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## Media Release

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### **New St Vincent de Paul office officially opened by The Honourable Vicki O'Halloran, Administrator of the Northern Territory.**

The St Vincent de Paul Society NT office in Casuarina was officially opened by Her Honour The Honourable Vicki O'Halloran AM, Administrator of the Northern Territory on Saturday 1 June with a plaque reveal and cutting of the cake. The building was blessed by The Most Reverend Bishop Charles Gauci DD.

The upgraded premises accommodate our management team and administration functions and provides space for members and volunteers to use as required. It allows for further growth in staff numbers so the St Vincent de Paul Society can continue to provide a wider range of services and deliver more programs to those in need.

The St Vincent de Paul Society in Queensland had a significant role in procuring the building and planning of its refurbishment. The work was led by Peter Maher, former CEO QLD, and Edwina Wagland, former Executive Officer NT, with the support in planning from Deborah Nisbet, General Manager, Finance & Business Services and Joe Duskovic, General Manager Governance & Risk.

Northern Territory Administrator Vicki O'Halloran said the new building represents a wonderful milestone in the Society's journey in the Northern Territory. Her Honour further stated, 'these new facilities will enable a greater number of opportunities to make a tangible difference to those in need of support'.

Fay Gurr, President for the St Vincent de Paul Society in NT said, "This new centre is the culmination of a number of years of planning and is testament to the commitment of St Vincent de Paul Society to the Northern Territory. It is a base from which we can grow and provides a hub where the community will always be welcomed".

Her Honour, Mr Craig O'Halloran, Ms Fay Gurr along with staff members instrumental in the building development were invited to join in the blessing of the building by Bishop Charles Gauci.

This new building has been long awaited after operating from Bakhita Centre for six years, a facility which had outgrown the growing needs of the Society a number of years ago. The administration office at the Bakhita Centre will now be converted to housing accommodation with funding support from the Northern Territory Department of Housing and Community Development.

The event was attended by more than 60 St Vincent de Pauls Society's supporters including representatives from Government, volunteers, members of the Society, representatives of NGOs and our staff. Without their generous support, the good work of the Society would not be possible.



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