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Surfs up at Parklands for Boardies Day

For the third year in a row, Churches of Christ Care's Parklands Early Childhood Community Centre has donned their boardies to support the Surfers Paradise Surf Life Saving Club.

The club has a special link with Parklands' Service Manager Robyn Pointing, whose family has been members of the club for three generations.

"Each year, we raise money for the club through our Boardies Day. Over the years, we have raised money to purchase a rescue tube, which has been a great way to reinforce with the children how valuable of their contribution is.," Robyn said

"This year we have raised enough to help the club purchase either a oxygen cylinder or neck brace – or to contribute to the general provision of services.

One of the highlights of Boardies Day is a visit from Surfers Paradise Surf Life Saving Club members.

Robyn said the members come out to the centre to interact with the children and share valuable surf safe messages.

"In September, the centre was visited by a life saver who spent the morning interacting with the children and taking part in activities such as making a red/yellow flag. This served as an informal opportunity to discuss the importance of the flag and cover valuable surf safety information," Robyn said.

"Our parents and children joined in to support surf lifesaving by wearing boardies or red/yellow clothing as well as giving a gold coin donation. The children are more aware of the role of surf lifesavers as valuable community members who not only supervise the water, but can help them if they are lost as well as providing first aid when needed."

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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 3,100 staff and over 750 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.