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Churches of Christ Care chosen to manage crisis accommodation in the Lockyer Valley

Churches of Christ Care has been chosen by the Queensland Government to manage crisis accommodation in the Lockyer Valley for families who have lost their homes and possessions in the Queensland floods.

Through the housing program, Care Housing, Churches of Christ Care will manage the temporary accommodation, which includes three two-bedroom demountable cabins and one three-bedroom house.

The land on which the houses sit was donated by the Anglican Church to the Queensland Government, who placed the demountable houses on the land to support the Grantham community.

Churches of Christ Care's Care Housing General Manager Frances Paterson-Fleider, said Churches of Christ Care was chosen to manage the tenants and property due to their strong reputation for managing crisis accommodation and other housing programs.

"The official key handover happened yesterday, but families have not been chosen for the accommodation yet - this will be happening next week," Mrs Paterson-Fleider said.

"The period of time the tenants will remain in the accommodation depends on what their circumstances are. Some families have lost their entire homes, some are still waiting for insurance claims to be processed, and some are unsure if they will be able to rebuild their homes at all."

Mrs Paterson-Fleider said the homes would allow the flood affected families to stay close to their community during the recovery period.

"We also manage other properties in nearby Gatton, and our ability and capability to respond quickly to the government request all played a part in Churches of Christ Care being chosen for management. This is a great acknowledgement of the skills and capacity of our organisation."

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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 our 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.