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Connie loves where she lives

When a competition was run during Seniors Week asking locals why they live where they live, the residents at Churches of Christ Care Fair Haven Maryborough did not hold back with their answers.

And the responses revealed that the residents of Fair Haven are a happy lot; especially Connie Morrison, who was the competition's winner.

A Maryborough resident for almost 25 years, Connie said she would not want to live anywhere else.

"I am involved in a lot of things and living at Fair Haven, and knowing I am cared for and that I have great neighbours, makes this a great place to live," she said.

"We have lovely gardens that are looked after by our gardener David and three men in maintenance who try to keep us happy."

But it is the community atmosphere that makes Connie's eyes sparkle. The self-confessed social butterfly said there's always something going on at the village or in Maryborough.

"There are lots of activities in the main lounge and a church service on Sundays. I am also a keen ballroom dancer and I have done a few courses at the University of Third Age.

"When I moved here, I knew a few of the ladies that live in my court and a few people in the nursing home. I am never lonely because I am always out doing things. We are off on bus trips, including trips to the markets on Thursday or morning tea at the Anglican Church Hall. One of my friends jokes that I am never home.

Connie said she feels blessed to have secured a unit at Fair Haven. She and her late husband had their names down for five years. After he died two years ago, she lived by herself for 12 months and did not enjoy that.

"I visited Fair Haven one day and told them I was ready to move. As luck would have it, I got the next unit after a lady who was offered it turned it down," she said.

"She did not like the driveway because it is awkward to navigate; however, after hitting the wall a couple of times, I can now get out all right – I just don't let anything beat me."

Connie jokes that the only way she is leaving is when she is 'called'. "When the time comes, I will move into the Fair Haven Aged Care Service because I will still have my community around me."

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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.

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