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## **The residents' fete**

Jumping castles, vintage cars, and the smell of home made biscuits were the topic of conversation at last week's Churches of Christ Care's Bribie Island Retirement Village annual fete.

Every year the village fete is a fun and entertaining day, with many residents, staff and family members getting involved and contributing towards its success.

And this year was no exception.

Retirement Living Coordinator Karen Tibbits said hundreds of people came along to celebrate the day and buy some handcrafted gifts or homemade fudge.

"It was a really successful day and we raised more than \$6500 after expenses which we are all very proud of," Ms Tibbits said.

"We had three bus and one car load of residents come along from Churches of Christ Care's Sanctuary Park Retirement Community in Nambour, Crows Nest Retirement Village in Crows Nest, Nubeena Retirement Village in Toowoomba, and Fassifern Retirement Village in Boonah which was lots of fun.

"Carryn Sullivan State Member for Pumicestone, and Gary Parsons, Councillor Division 1 for Moreton Bay Regional Council came along, and Federal Member for Longman Wyatt Roy officially opened the fete for us and said a few words which was lovely. We then took them on a tour of the village."

Churches of Christ Care's Bribie Island Retirement Village resident Susie Fuller said the fete was a resounding success both "financially and socially."

"Everyone worked so hard and helped other stall holders to amass goods to sell; it has engendered a wonderful feeling of community," Mrs Fuller said.

"We all made a lot of new friends as we worked for a common goal, and many people who attended the fete commented on the good feeling within the village.

"William, Churches of Christ Care's Bribie Island Day Respite Coordinator, was our MC for the day and did a great job, and we were delighted that residents from Nambour and Toowoomba attended - so the good feeling extended beyond Bribie Island."

Ms Tibbits said a lot of planning had gone into the fete this year, and in the months leading up to the fete residents were busy making jams, creating craft items, sewing, collecting bric-a-brac and books, propagating plants to sell on the day and collecting donated raffle prizes.

"A Fete Committee was established in the village to plan and manage the event, and they did a fantastic job of organising everything," she continued.

"The Fete Committee will be meeting shortly to decide what the money raised will be spent on, but at the moment possible projects include landscaping the village pond and building a

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gazebo next to the pond so residents from the Retirement Village and Aged Care Facility can sit for a while and enjoy the serenity”

Churches of Christ Care’s Bribie Island Retirement Village currently has a select number of quality, fully refurbished units for sale including one-bedroom, two-bedroom, and two-bedroom plus flexi villas.

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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.