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Aged Care secures 31 Consumer Directed Care packages

With 500 Consumer Directed Care places up for grabs under the Federal Government's program, Churches of Christ Care secured 31, more than any other service provider in the country.

The successful funding application was also three times the number funded in the first round in 2010 – with 10 places on the Sunshine Coast and Bribie Island being funded.

The regions funded are West Moreton, Darling Downs, Brisbane South, South Coast, Sunshine Coast and Wide Bay.

Community Aged Care manager Jenny Tyrell said the CDC is part of an innovative program that is offering a different style of care in the home.

"Its main focus is to offer more choice, control and flexibility regarding the care the older person receives. With CDC, the person chooses the when, how much, who and what relating to their care.

"It is empowering and good for people to have that opportunity to make all decisions and direct the service provider in this way," Jenny said.

Churches of Christ Care is working with the Department of Health and Ageing under the CDC framework as a service provider administering the funding on behalf of the client.

Jenny said the packages are all for low care. "This includes traditional formal services such as personal care assistance, domestic assistance in homes, transport and social support.

"The CDC element also allows the person to request other informal services that meet their aged care needs," she said.

To receive a CDC package, the client has to be willing to participate in the project and to be willing to provide feedback for evaluation.

Jenny said an internal review of the first round of funding from 2010 has just been completed. "There was 100% satisfaction from participants with being able to control budget and 100% for being able to choose service delivery," she said.

"As a service provider we are excited to part of such an innovative program. We have learnt a great deal from being part of this program. The clients are teaching us what really adds value to their quality of life and what empowers them."

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About Churches of Christ Care

Established in 1930, today Churches of Christ Care is one of 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 144 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.