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## **Nativity scene to be festive fixture at Parliament House**

The work of 10 Queensland artists with disability will become a permanent fixture outside Parliament House each Christmas.

The Monte Lupo artists created a pottery Nativity scene that will be housed in a purpose-built stable at the front of Queensland's Parliament House during the festive season.

Monte Lupo Studio Manager Cherryl Baker said it was an honour to contribute to the Parliament House Christmas decorations.

'Initially we were asked to make decorations for the Parliament House Christmas tree but we decided to take it a step further and create a Nativity scene as well,' Cherryl said. 'The artists worked solidly over 4 weeks to finish the scene in time and it looks amazing. It was a great team effort and we are delighted that it will be on display for the public to see.'

Unveiling the Nativity scene at Parliament House, Queensland Speaker of the House, Peter Wellington described the artwork as 'magnificent'.

'It will be on display for the public to see for many Christmases to come,' he said.

Monte Lupo is a social enterprise delivered by disability support service provider Multicap.

Multicap Chief Executive Joanne Jessop said Monte Lupo gave people with disability the chance to express themselves through art, providing valuable therapy and skills development.

'With the right assistance, Monte Lupo artists gain a special sense of purpose, creative expression and engagement with the wider community,' Joanne said.

'Being invited to create art for Parliament House is great opportunity to contribute and for the community to see the work of our talented artists. The work is high quality and testament to everyone involved.'

The Nativity scene is now on public display outside Parliament House in George Street, Brisbane City. The gates to Parliament House are open from 8am to 6pm Monday – Friday.

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### **About Multicap**

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