a leading, not for profit, disability services provider, providing support services to people of all ages throughout Western Australia.

In 2015, Senses Australia will celebrate 120 years of service to people with disability in Western Australia.

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