

### *Decade of dedication*

+ This year Sister Christine Henry marked 10 years supporting country people through drought, floods, climate change and other problems beyond their control. She has been serving the farming communities on the Darling Downs, the Burnett region, the Lockyer Valley and all over south-west Queensland. Practical support was given to all in need: phone or petrol vouchers, a tyre for a tractor or a “backyard blitz”...

Sister Christine, a registered nurse, has driven nearly 161 million km in a station wagon provided by St Vincent’s Health with her companion Kenya, a toy poodle.

The men enjoyed their “Bugger the Drought” nights, but our major focus is on families, children and women. Thousands attended wellness days and had access to pap smears, mammograms, counselling and motivational talks.

Over the 10 years, 5052 Christmas hampers have been distributed. We’ve held 17 yuletide celebrations for 318 retired farmers and farm labourers.

### **Downs & West Community Support, a ministry of Sisters of Charity**

*Ed’s note: We featured Sister Christine in an early issue of the magazine and it’s lovely to hear she’s notched up such a milestone.*



**GOOD HEARTS**  
Sister Christine (left) packs the gift sacks

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