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## **Affordable housing development commences**

Churches of Christ Care are looking forward to meeting a vital community need with the development of a new affordable housing complex on Bribie Island.

Development of the 87 units at Bongaree starts on Wednesday 13 July with a sod turning event attended by the State Member for Pumicestone Carryn Sullivan MP.

This development by Churches of Christ Care, part of the Federal Government's National Building – Economic Stimulus Plan, is a practical solution to the growing problem of limited availability of affordable rental accommodation for people over 55.

Property and Development General Manager, David Milligan said the Cotterill Ave development is intended for those on low incomes who are struggling to secure or maintain housing that is affordable in the private market.

“The integration of low and medium density affordable housing into vibrant, appealing community locations is now well established as best practice in Australia and overseas, and this development at Bongaree has been designed to reflect this,” Mr Milligan said.

Churches of Christ Care takes holistic approach to developing affordable housing by ensuring the majority of apartments are wheel chair accessible and that its carbon footprints are offset.

Mr Milligan said up to 75% of the apartments have been designed to accommodate wheel chairs and mobile scooters.

“We can make the apartments 100% accessible if need be and there are mobility scooter charging facilities in the units,” he said.

“As with all of our other projects, we have used renewable or recycled resources wherever possible and have installed solar power, energy efficient lighting and appliances.

“There has also been significant thought given to the environmental impact of this development particularly being so close to Shirley Creek. We have retained a number of mature trees, employed someone to relocate wildlife and are working closely with the Bribie Island Environmental Protection Society.”

Construction will commence in July 2011 and will be completed in March 2012, with tenancy to commence in August 2012.

## **ENDS**

### **Photo opportunity**

What: The official sod turning for Cotterill Ave, Bongaree  
When: Wednesday 13 July 10.40am  
Where: 52-68 Cotterill Ave, Bongaree

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## **About Churches of Christ Care**

Established in 1930, today Churches of Christ Care is the largest, most diverse not-for-profit organisation in Australia.

Churches of Christ Care, a division of Churches of Christ in Queensland and working with Churches of Christ Vic/Tas, provides a range of care services to vulnerable persons at different stages of their life journey.

Churches of Christ Care is active in the areas of early childhood services, child protection, community and affordable housing, retirement living, community aged care, and residential aged care. We operate more than 140 services throughout Queensland and Melbourne, Victoria with the support of more than 3,000 staff and over 700 volunteers.

Services provided by Churches of Christ Care are funded by a mix of government subsidies, grants, fees and charges for our services such as early childhood services and residential aged care, and through fundraising activities.

Our services are offered to all those in need regardless of religious background. 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.