Amity’s New Premises Opened

Long standing Darwin-based drug and alcohol treatment service, Amity Community Services will be able to help more Territorians after officially opening the doors on its new premises today.

The Minister for Alcohol Policy, Delia Lawrie, opened the new offices located at 155 Stuart Highway, Parap.

“Amity has been counselling and supporting Territorians who have problems with drug, alcohol and gambling for more than 30 years,” Ms Lawrie said.

“The opening of their new premises means they will be able to offer a greater range of services to more Territorians in a safer and more comfortable environment.

“Per capita Territorians consume more alcohol than any other state or territory with studies showing alcohol misuse cost our community a staggering $642 million a year.

“Services such as Amity are an important part of helping those with drug and alcohol problems as well as changing the culture of drinking in our community.

“The Territory Government is well aware of the devastating impact that drug and alcohol misuse has on Territorians, their families and communities.

“This is why we have introduced the toughest measures to reduce alcohol consumption and the associated violence and crime.”

Ms Lawrie said the Territory Government was a proud supporter of Amity providing more than $400,000 to deliver a range of services.

“Amity continues to do some great work in the area of gambling intervention through the operation of its Helpline, counselling program and Indigenous Gambling Intervention Service Network,” she said.

“Amity has delivered Responsible Service of Gambling training to gaming venues throughout the Territory and worked closely with Government to review the Code of Practise for responsible gaming.”

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