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Vinnies Coober Pedy Getting More Than a Facelift

Work is well and truly underway on the Vinnies' Coober Pedy site (located at Post Office Hill Road) with the existing building being completely demolished to make way for a new, larger building.

The decision to redevelop the Coober Pedy Family Centre by the St Vincent de Paul Society (SA) was a combination of the existing facility no longer meeting the community's requirements and Vinnies wanting to invest in the area and maintain their presence in the region which is desperate for their assistance.

State President of the St Vincent de Paul Society (SA) Brian Spencer said "we took the decision to build a new Family Centre instead of renovate the current building to ensure we are able to cater to the current and future requirements of the region. The new Family Centre will be bigger, more comfortable and for the first time we will be able to provide disabled access."

Brian Spencer continues "we took the decision to redevelop the site during the wet season so as to limit the number of people we disrupt. We are very keen to continue working in the Coober Pedy region and I am happy to say that the new Family Centre will be reopened well and truly before Christmas."

The new centre will have greater car parking facilities, provide a disabled front access, be more comfortable as the building will be well sealed, insulated and air conditioned as well as being a larger building generally. The larger floor space dedicated to the shop will enable Vinnies to stock more items required by men, women and children who are facing challenging circumstances.

Further information regarding the date of the Coober Pedy store's grand reopening will be provided in the coming months.

Volunteers will be needed to help with the store when it reopens. All enquiries are welcome by calling 8112 8700.

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