In 1948 the baby-boom exploded and the streets were alive with hammering and sawing as new homes were built. Sixty six years later the building industry is still growing and today Kennards opened a new shop front in Coolalinga.

“The opening today gives Kennards four equipment centres in the Northern Territory, bringing the total employees to over 40 Territory wide,” said Minister for Business Peter Styles.

“I am very pleased to officially introduce a new Kennards store front today, which will expand and boost the incredibly popular DIY and building industries in the Territory.

“This is good news to the day to day lives of tradesmen, home improvers, businesses and contractors, as Kennards will invest heavily in expanding the range and depth of equipment available to Territorians.

"As Business Minister I am pleased Territorians have access to direct advice from professionals and this will provide another avenue for further information for new and existing businesses,” said Minister Styles.

Craig Todd, Kennards area manager for the NT said since it was established in 1948 Kennards Hire has grown into one of Australia’s largest and most respected hire companies, with over 149 branches in Australia and New Zealand.

“The pioneers took phone orders and did the books, while the children Neville, Joan and Andrew earned pocket money cleaning, repairing and loading equipment,” said Mr Todd.

“Walter Kennard, who sold machinery, petrol and produce from a store in Bathurst, NSW, was asked by a customer for the loan of a new, Lightburn concrete mixer for a quick job. Walter thought for a moment and then replied, "I'm sorry, I can't loan it to you, but I'll hire it to you.

“This family run home business continues to grow, opening sites in Newcastle, Sydney, Queensland, Perth, Adelaide, New Zealand and the Northern Territory,” said Mr Todd.

Kennards remains proudly Australian and family-owned. The Northern Territory Government has a range of options to assist Territorians who are looking to get into business of all shapes and sizes.
“Upskilling yourself and your staff, how to help the environment and save money, applying for assistance and grants programs available in the Territory or requesting a few pointers on an aspect of running a business. There is something for everyone,” said Minister for Business Peter Styles.

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IMAGE ATTACHED: Lady Tradies running their own painting and decorating business in the Territory, welcomed the opening of Kennards with Business Minister Peter Styles today.

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