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Freeman House official opening and blessing next Wednesday 6 May

The St Vincent de Paul Society will host the blessing and official opening of the new look Freeman House with the Honourable Barnaby Joyce, Member for New England; The Most Reverend Michael Kennedy, Bishop of Armidale and Ray Reynolds, President St Vincent de Paul Society NSW.

The new facilities at Freeman House will deliver a holistic approach to homelessness including rehabilitation services and designated purpose-built areas for people who are rough-sleepers, an environment for professional learning and development, maximising opportunities to strengthen partnerships with TAFE New England Institute, the University of New England and other key services in the region.

The new facility will offer purpose built spaces to facilitate case management, group work, counselling and outreach workers and Conference facilities.

The service is an exciting one for the region as it will respond to unmet demand for assistance from the community, and have greater capacity to help people transform their lives.

What: Freeman House Armidale official opening and blessing

Where: Freeman House, 1 Crescent Street, Armidale

When: 11.30am sharp Wednesday 6 May 2015

Who: The Honourable Barnaby Joyce, Member for New England; The Most Reverend Michael Kennedy, Bishop of Armidale and Ray Reynolds, President St Vincent de Paul Society NSW.

Interview and photo opportunities available on the day.

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