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## **All residents from NuMylo and Nubeena Aged Care Services in Toowoomba are safe**

As unprecedented flash flooding devastated Toowoomba yesterday, staff and residents at Churches of Christ Care's Nubeena and NuMylo Aged Care Services and Nubeena Retirement Village in Toowoomba remain safe.

Churches of Christ in Queensland Executive Director Dean Phelan said following the severe and unexpected inundation or inland tsunami as it is being referred to, residents at Nubeena Retirement Village who have been affected by flooding have temporarily relocated while damage is assessed.

"20 of our retirement village units were surrounded by very fast flowing flood water, and up to 16 of the units are water affected inside," Mr Phelan said.

"With little time to prepare, we are so thankful that all our residents and staff were unharmed by this catastrophe.

"Our education centre is ready to accept people with food and blankets if further flooding arrives today. We are also preparing to relocate residents to alternative accommodation if needed.

"We were overwhelmed by the speed and assistance provided by staff and volunteers at NuMylo and Nubeena, the Community Aged Care Program workers and the visitors and residents at the services.

"We have been in close contact with the SES and the police, and they are continuing to update us on the situation as time progresses.

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

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## **About Churches of Christ Care**

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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.