

# MEDIA RELEASE



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## **The residents' fete**

Churches of Christ Care's Bribie Island Retirement Village's annual village fete is always a fun packed day, with many residents, staff and family members getting involved and contributing towards this a successful day.

The fete is held in May each year, and this year it is being coordinated by the Fete Committee consisting of volunteer residents.

Retirement Village Coordinator Karen Tibbits, who will oversee and support the fete, said a Fete Committee was established in the village to plan and manage the event.

"The members on the committee are residents living in the village, with many other residents also attending meetings and helping out on an informal basis," Ms Tibbits said.

"Residents are always encouraged to join the Fete Committee or become a volunteer on the day."

The months leading up to the fete are a very busy time for all – with lots of residents making jams, creating craft items, sewing, collecting bric-a-brac and books, propagating plants to sell on the day, collecting donated raffle prizes, selling raffle tickets within the village and out in the community, and generally helping with the overall organising of the event.

"In addition to the residents' stalls we also invite a selection of stallholders from the community to join in," Ms Tibbits continued.

"At the fete last year we had stalls such as health and massage, artificial plants and flowers, mobility scooters, coaching services and much more.

"This year we will have continuous entertainment, fire truck displays, food stalls, a vintage display, and a jumping castle for the kids along with face painting, Jazz the Clown and lots more.

"Last year we raised \$9,000, and the residents decided to use this money towards beautifying the pond that is overlooked from the Clubhouse deck. This year we're hoping to raise even more to cover expenses needed for the completion of the pond restoration project."

The public are invited to donate towards this fundraising cause – whether it is bric-a-brac for the stall holders to sell, prizes that can be raffled or a monetary donation. The village greatly appreciates any support or contributions, and donations can be dropped off to Karen Tibbits at Churches of Christ Care's Bribie Island Retirement Village.

If any organisation wishes to sponsor a stall, please also contact Karen Tibbits.

The Bribie Island Retirement Village fete will take place on 7 May and is open to the public from 8.00am to 12.00noon. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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For more information or to view any of these units, contact Karen Tibbits on (07) 3410 3708.

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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.