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## Monte Lupo & QR make a positive pARTnership in Lawnton

Monte Lupo artists with a disability recently got involved with Queensland Rail's positive pARTnership program, with an amazing local flora mosaic comprising thousands of individually hand painted tiles now featuring outside of Lawnton Rail Station for the entire community to enjoy.

Monte Lupo and QR staff engaged students from Lawnton Special School and local Multicap clients in workshops looking at flora in the local community; the concepts were taken back to the studio for further development. Some 15 Monte Lupo artists with a disability then painstakingly hand painted thousands of small tiles, resulting in 55 panels being installed at the Lawnton Rail Station.

Multicap CEO Joanne Jessop said the mosaic is a wonderful reflection of the collaborative style of work that our Monte Lupo business service strives to achieve, and great example of QR's positive pARTnership initiative aims.

"Our Monte Lupo business service was established in 1991 to provide creative opportunities for artists to focus on their capabilities and possibilities rather than on their disabilities," Ms Jessop said.

"Projects, such as this QR positive pARTnership train station beautification initiative, are a terrific opportunity for our Monte Lupo artists' with a disability to work with other community groups to have their work permanently exhibited in local communities for everyone to take pleasure in."

Monte Lupo Business Services Manager, Fiona Haynes, said the beautification of the Lawnton Rail Station provided a fantastic opportunity to pool the resources of committed, talented, and creative people from her service and other local groups to develop and deliver a high quality art project.

"One of our staff artists, Isaac Patmore, worked closely with Chrissie Forman from QR to do preliminary workshops with the Lawnton Special School and local Multicap clients," Ms Haynes said.

"Isaac then designed, produced, and installed the mosaic with 15 of our supported employee artists with a disability who painstakingly and lovingly hand painted the individual tiles to produce this mosaic."

All Monte Lupo and Multicap programs are individually designed for their respective employees and clients to enhance their lifestyle, physical, and emotional wellbeing.

Established in 1962, Multicap is a statewide nonprofit organisation that provides creative support options and services for people with multiple disabilities, and challenging and complex behaviours, their families and carers in Queensland.

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