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Health Centre Opens at Daly River

A $2.1 million health centre at Daly River was officially opened today by the Member for Daly Rob Knight.

Mr Knight was representing the Minister for Health Peter Toyne.

Mr Knight said the new health centre will enable residents to access a wide range of health services.

“Not only will health delivery in the region be improved but the centre will also provide a first-rate working environment for community-based and visiting specialists and health professionals,” said Mr Knight.

The old health centre was opened in the 1950s and was run by the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart.

In 1992 the clinic was transferred to the Nauiyu Community Council. The clinic was transferred to the Department of Health and Community Services in 2004.

"The establishment of the health clinic sees another part of the Government's Building Healthier Communities framework fulfilled," Mr Knight said.

"This Government promised to deliver new high-quality regional primary health care services and the opening of the Nauiya Health Centre shows this commitment is being met.

“The new health centre strengthens local health services and extends medical outreach services to the Daly River community.”

A health centre manager, four Aboriginal health workers, one remote area nurse and two ancillary staff will be permanently based at the new centre.

Other medical and allied health services will be provided on a visiting basis.

The official opening of the health centre coincided with the community’s annual Merrepen Arts Festival.

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