



Confidence grows along with new garden

SENSES Foundation's community home in Success will celebrate the opening of its new sensory garden tomorrow, as part of International Deafblind Awareness Week.

The garden was developed with assistance from Rotary, including the Attadale club.

Senses Foundation social worker Karen Wickham said the project had taken over a month to complete.

"It has completely transformed the outdoor area into a stimulating and relaxing envi-

ronment for the three young men in their 20s who are permanent residents at the home," she said.

The garden incorporates paving, timber decking, mulch, gravel and stones, along with a trampoline to provide exercise and stimulation, and a covered area offering shade and temperature contrast.

"We also included edible fruits, vegetables, herbs and spices that provide both sensory and teaching opportunities in plants, cooking and nutrition," Ms Wickham said.

House senior Joni Miller said the garden provided the residents with another form of stimulation.

"(It) is a wonderful addition to the home," she said.

The Success home was the first opened under Senses Foundation's Housing Development Project just over a year ago.

All three residents need round-the-clock care. They all have a hearing impairment and some level of vision impairment, combined with other conditions such as autism.



Senses Foundation support worker Naomi Boonman with Denver Ashley.

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