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## **Churches of Christ Care's Bribie Island housing development receives Development Approval**

Churches of Christ Care's housing development on Cotterill Avenue, Bribie Island, has just received development approval to commence construction.

Early works are set to begin on-site within the next two weeks, and will involve mainly site clearing, site rehabilitation and bulk earthworks.

The \$22.447 million development comprises a total of 65 one-bedroom and 22 two-bedroom apartments for the over 55s demographic on the Department of Communities' Social Housing Register.

Development Manager Kenneth Ho said approximately half of the apartments would be constructed in the form of townhouses.

"This is to keep the development in line with the town planning and aesthetics of the area," Mr Ho said.

"The development has been designed to achieve 75% wheelchair accessibility, with capacity for 100% compliance if required, and space for mobility scooter parking with charging within the units."

Ground floor units at the townhouses will have their own private gardens, and every unit will have their own car space.

"The development is close to other Churches of Christ Care services including Bribie Island Retirement Village and the Bribie Island Community Care Program," Mr Ho continued.

"This means there is a great opportunity for the synergy of all Churches of Christ in Queensland services in the Bribie Island district once this development is completed."

Construction of the building will begin in June 2011, and completion is predicted to be in June 2012, with tenancy commencing in August 2012.

General Manager of Churches of Christ Care's housing program, Care Housing, Frances Paterson-Fleider, said the development will provide much needed affordable housing for Bribie Island, with rents being no more than 30% of tenant income levels.

"The Social Housing Register indicates high demand for one and two-bedroom properties for single people and couples over 55 in the Bribie Island and surrounding areas," Ms Paterson-Fleider said.

This project is supported by the Queensland Government with funding from the Australian Government's Nation Building Economic Stimulus Plan.

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**Photos of site attached.**

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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.