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### **New look Edel Quinn to reopen its doors**

The St Vincent de Paul Society has moved into its new look Edel Quinn homeless service where it will continue to provide essential services for people experiencing homelessness in Wagga Wagga and the broader Murrumbidgee region.

The new facility provides a holistic approach to homelessness including accommodation, individualised case management, specialised education and training, outreach support to people living in the community, advocacy and legal support, counselling, and transitional housing for independent sustainable community living.

The service will continue to assist men experiencing homelessness and will extend its service to assist single women. Whilst client meetings are already taking place in the new facility, it is expected that the first client will be able to access accommodation at Edel Quinn in early March.

Edel Quinn Manager, Peter Quarmby explains that the new service is an exciting one for the region and the service model is in line with the State Government's homeless service reforms, *Going Home Staying Home*, which focus more heavily on moving people out of homelessness more quickly or preventing homelessness from occurring in the first place through early intervention.

"The Society is very supportive of the new reforms as we believe that they are focused on getting better outcomes for people experiencing homelessness or those at risk of homelessness," explains Peter.

Peter also believes the redevelopment will have a positive impact on social and community infrastructure for people in the region experiencing disadvantage.

"We are very excited as the new facility will respond to unmet demand for assistance from the community. The new Edel Quinn will have greater capacity to help people transform their lives," says Peter.

### **Edel Quinn Media open day: Wednesday 12 February** **Edel Quinn, Edel Quinn Lane, Wagga Wagga** **Photo, filming and interview opportunities available**

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