

Donations

Your donation, large or small, will help Multicap support people with multiple disabilities, their families and their carers.

Make a Donation

I would like to make a tax deductible donation

- Single Donation \$.....
 Regular Donation \$..... (will be debited each month)

Purchase Art Union Tickets

I would like to order the following ticket books and have a chance to win up to \$66,000 in prizes

- \$21 Book \$30 Book \$60 Book

Advance Order Tickets

I would like to enjoy the convenience of having my ticket order automatically sent each Art Union

- Advance Order \$..... (will be debited each Art Union)

Payment Method

So many easy ways to pay

- Direct Debit Cheque Money Order
 Visa Card Mastercard Debit Card

Direct Debit Details

Account Holder Name:

Bank Name:

BSB: First Payment: / /

Account:

Signature:

Credit Card Details Payments will continue until cancelled in writing

Card:

Cardholder's Name:

Expiry Date: / / First Payment: / /

Signature:

Your Contact Details

Name:

Company:

Phone:

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Return to Multicap - Post or Fax to the details below



Ways you can help....

Art Union

Congratulations to the winner of Art Union 85, Ticket Number 272537 of Raceview, Queensland

The following has been extracted from a letter which was sent to Kevin Wilson, Art Union Manager, from the winner of Art Union No 84.

I am writing to thank you for the fantastic Art Union prize awarded to me. It has all been such a wonderful treat.

At the time, I was driving a 1998 Ford Laser which I expected to keep for the rest of my driving life. Just picking a car from your extensive list was a big decision but also lots of fun. As you know, I chose the Toyota Sportivo and Corolla pack, and sold back the Corolla. I'm now enjoying driving a luxurious new car.

For some years I have delayed replacing my unreliable oven. Some weeks ago I decided to use the Corolla money to build a whole new kitchen which will allow far more practical use of a fairly small space. The David Jones voucher will make Christmas shopping so much more pleasurable this year - my first grandchild is due before the end of the year, so now there will be a few extra treats.

I have now had the kitchen installed and I wanted to thank you properly for the great prize and to let you know how much I am enjoying it and explain the changes it has made for me. I am enclosing a donation for Multicap.

Thank you again.

Tickets in the current Art Union are selling now. For an investment of only **\$3 a ticket**, here is a chance to win a car and contribute to Multicap's important work.

TICKET HOTLINE: (07) 3340 9016

Volunteering - Can You Help?

Multicap is looking to expand activities available to our day services clients by developing and running supported volunteering programs in work places. We are looking for organisations able to provide opportunities for our clients, supported by staff, to participate in work activities on a volunteer basis. If you and your organisation could offer this valued opportunity for a person with a disability we would love to hear from you. Please phone Eva Hallam, Day Services Manager, on 0417 728 953 or 3340 9020 for further information. We are also in need of volunteers who could support our clients with disabilities in these placements.

Bequests

Did you know that there are only a few simple steps to make a bequest to Multicap and leave a legacy towards the ongoing work of the Association?

For further information on how you can help, please contact Sandra Williams on (07) 3340 9008.



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INSIGHT

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CEO's Corner

With Joanne Jessop



Season's Greetings to you all and a huge thank you to each of you for your support of Multicap over the past year.

As usual we have had a busy few months at Multicap, with many exciting achievements by our clients and staff that we are pleased to share with you.

The Petrie Day Service is now up and running with clients enjoying a range of activities, and the new Monte Lupo shop looking fantastic.

Multicap was presented with a Minister's Award for Excellence in Workforce Development at a recent National Disability Services Queensland Conference.

We were thrilled to find out that our FACSIA submission to grow our centre based respite services was successful, and we are commencing planning for expanding the Marsden based services as well as setting up a new respite service in the northern Brisbane suburbs.

Multicap's 45th AGM was held on 13th November and we are pleased to welcome three new Board members, Ms Patrice Sherrie, Mr Anthony Oostenbroek and Ms Dianne Swan. We will introduce our new Board members to you over the next few Newsletters.

I would like to express my admiration and thanks to the wonderful team of senior managers - Keith Duffy, Diane Bell, Eva Hallam, Richard Russell, Bev Wrona, Fiona Haynes and Cathy Kay. They are an outstanding group of people. My thanks also to Sandra Williams, our amazing secretary, for her valuable support this year.

"Christmas gift suggestions: To your enemy, forgiveness. To an opponent, tolerance. To a friend, your heart. To a customer, service. To all, charity. To every child, a good example. To yourself, respect." Oren Arnold



Multicap Strategic Plan Recognised

Multicap was recently presented with a "Highly Commended" Award in the Effective Leadership by a Board of Management category in the Minister's Awards for Excellence in Workforce Development.



This Award recognised the demonstrated excellence shown by the Multicap Board in initiating and overseeing the Multicap Strategic Planning Process. The award was presented to Multicap by the Minister for Disability Services, Hon Lindy Nelson-Carr.

Monte Lupo Cards

Monte Lupo now has their own range of Christmas cards! The unique images on the cards have been designed by Monte Lupo artists, Elizabeth Duffy, Piers Jeston and Johanna Ford.

The cards are available at the Monte Lupo shops at Eight Mile Plains and Petrie. You can also purchase the cards over the phone and receive your order by mail. Care Cards are also available through the Monte Lupo outlets.



Monte Lupo Petrie Shop



Monte Lupo has opened a shop at Old Petrie Town, Kurwongbah. Opening hours are: Monday to Friday 9.00am to 3.30pm, Friday Night Twilight Market from 5.00pm to 9.00pm and Sunday Market from 8.00am to 2.00pm.



The shop is set in beautiful parkland, surrounded by other old Queenslanders that have been transformed into gift shops and small businesses. Monte Lupo is selling similar products to those sold at the Eight Mile Plains shop. The parkland, run by the YMCA, is very disability friendly, with great surroundings and lots of parkland - you may even see a koala or two in the trees.

What Thank you
Multicap would like to say "thank you" to all the people who support our organisation in many different ways. Our special thanks go to Mrs Wendy Coward, Mr & Mrs Boyle, Mrs Emmi, The Anton Rose Trust and Miriam McGoldrick for their generous donations. Special thanks also to Grant Samuel Property for their donation of a colour laser printer; Mr & Mrs MacPherson for their donation of a television and Mr & Mrs Arkadiev for their donation of curtains and other fittings for a sensory corner in the Day Services area.

Graduation at FIRST

Workers at Monte Lupo, who have been participating in a course to improve their literacy, numeracy and computing skills, each received a certificate from FIRST Manager, Deirdre McCulloch, to mark the completion of their respective courses.

The courses were designed by the Department of Employment, Education and Training and allowed for course material to be customised to suit individual needs. Chris Jefferson and Penny McCulloch coordinated the courses.

Those who graduated were Kerry McGrath, Lindsay Dorr, Michelle Healey, Kylie Adamson, Gavin McLeod and Jodie Mann. Jodie was absent for the graduation as she was on annual leave.

Students had some positive things to say about their involvement in the course. "I really want to improve my spelling skills and my computer skills" said Kerry McGrath. "I would like to keep coming to the courses."

"I'm not sure exactly what I like about the courses. I think I like everything about them" said Lindsay Dorr. "You learn new things. I really like using the computer too".

Students enjoyed a small afternoon tea to celebrate.

Top Row: Kylie Adamson & Kerry McGrath receiving their Literacy 2 Certificates



Bottom Row: Lindsay Dorr, Michelle Healey & Gavin McLeod receiving certificates for completing Literacy 3



Gayna Evans - Volunteer

Gayna Evans has been volunteering at Monte Lupo, every Wednesday, for nearly 9 years, as her way of giving back to the

universe. Over the years Gayna has developed great friendships with all the staff and employees, as well as a respect for her knowledge and skill with decorating. Gayna lived in Malaysia for many years where she was able to learn the traditional art of Chinese brush work, which is very evident in all the work she decorates at Monte Lupo. Because of the length of time Gayna has been volunteering, some customers particularly request Gayna to decorate their pieces.



Craft Social Club

Our Craft Social Club had a great night at Carols@Multicap selling products made over the last few months.

If you would like to enjoy a free cuppa, meet likeminded craft enthusiasts, and help make some fun festive pieces for us to sell at our fete stalls, then come along.

The Craft Social Club meets 10.00am -12.00noon on the last Friday of each month at Eight Mile Plains.

Phone Fiona Haynes, Business Services Manager, on 07 3340 9026 to book your place.

SWELL Sculptures by the Sea

Monte Lupo recently participated in the SWELL Sculptures by the Sea exhibition at Currumbin. Monte Lupo's entry was a big success, with the sale of nine sculptures. Monte Lupo also won the People's Choice Award, receiving \$3000 in prize money, sponsored by the Currumbin RSL.



Christmas Show at Doggett Street Studio

Monte Lupo will be participating in the Doggett Street Christmas Show this year. The opening is on Friday 14th December from 6.00pm to 9.00pm. The show will also be open on Saturday 15th December from 10.00am to 4.00pm.

Monte Lupo has been working on platters, paintings and sculptures for the show. Monte Lupo artists Elizabeth Duffy, Brett Patzwald, Saki Yamaoka, Brooke Redenius, Peter Hughes, Jarrod Wendt, Fiona Bell, Sean Davenport and Johanna Ford will be exhibiting, alongside 40 other established artists.



Lions Christmas Cakes & Puddings



This year, delicious Lions Christmas cakes and puddings are available for purchase from the Monte Lupo shops at Eight Mile Plains and Petrie.

The Macgregor Lions are a great supporter of Multicap. Purchasing your cakes and puddings through Monte Lupo this year is a great way of supporting them.

Christmas Puddings	\$15.00
Large Christmas Cakes	\$12.00
Medium Christmas Cakes	\$ 9.00

Petrie Day Service

Petrie's first clients have arrived and are enjoying a 3:1 relationship with staff currently employed to deliver services. They recently met the locals at Old Petrie Town and received a very warm welcome.

Petrie's service is unique in that it is a transitional model with a strong skills development focus and provides day programs to 10 people per day with multiple disabilities.

The staff have been extremely busy developing contacts with other service providers in the area and researching and acquiring resources for the programs.

The clients have already had a range of experiences including assisting in the Sweet Shop, weighing, bagging and sealing lollies for sale. Customers who have visited the Monte Lupo shop, situated at Old Petrie Town, have been delighted with the level of service they received from clients who were using their newly acquired customer relations skills.

An Art and Photography program has been established, with a view to an exhibition at the Petrie Markets towards the end of the year. A barn dance will conclude the terms' activities, with all family, friends and supporters invited to attend. A sensory garden, which incorporates bonsai planting, is a major initiative and hopefully will attract more people to participate alongside our service. The many art and craft activities and physical fitness programs have proved to be popular already.

Numerous agencies have been contacted and lots of meetings have been attended to attract referrals, which are now beginning to flow in. It is anticipated that by December/January the service will be fully operational.

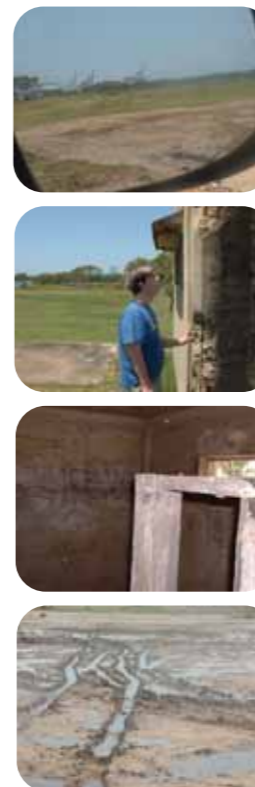


Aspley Day Services Photography Program

Recently the Aspley Day Service commenced a photography program that takes several clients to a variety of venues including the Brisbane Airport and surrounds, parks, gardens, beaches, the bush etc. The clients are learning about all aspects of photography, from turning the camera on, to the actual placement of objects in order to create a photograph of real interest.

Hilary Howard and Peter Sharman are conducting the program and have already expressed delight in how some of the participants have embraced the idea and have displayed a true gift with their view on the world through the camera lens.

With time, the program hopes to develop and harness any hidden talents that the clients may have and, with a little nurturing and a lot of practise, there may even be the next Robert Mapplethorpe or Steve Parish amongst them!



New Suggestion Box

Got a great Marketing & Fundraising idea? Why not drop it into our new Suggestion Box in Reception at Eight Mile Plains.

Some great ideas have already been received, following a notice which was sent to staff and families last month. Thank you for sharing your ideas - your input matters.

Phone Cathy Kay, Marketing & Fundraising Manager on 07 3340 9024 to receive an ideas form.

Southside Singers' Choir & the Eight Mile Club

The last few months have seen a growth in numbers for both the Southside Singers' Choir and the Eight Mile Club, which are based at Eight Mile Plains. Approximately 28 people are enjoying being involved in these groups, making true friendships and having great fun.

The choir members have been working on their performance skills and gaining experience through performing at a variety of events, including the Multicap Yell-Owl! Festival and the

Open Day of Hands on the north side of Brisbane. The choir enjoyed performing at Carols@Multicap.

The Eight Mile Club has been to a range of interesting places including bushwalking at Brisbane Forest Park, exploring Coochiemudlo Island, and visiting Melaleuca Station in Northern NSW which included sheep shearing and travelling on a steam train.

If anyone is interested in joining the Eight Mile Club or Southside Singers' Choir, please contact Multicap administration on 07 3340 9000 for more details.

Carols@Multicap

Our inaugural Carols @ Multicap was held on Saturday, 24 November 2007 at our Eight Mile Plains site.

Carols@Multicap is an important and inclusive community alcohol-free event, encouraging and strengthening community links and supporting a valuable family tradition in our local area, that we plan to hold every year.

Thanks to our Founding Partner, Brisbane City Council including the Lord Mayor, Wishart Ward, Runcorn Ward, Chandler Ward, and Acacia Ridge Ward; our Major Sponsors, Macgregor Lions Club and Ausenco; our Media Partner, Quest Community Newspapers; and Judy Spence MP, Member for Mt Gravatt.

Thanks also to our Organising Committee and our Associate Sponsors for providing lots of help in the lead up and on the night, items for our sausage sizzle, and Monster Raffle prizes including: A and K Costume Hire, Big Gun Butchers, Bliss Skin Centre, Brisbane Technology Park, Christmas Cave, Corporate Gift Baskets, Cosmopolitan Hair Studio, Eight Mile Plains Vet Surgery, Holmead Neighbourhood Watch, Mount Warning Spring Water, My Optometrist, Pearce's Quality Meats, Perfect Grind Mobile Espresso Bar, Riverlife, The Glen, Upper Mt Gravatt 10 Neighbourhood Watch, Southern Hair Design.

There are many others to thank in the next edition of Insight, as well as lots of stories and photos of the event. Thank you for all your support, help, donations, and/or attendance at our inaugural Carols @ Multicap.

Phone Katie Bottom on 07 3340 9045 if you would like to find out more.

