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## **National Volunteer Managers Day celebrated at Lady Small Haven**

Universally, people recognise the contribution of volunteers. In fact volunteers are involved in just about every aspect of service delivery in all walks of life.

At Churches of Christ Care, behind our dedicated, passionate and hard working volunteers lies an equally dedicated group of volunteer coordinators. This important and devoted group are responsible for the coordination, support, training, administration and recruitment of the organisation's 750 plus volunteers.

The 5 November is International Volunteer Managers Day, and is a chance to celebrate the work volunteer coordinators do at Churches of Christ Care.

Churches of Christ in Queensland state volunteer coordinator Andrea Harborne, said it was important to let those people know the spirit of volunteerism is enhanced and enabled by them, and to thank them on this day.

"We have around 43 volunteer coordinators across the state who are skilled and professional, and many wear three or four different hats within the organisation," Mrs Harborne said.

"National Volunteer Managers Day is a chance for us to say thank you to all our volunteer coordinators, and let them know how valued they are. It is important that people who act as leaders and catalysts get the recognition they deserve."

Volunteer coordinator at Lady Small Haven in Southport, Dawn Sharp, said National Volunteer Managers' Day meant a day of reflection and thanksgiving.

"I am so pleased to be involved with the managing of our volunteers at Lady Small Haven," Ms Sharp said.

"A volunteer coordinator is only as good as the team of volunteers they manage, and we have a great team here.

"Our volunteers always looks so happy when they are here, they come in because they want to be here and want to make a difference. I particularly enjoy seeing our volunteers interact with our residents. They do such wonderful things together such as craft, card making, playing games and reading with them. Even a simple walk in the garden on a sunny day brings smiles of delight to the residents' faces, they love it!"

Ms Sharp said she was honoured to be one of the many dedicated volunteer coordinators for Churches of Christ Care's services, and was looking forward to celebrating National Volunteer Managers Day with her friends at the facility.

On 5 November, Churches of Christ Care will be sending out cards and chocolates to all their volunteer coordinators across the state in recognition of their work and support.

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**Interviews and photos are available.**

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## **About Churches of Christ Care**

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

We strive 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.

Churches of Christ 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 27,000 clients each year in urban, rural and remote areas. We operate 137 services throughout Queensland with the support of more than 2,800 staff and over 700 volunteers.

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