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MEDIA RELEASE

Garden makeover provides colour for Centre

On Monday August 3 Team Members from Bunnings Warehouse Malaga will makeover the gardens at Arnhem Court, The Centre for Cerebral Palsy's Children's Respite Home in Ballajura.

The garden revamp will be the final step in preparation for Arnhem Court's New Look Opening planned for Tuesday August 4 as part of National Cerebral Palsy Awareness Week's celebrations.

"Bunnings is pleased to be able to contribute by providing the home with a bright and interactive garden for the children," said Bunnings Warehouse Malaga Activities Organiser Nikki Moncrieff.

"When The Centre came to Bunnings for help, the Team Members were keen to help out. We are glad we can contribute to such worthwhile projects in our local area," Nikki added.

Kathy Kane, The Centre's Business Development Manager, said the makeover is the finishing touch to a \$150,000 refurbishment of the Home.

"This project was a perfect example of the community working together to achieve the very best outcomes for children with CP who need our support," she said.

"Arnhem Court's new look is due to the refurbishment of the Home's activities room and outdoor play area which now has a bright new wheelchair swing, a new state of the art activities room and an interactive garden with potted colour and fresh herbs" Ms Kane added.

It has taken over 12 months for the refurbishments to be finalised and Ms Kane said everyone is excited about the Official Opening of the Home's New Look on Tuesday.

Arnhem Court is one of The Centre's Children's Respite Homes providing respite care for up to 30 children aged six to 18 years on a rotational basis each week. Respite care provides the opportunity for children to play with other kids their age, while giving parents relief from their everyday duties and time to spend with other members of their family.

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Photo opportunity: Bunnings Team Members making over the garden
Date: Monday 3 August
Time: 11.30am
Address: 4-6 Arnhem Court, Ballajura

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FACTS ABOUT CEREBRAL PALSY

- *CP is a permanent physical condition that affects movement.*
- *In Australia a child is born with CP every 18 hours.*
- *Australians under 18 are three times more likely to be diagnosed with cerebral palsy than cancer.*
- *There is no pre-birth test, no known cure and severity is on the increase.*
- *For most the cause of CP is unknown.*
- *CP is not a disease, it is not contagious.*
- *CP can be as mild as just a weakness in one hand ranging to almost complete lack of movement.*
- *Since 1951 The Cerebral Palsy Association has forged an enviable reputation as one of the leading disability service providers in WA. In line with the outstanding work we do in the area of CP management and support to those with disability, on 13 March 2007 we adopted a new name The Centre for Cerebral Palsy and colourful new logo.*