

MEDIA RELEASE

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Multicap's Old Petrie Town community garden gets an upgrade!

Multicap's Community Garden, at Old Petrie Town, is set to receive a \$15,000 upgrade that will allow greater access to the garden for people with disabilities.

Multicap has welcomed the news from Moreton Bay Regional Council that approved the Community Development Grant.

Chief Executive Officer, Joanne Jessop was delighted to receive funding for the upgrade, which will improve access to the facility and boost existing programs.

"The upgrade to the community garden will provide opportunities for people with disabilities to have greater access to the garden and the programs that run out of it, as well as the ability for participants to interact with members of their community," Ms Jessop said.

The aim of this garden is to create a community kitchen that is self generating and allows people with disabilities the opportunity to create jams, chutneys, and sauces from the vegetables they plant and the fruit trees they cultivate.

The funding provided by Moreton Bay Regional Council for the upgrade will allow adults and children with disabilities an opportunity to interact and experience the outdoors, giving them something meaningful to do as part of their community. The upgrade includes concreting approximately half the current garden paths, decorating the concrete with flowers and children's games, and installing ten new raised garden beds.

The improvements made to Multicap's Petrie Community Garden will encourage collaboration between community groups and help people with disabilities develop relationships within their community. Several community organisations have already indicated their interest in using the garden, including Brain Waves Old Petrie Town (adults and children with brain damage), five local primary schools, two high schools and several special schools for children with disabilities. The local Men's Shed, the community of Old Petrie Town, clients from Multicap Petrie, Nudgee, Boondall, Aspley, and Carseldine and community members who attend the local community markets on Sundays, will all benefit from the redevelopment of the community garden.

Photo Opportunity:

What Cheque Presentation between Moreton Bay Regional Council and Multicap's Chief Executive Officer, Joanne Jessop
When Monday, 6 June 2011 from 10.00am – 10.30am
Where Multicap, Old Petrie Town, Dayboro Road, Kurwongbah

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