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Churches of Christ Care's Mount Hutton Aged Care Facility staff member awarded Injune's Citizen of the Year

Staff member Heather Jones was announced Injune's Citizen of the Year on Australia Day this week.

After working tirelessly in the community, helping others and going above and beyond her daily duties, Mrs Jones was recognised by all for her efforts.

"Getting this award means a great deal to me," Mrs Jones said.

"All the residents at Mount Hutton are so grateful for what you do for them, I'm just hopeful that when I get older someone will take the time to care for me the way I like to care for others.

"I'm very flattered and excited that the Injune community thinks so highly of me, but now I'll just have to keep up my good work!"

Area Director of Nursing and Care Services at Churches of Christ Care's Mount Hutton Aged Care facility Narelle Northam said Ms Jones couldn't be more deserving.

"She has been a staff member for many years at Mount Hutton, almost since it opened," Ms Northam said.

"Heather is always lending a helping hand to members of the community; she has a heart of gold and works within the true meaning of being Christian to your fellow men. She works part-time for Blue Care as well, often helping the elderly in their homes on a weekend.

"After Heather had a cancer scare herself a few years ago, she started up a support group for cancer sufferers and families in Injune. She is a terrific fundraiser and is always organising special events. She is a person on a mission and always has a list of things she is doing and tasks to complete."

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Photo: Heather Jones with Councillor Joy Denton, and Professor David Tudehope, Australia Day Ambassador and director at The Mater Mothers in Brisbane.

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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.