

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Breaking new ground for complex care in Wanneroo**

Disability services provider Nulsen Group has today held a sod turning ceremony for a unique new home that will be built for people with complex needs in the City of Wanneroo.

Nulsen Group Chairperson Evelyn Hogg said that the specially designed house is the first of its kind for Nulsen and will be home to five people who have complex disabilities and require a high level of care.

“Nulsen Group provides care and support to people with complex needs in a home-like environment and we are delighted that this cooperative disability accommodation project has come to life,” Ms Hogg said.

“This is a significant milestone for Nulsen Group with the home being the first Specialist Disability Accommodation (SDA) property the organisation has been involved in building.”

Ms Hogg said that the property on Butterick Place in Girawheen is part of the National Disability Insurance Scheme’s investment and policy aimed at stimulating the development of quality accessible housing for people with extreme functional impairment.

The build is part of a joint project with a long term supporter and family of Nulsen aimed at enabling an individual to live a semi-independent life with Nulsen providing nearby support – quite literally next door.

“The challenge has been to locate two suitably-sized adjoining properties in the northern suburbs that were available for sale, within budget, and also met disability access standards while being close to a range of community amenities,” Ms Hogg said.

“We were thrilled to find an existing home and a neighbouring vacant lot that are ideal for the new home but also close to shops, cafes, parks and community centres so the residents and their carers can access them.

The six bedrooms (including a carer’s sleeping zone) and two and a half bathrooms home will be constructed by Tricrest Construction and is expected to be completed by September 2020.

#### **ABOUT NULSEN**

Nulsen Group is a not-for-profit organisation that provides care and services to more than 200 Western Australians with complex needs. We have been part of the WA community for more than 65 years.

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