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Vital housing development kicks off on Bribie Island

The first shovel-load of soil for a new Bribie Island affordable housing project was moved last week by Member for Pumicestone Carryn Sullivan at an official sod turning ceremony.

Carryn Sullivan MP said she welcomed Churches of Christ Care's "bold new project".

"This \$22 million development will meet a vital community need for affordable rental accommodation for people over 55," Ms Sullivan said.

Director of Churches of Christ Care David Swain said the 87 apartment project is an example of the future of care.

"Churches of Christ Care is focused on service integration. This means that people can age-in-place and not have to move from service to service as they get older, and there are not many projects nationally that are embracing this model," Mr Swain said.

"That is why this development is so exciting. We are not just building a roof over people's heads; we are planning communities that will meet their needs now and into the future.

"Cotterill Avenue will integrate with other Churches of Christ Care's services such as Bribie Island Retirement Village and the Bribie Island Community Care Program, so as people age, everything they need is already in place and they do not have to leave their established social and support networks."

Ms Sullivan said she was delighted to see the federal government commit funds to help build affordable housing on Bribie Island.

"This is the first time a federal government has made affordable housing a priority and this commitment to affordable housing complements the work the state government is doing in this area," Ms Sullivan said.

"The development is being built on state government leased land and is funded by the Federal Government's National Building – Economic Stimulus Plan."

The development will be completed in March 2012 with tenants moving in from April 2012.

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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, 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.