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Multicap's interactive robot a royal success

Multicap's interactive robot 'Buddy' was on show last week, demonstrating to His Royal Highness The Duke of York how life enhancement technologies are empowering people living with disability to live their best life at a technology showcase in Brisbane.

'Buddy', a NAO Humanoid Robot, introduced the technology to His Royal Highness Prince Andrew as part of the Montrose Assisted Technology Showcase held to exhibit technology and innovation in the disability sector on Wednesday 25 November.

As a life enhancement tool Buddy can provide a range of support services to people living with intellectual disabilities such as Autism, including medication alerts, daily reminders and edutainment.

Multicap Chief Executive Officer Joanne Jessop sees a bright future for Buddy and other technologies that have the potential to help customers become more independent.

"Buddy can be a valuable asset in a person's support structure, and helps to empower people living with a disability to live a more independent life by reducing their reliance on other people.

"At Multicap we look forward to continuing to trial and test how technology might support people living with disability in the future. We strongly believe innovative technology and systems will be an integral part of our organisation as we continue to strive towards support excellence" said Ms Jessop.

Buddy came to Multicap through a funding grant and is currently being used to trial how technology can play a support role for Multicap's customers.

His Royal Highness was in Australia as part of the Pitch@Palace tour, a program founded by The Duke of York in 2014 designed to guide, help and connect entrepreneurs and early-stage businesses with potential supporters, including CEOs, influencers, mentors and business partners.

About Multicap

Multicap is a leading Queensland disability support agency, assisting more than 800 people with disability and their families throughout Queensland and Northern New South Wales. We provide short term accommodation, assisted employment and training, specialist services, activities and classes, and social support. Our aim is to enhance the quality of life of people with disability and their families.

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