



Ending the isolation.

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Deafblind Awareness week helps End the Isolation in the Outback.

Philomena is your typical 3 year old girl. She loves music, playing outside her home in Derby and fooling around with her dad.

But Philomena has one small point of difference; she is also deafblind, and she is part of an estimated 2 288 people living in rural and remote communities who are.

Philomena is also a client of Senses Foundation the primary advocate and provider of services to people who are deafblind or blind with other disabilities.

As part of Deafblind awareness week (23rd to the 27th June) Senses Foundation are hosting a range of events to raise the profile of this isolating and difficult range of disorders, and focusing attention on their plan to continue expanding services to clients in rural and remote communities.

“Having access to the services that I need here in Derby has made a huge difference to the quality of our life with Philomena” her mum said.

“Senses are reaching out to people who are deafblind across all of Western Australia no matter where they live”

One of the highlights of Deafblind Awareness week will be an Exhibition of Sensory Sculpture by Robert Hitchcock to be held in the foyer of the Central Park Building in Perth.

These works are designed to be touched as much as looked at, so participants can begin to grasp the concept of living without the senses of sight and hearing.

The exhibition will also see the sale of one of Hitchcock’s works to raise funds to improve the range of Senses services to those in Rural Communities who are isolated because of their deafblindness.

Other highlights of Deafblind Awareness week include a lecture by Dr Ole Mortensen the Director of the Information Centre for Acquired Deafblindness in Denmark.

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