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Leading disability services provider Multicap celebrated Disability Action Week with the inaugural Multicap National Ceramic Award exhibition that ran from 8-30 September 2009 at its Monte Lupo gallery space, 269 Padstow Road, Eight Mile Plains.

The 15 exhibiting artists with a disability from Canberra, Melbourne, Sydney, and Brisbane joined Queensland government, local businesses, community representatives, art supporters, and Multicap on Friday, 18 September 2009 for the official opening at which Terry Bouton, renowned ceramists, announced the two Award winners and the Highly Commended.

Multicap Chief Executive Officer Joanne Jessop said it was wonderful to be able to establish such an Award to recognise artists with a disability that truly reflects the aims of Disability Action Week, a Queensland Government initiative.

"Disability Action Week celebrates diversity and opening new doors to inclusion and access, and our Multicap National Ceramic Award, the first of its kind, provided a unique opportunity to empower the artists with a disability through the exposure of their work at the exhibition", Ms Jessop said.

"The winner of the Supported Category was Kevin Meagher, Sydney, for his piece Saule Mars and the winner of the Unsupported Category was Paul Dametz, Canberra, for his piece Triceratops with each winning \$300; there were also two Highly Commended awards that went to Brett Patzwald from Brisbane and Joanne Conci from Melbourne", she said.

Multicap is a leading non profit disability services provider, established in 1962, that provides creative and sustainable support options and services to people with multiple disabilities, their families and carers in Queensland.

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