



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Mt Ommaney facility receives new lease on life**

The former home of a Brisbane children's hospice will get a new lease on life when Minister for Disability Services and Multicultural Affairs The Honourable Annastacia Palaszczuk MP opens Multicap's new west Brisbane facility in Mt Ommaney this month.

Multicap will operate centre-based respite and day programs for more than 35 people living with disabilities and their families at the former hospice site from April.

Multicap chief executive officer Joanne Jessop said the opening of the new facility could not have been possible without the support of local people in our communities, the Queensland Government and the Department of Communities Disability Services.

"This service provides care for people over 18 years old with complex disabilities, giving their families some extra support," Ms Jessop said.

"The service will ensure carers receive a much-needed break every once in a while and some time to themselves.

"Across all our Multicap services our staff adopt a person-centred approach to develop individual program plans, which focus on physical, emotional and cognitive needs, ensuring people have access to the best support.

"We thank the Queensland Government and Department of Communities for their funding support, without which this facility could not operate."

Ms Jessop said Multicap would ensure the site would be used to its full potential.

"It really is a new beginning for the building and Multicap is committed to ensuring the facility is put to good use to support people with disabilities and their families."

**Minister for Disability Services and Multicultural Affairs The Honourable Annastacia Palaszczuk MP will officially open Multicap's Mt Ommaney respite and day services facility this Sunday 28 March at 11am.**

State Member for Mt Ommaney Julie Attwood MP will assist the Minister in opening the facility along with Multicap staff, clients, families and carers.

Multicap also has centre-based respite facilities in Rockhampton, North and South Brisbane, and on the Gold Coast.

Multicap is a not-for-profit organisation that supports local people with multiple disabilities and complex support needs, enhancing capabilities, and creating possibilities.

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