



**17 February 2014**

**New shop and support centre for Vinnies Corowa**

Vinnies Corowa will have an official opening of its new Shop and Care & Support Centre on Wednesday 19 February.

The official opening and blessing will take place at 2pm and will be officiated by President of the St Vincent de Paul Society NSW, Mr Ray Reynolds and the Most Reverend Bishop Gerard Hanna.

The new Shop offers a bigger and brighter space and the meeting rooms will be used by the local Conference to assist people who turn to the Society for help.

Mr Reynolds says that he invites the local community to join them at the official opening and afterwards at the St Mary's School hall for afternoon tea.

"We hope the local community will join us in these celebrations. We are very excited because we know that these new facilities will make a big difference to the local community. Our members will be able to assist more people who may be going through difficult times," says Mr Reynolds.

St Vincent de Paul Society Wagga Wagga Central council president, Don Jones says, "The Society's dedicated members, volunteers and staff are delighted that Ray Reynolds has set aside time in his very busy schedule to formally open the facility and what better endorsement of the work of St Vincent de Paul Society than to have in attendance the Most Rev Bishop Gerard Hanna and Mayor Corowa Shire Council, Fred Longmire."

Media are invited for photo opportunities and interviews:

**What:** Official opening and blessing, Vinnies Corowa Shop and Care & Support Centre

**When:** 2pm Wednesday 19 February 2014

**Where:** 181 Sanger Street, Corowa

**Who:** Ray Reynolds, President St Vincent de Paul Society NSW; Most Rev Bishop Gerard Hanna, Bishop of Wagga Wagga; Michael Perusco, CEO St Vincent de Paul Society NSW; Mayor Corowa Shire Council, Cllr Fred Longmire; Father Paul Hart, Parish Priest; Don Jones, President Wagga Wagga Central Council; and Mike Riley, Executive Officer Wagga Wagga Central Council.

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