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Residents' care is first priority as Amaroo Aged Care Services evacuates

As South East Queensland is devastated by flash flooding and rising water, staff at Churches of Christ Care's Amaroo Aged Care Services in Gatton yesterday enacted their Emergency Response Plan to evacuate residents.

Churches of Christ in Queensland's Executive Director Dean Phelan said following the unprecedented flooding in Toowoomba, all staff and residents at Amaroo Aged Care Services were evacuated as a precaution late on Monday evening.

"In total, 25 residents have been evacuated from the services, and have been relocated to a number of areas," Mr Phelan said.

"We are liaising with the SES and they are continuing to update us on the situation as time progresses.

"Our first priority is always our residents, and as an organisation, we have activated our Crisis Management Team to support the service managers and staff in the affected services.

"The staff did a tremendous job evacuating everyone in around two-and-a-half hours, which included packing up belongings, arranging necessary supplies including residents medications and documentation so that it was relocated with them.

"At the moment the facility has not been affected by the water, however we are monitoring the situation very closely.

"The residents are currently being re-located for the second time due to rising flood waters. We are grateful to Regis Valley View, Gatton Hospital and Gatton Golf Club for their assistance in safely accommodating residents.

"More rain is expected to arrive today and tomorrow, and we will reassess the situation as further information becomes available.

"Your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time are very much appreciated as we come together and overcome this crisis."

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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.