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## Multicap Monte Lupo crabs claw kids' choice award

Local Multicap Monte Lupo artists *Soldier Crab* exhibition clawed the \$2,000 Currumbin Palm Beach RSL Kids Choice Award at this year's Swell Sculpture held 13-21 September 2008.

The Monte Lupo *Soldier Crabs* exhibition proved extremely popular with visitors at Currumbin Ally beachfront annual event where some 50 large artworks provided a visual splendour amongst the natural coastal setting.

Monte Lupo Business Services Manager, Fiona Haynes, said the popularity of the *Soldier Crabs* exhibition was testament to the committed, talented, and creative artists with a disability from her service.

"Exhibitions, such as Swell, are a terrific opportunity for our Monte Lupo artists' with a disability to exhibit alongside other artists in an amazing environment for the entire community to enjoy", Ms Haynes said.

"The Currumbin Palm Beach RSL Kids Choice Award follows on from last year's People Choice Award that our artists with a disability won," she said.

Multicap CEO Joanne Jessop said the award was a wonderful reflection of the collaborative style of work that our Monte Lupo business service strives to achieve.

"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.

"Our artists have won a number of awards and have their works on display in the Museum of Brisbane, Toowoomba Regional Art Gallery, and Kingscliff Gallery to name a few and have a number of commissioned pieces appearing within the Moreton Bay Regional Council and Brisbane City Council," she said.

Established in 1962, Multicap provides creative and sustainable support options for people with multiple disabilities, and challenging and complex behaviours, their families and carers in Queensland. Monte Lupo has shops in Eight Mile Plains and Old Petrie Town.

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