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New development at Lowry Street to be officially opened

Minster for Community Services and Housing Karen Struthers, Ipswich Mayor Paul Pisasale, along with representatives from Churches of Christ Care will officially open the new housing development at Lowry Street, North Ipswich.

The Lowry Street development is a low cost housing initiative of the Queensland Government that will be managed by Care Housing, a service of Churches of Christ Care.

The units will be rented out to applicants from the Social Housing Register with rents being set in line with the Government's Community Housing Rent Policy to assist people on low incomes to afford housing that meets their needs in the communities in which they live and work.

Care Housing general manager Frances Paterson-Fleider said Care Housing was pleased to take on the new housing initiative, which will help meet a vital community need for those who are struggling with the rising cost of living.

"Care Housing has been asked to manage the Lowry Street units on behalf of the Queensland Government, and we are happy to be able to provide further support to people in need," Ms Paterson-Fleider said.

"Managing this new facility is in addition to six housing projects that Churches of Christ Care are currently developing which have been supported by the Queensland Government with funding from the Australian Government's Nation Building - Economic Stimulus Plan."

Churches of Christ Care, a division of Churches of Christ in Queensland, currently manages over 600 tenancies across South-East Queensland. They are one of the largest not-for-profit housing providers in Queensland and have more 30 years experience in property management.

In addition to the work Churches of Christ Care undertakes in affordable housing, the organisation is active in the areas of early childhood, child protection, retirement living and aged care.

Care Housing services include short term housing, transitional or medium term housing, and long term housing.

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Photo opportunity:

Who: Minster for Community Services and Housing Karen Struthers, Ipswich Mayor Paul Pisasale, representatives from Care Housing and new tenants

What: Lowry Street housing development's official opening

Where: 53 Lowry Street, North Ipswich

When: Thursday 23 September, 11:30am

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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.