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## Experience shared with new carers

Chinchilla & Districts Family Day Care recently said farewell to one of their longest serving carers, Bev Dwyer with a farewell dinner at the Palms Restaurant.

Bev had been with the service for 20 years and over that time cared for 80 children from over 50 families.

Service Manager Mellanie Budden said the service was sad to see Bev go, however local children would continue to be well cared for as Bev has helped train and mentor two new carers before she retired.

"Bev has been part of our service for such a long time; her retirement will definitely be felt by everyone here. She has cared for so many local children during her time as a family day carer and has made a positive impact on so many young lives," Ms Budden said.

"She was always very enthusiastic and loved the children in her care. To thank Bev for her dedication, we had a special dinner with our current and past carers and gave her a small gift to show our appreciation."

The dinner was also an opportunity to welcome two new carers to Chinchilla & Districts Family Day Care. Louise Kennedy and Kristy Small have both just started with the service and Bev was able to mentor both before her retirement.

"Our new carers have both completed their training and registration process and are looking forward to caring for local children," Ms Budden said.

"We currently have six carers in Chinchilla and two in Jandowae with vacancies for children to receive care. The hours of care are flexible and can be provided from 6am to 6pm weekdays and some weekends."

Chinchilla & Districts Family Day Care is a home-based child care service providing monitored care within a family environment in the homes of registered carers.

Care can be provided for children from birth until 12 years and families can access the Child Care Benefit to assist with fees and the Child Care Rebate. Chinchilla & Districts Family Day Care is operated by Churches of Christ Care.

For more information or to enrol your child, please contact Chinchilla & Districts Family Day Care on 4668 9521.

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## Photos attached

1. Louise Kennedy learns from Bev Dwyer at playgroup training
2. Bev Dwyer (centre) with Louise Kennedy and Kristy Small at the celebration dinner.

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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 early childhood, child protection, affordable housing, retirement living and aged care 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.