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Camp Breakaway grounds set to bloom thanks to Wallarah 2

Camp Breakaway guests will soon have the chance to get involved in planting gardens thanks to a grant recently provided to the organisation from the Wallarah 2 Community Foundation.

The grant of close to \$5,000 will be used to purchase equipment to help staff and volunteers maintain the 25-acre grounds and surrounding bushland. Part of the funding to the disability support organisation will also be put toward creating wheel-chair accessible raised garden beds to help guests learn about growing their own food, which will provide an extra hands-on activity on the Camp Breakaway grounds.

The Wallarah 2 Coal Project is thrilled to support Camp Breakaway who support more than 1,000 people per year, mostly via their Breakaway respite retreats. Camp Breakaway is a non-profit charitable organisation and relies on the goodwill and support of the community as well as businesses such as Wallarah 2.

Terry Hayes General Manager of Camp Breakaway said, "We cater to adults and children, with severe and multiple disabilities such as paralysis, acquired brain injuries, cerebral palsy, epilepsy, autism, spina bifida and cancer. Many never get the chance to participate in hands-on activities like gardening in their group homes.

"Safety is of paramount importance to us and the new equipment will mean that we can ensure our staff and volunteers have the safest equipment available.

"Participants of our Breakaway camps have reported that they experience increased self-esteem and self-confidence following a camp. Many of the camp activities also aim to open new horizons and challenge our guests by allowing them to try new things. We are sure that these new raised garden beds will be a great addition to the program, providing participants with an appreciation for gardening.

"What we do at Camp Breakaway is so rewarding and to have Wallarah 2 support us under their Community Foundation for the second year running is fantastic," concluded Terry.

Peter Smith, Community and Environment Manager for the Wallarah 2 Coal Project said, "There really is no better feeling than helping an organisation as worthy as Camp Breakaway, who enrich the lives of people with a disability and provide relief for their families and carers.

"Camp Breakaway is more than just a simple camp, it is about building relationships and introducing people with disabilities to daily activities that they may never have been able to experience otherwise," said Peter.

Camp Breakaway has been providing community respite camps since 1982. With just six full time staff, the camp relies on the time and generosity of more than 500 fully-trained volunteers. In addition to the respite retreats, Camp Breakaway also provide community training workshops for volunteers. For more information on Camp Breakaway visit www.breakaway.org.au.

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