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Residents to be evacuated from Warrawee Aged Care facility

Residents from Churches of Christ Care Warrawee Aged Care Services in St George are to be evacuated on Sunday as flooding becomes more widespread in the St George region.

Residents will be transported to a number of Churches of Christ Care and external aged care services on the Gold Coast.

Churches of Christ in Queensland's Chief Executive Officer Dean Phelan said the organisation has enacted its Emergency Response Plan with residents' care as the top priority.

"Thirty of our residents will be evacuated by air to the Gold Coast, as well as one independent living unit resident and one of our neighbours," Mr Phelan said.

"St George Hospital has taken four of our higher care residents and one is going home to be with their family.

"All of our residents are in high spirits; they have been through this before and are being communicated with regularly ahead of Sunday's evacuation.

"Their safety and wellbeing is our first priority, and as an organisation we have a Crisis Management Team supporting our team in St George to ensure that the evacuation goes smoothly."

Churches of Christ in Queensland is in close contact with the SES, Queensland Health and other Queensland Ambulance and Emergency Services.

Mr Phelan said this is the third time the region has flooded. "We learnt many lessons from last year's floods and have fine tuned our emergency response," he said.

"Last year's flood water lapped our front door and if the predicted record levels are correct, our building may be flooded.

"We are preparing for the worst but praying for the best outcome, which is water level abate and the region is spared. However, we have plenty of help from the local community who are helping us sandbag critical areas at the site."

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About Churches of Christ in Queensland

Churches of Christ in Queensland is a group of mainstream Christian churches which has been an active part of the Queensland community for over 125 years.

Churches of Christ in Queensland operates a range of missional and community care services to assist families, the elderly and people in need through church communities and its care division, Churches of Christ Care.

About Churches of Christ Care

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

Churches of Christ Care, a division of Churches of Christ in Queensland and working with Churches of Christ in 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.