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Volunteers celebrated in Toowoomba

Volunteers at Toowoomba Aged Care Services will be the guests of honour at a celebration barbeque lunch, to say thank you to them for their dedicated and tireless efforts in sharing their lives and time with the community.

National Volunteer Week runs from 10-16 May and provides an opportunity to highlight the role of volunteers in our communities and to say thank you to the five million Australians who volunteer.

Toowoomba Aged Care Services' 50 volunteers will be recognised at the celebration on Friday 14 May. Director of nursing and care service Jacky Flynn said their volunteers play an important role at the service, and this was one way of thanking them for their contribution.

"Volunteers at our service help out in a variety of ways and each contribute to enriching the lives of our residents," Ms Flynn said.

"Our volunteers assist with bus outings, activities, transport, meal times, and by providing companionship to residents.

"The celebration barbeque is a small way to say thanks to each one of them, and will include a presentation of a certificate of appreciation and gift bag for each volunteer.

"Volunteers are vitally important to us, and we are always looking for more people who may be able to give a few hours of their time, even if it is only once a month. It makes such a difference to the lives of our residents and our current volunteers find it very rewarding as well."

Toowoomba Aged Care Services is operated by Churches of Christ Care (Care). Care has more than 600 volunteers across Queensland who assist in their early childhood, child protection, housing and aged care services.

For more information about volunteering at Toowoomba Aged Care Services, please phone 4617 6888.

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Photo opportunity

An opportunity is available to take a photo at the barbeque lunch on Friday 14 May. Please phone Toowoomba Aged Care Services on 4617 6888 to arrange.

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About Churches of Christ Care

Churches of Christ Care (Care) is a division of Churches of Christ in Queensland—a group of churches that are part of the worldwide Christian church.

Care strives to create an inclusive, caring, compassionate environment that meets its clients' needs without discrimination or prejudice. Everyone is welcome to call on our help regardless of their religious background.

Care is one of Queensland's leading providers of aged care, early childhood services, child protection, and affordable housing and support services. We are a not-for-profit organisation that supports more than 22,000 clients each year in urban, rural and remote areas.

We operate 137 services throughout Queensland with the support of more than 2,300 staff and over 600 volunteers.

Care is built on a foundation of Christian values, commitment to quality care, and trust and respect for clients and the community.