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DISABILITY SERVICES MINISTER TO OPEN SENSES AUSTRALIA DOORS

On Tuesday, 8 August 2017, the Hon. Stephen Dawson MLC, Minister for Disability Services will officially open Senses Australia's new office and service centre in Margaret River, located at 171 Bussell Highway, Margaret River.

Debbie Karasinski, Senses Australia's Chief Executive Officer says this is a momentous occasion for the not for profit organisation.

"Senses Australia wants to support and encourage people with disability, no matter their age, to live as independently as possible and in a way that they choose," says Debbie Karasinski.

"As a result of the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS), many families and clients have been able to choose Senses Australia to provide their speech pathology, occupational therapy, physiotherapy, psychology or social work services," says Debbie Karasinski.

"We have established a very skilled team that works closely together. Our local team works together with our clients and their families or carers, to help them achieve their goals. We want to meet people's needs, but we also want to enrich people's lives."

Senses Australia's Margaret River office includes two individual therapy rooms and a large sensory room with equipment including swings, scooter ramps and balance beams to help conduct sessions.

Matthew Wittorff, Senses Australia's General Manager, Disability Professional Services, is based in Margaret River and says Senses Australia wants to ensure services provided meet the needs of the Margaret River community.

"Our new office is conveniently located near both the Margaret River Primary School and the Margaret River High School, enabling parents to bring their child to their appointments without having to travel too far out of town," says Matthew.

"Our therapists can also come to you or your loved one to provide services in the comfort of your own home, at your child's school, or out in the community to enable you to take part in recreational activities that are important to you," says Matthew Wittorff.

Senses Australia is one of Australia's leading not for profit organisations that provides world class disability services to the Western Australian community and has done so for more than 120 years. Everyday Senses Australia supports over 650 children and adults of all ages with a wide range of disabilities to reach their full potential. To find out more about Senses Australia's services visit www.senses.org.au or call Senses Australia on 1300 111 881.

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Invitation to Media

Please contact Claire Rowe, Public Relations and Social Media Coordinator, if you would like to attend the official opening on Tuesday, 8 August 2017 at 3:30pm.