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A smorgasbord for the Senses

Most people take it for granted that they can see and hear. However, there are many members of our community who are unable to enjoy the sights and sounds of our wonderful world.

To raise awareness and funds to help people who are deafblind, WA's Senses Foundation is hosting its inaugural "Senses on the Green" at the magnificent Mosman Park Bowling Club on Friday 28 November.

More than just an afternoon of barefoot lawn bowls, this healthy, fun-filled community event will be a feast for the senses.

You'll **hear** sounds of fun and laughter on the greens, accompanied by the hip and groovy beat of one of WA's best-loved jazz bands. You'll **see** the most breathtaking views WA has to offer over stunning Mosman Bay and the Perth city skyline.

You'll **smell** the fresh summer air over the bay, gourmet barbecue delights and the bouquet of WA's finest wines. You'll also **touch** the soft green grass with your feet and **taste** some of WA's most delectable food and wines on offer at the eight gourmet stations.

Local businesses and corporate organisations are invited to support Senses Foundation by registering a team of four for this event at www.senses.asn.au or by phoning Skye Petrie on 9473 5459.

A great way to entertain staff or clients at a quality, fun-filled event leading up to the festive season, registration is just \$1250 per team. This includes a bowling clinic, competition, entertainment and on-course activities and gourmet food and beverage stations from 12pm right through to 6pm.

All profits raised on the day will help Senses continue operating a support group for people with Usher Syndrome.

Usher Syndrome is an inherited and devastating condition which results in hearing loss and a progressive loss of vision, culminating in the person becoming deafblind.

This support group gives people with Usher Syndrome and their family and friends the opportunity to meet others similarly affected, talk about their differences and concerns and have their feelings understood. It also helps them develop better coping skills, avoid isolation and improve their communication strategies.

Senses Foundation was formed in 2001 when the Royal WA Institute for the Blind - one of WA's oldest charities - amalgamated with the WA Deafblind Association.

Senses is now WA's primary advocate and service provider for people who are deafblind or blind with additional disabilities, providing highly specialised programs and services to improve communication, socialisation, mobility and quality of life for both adults and children.

For more information about Senses Foundation, its advocacy and broad raft of services for the deafblind community visit www.senses.asn.au

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