Chief Minister Adam Giles and Member for Arnhem Larisa Lee travelled to Arnhem Land today to officially open two new police stations.

“The new stations will support a permanent police presence at Gapuwiyak and Ramingining providing safety and security to local residents,” Mr Giles said.

Tri-Service Chaplain Cally Faithful gave the traditional blessing to the two new NT Police Stations today.

“The complexes are state of the art. They include modern police stations, secure detention facilities, high-tech communications technology, police housing and visiting officer’s quarters,” Mr Giles said.

Six years ago, the Commonwealth and Northern Territory Governments recognised the need for a more permanent police presence in Ramingining.

In 2008 a temporary police station was established and the new permanent station has just been completed.

“Ramingining and neighbouring Milingimbi are important and growing communities. This new Police station should give local residents the same sense of security as people living in the rest of the Territory,” Mr Giles said.

Historically Gapuwiyak has received its Police services from Nhulunbuy. But in 2008 a temporary police station was established in the community, allowing police to provide a more permanent presence.

“After working in temporary stations for so long it is great to see officers getting the resources they need to do their job and protect the community,” Mr Giles said.

The new Police Stations were warmly welcomed by members of both communities today.

“These permanent stations are an important community asset. They provide a contact point between residents and officers, as well as a place for people to gather in emergencies,” Ms Lee said.

“Police officers are a vital part of the communities and these new stations will help them to engage with local people.”

The two complexes cost $20.8 million and were funded through the Closing the Gap National Partnership Agreement with the Federal Government.

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