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GARDEN MAKEOVER!

Grandparents Rearing Grandchildren WA (GRGWA) is a charity offering support services to grandparents who are raising their grandchildren on a full-time basis. There are many reasons why grandparents are raising grandchildren. It may be because of the death of a parent or that parents are not able to provide the social and emotional support for their children. Sadly in our community the increase abuse of alcohol and drugs has meant that children are being neglected and in some cases abused. The support group began in 2000 with four grandmothers and today they continue to offer support to Grandparents (who are full time carers and rearing their grandchildren) through a number of services which include liaison with Government Departments, information on counselling, childcare, vacation care, budgeting and financial advice, food relief assistance and limited Legal advice.

On Monday 13 September, a team of volunteers from Newman Operations MEM Reliability joined GRGWA at their site in Warwick for a gardening busy bee. The team arrived ready to work, and after an introduction to the organisation, the team got straight into it. Under the beautiful winter sun, the team did various activities including mowing the lawn, weeding garden beds, replanting various pots, cleaning windows, trimming down hedges, cleaning sand pits and general gardening of the site. After filling up every available bin, the site was looking amazing - with the GRGWA team overwhelmed with how much the team accomplished in such a short period of time.

It was an awesome day, and one that was so appreciated by the GRGWA team. We hope you all enjoyed your volunteering experience!



[You can view more photos from the team day HERE.](#)