

## **New Centrecare Midland building officially opened**

Premier Colin Barnett has officially opened the new Centrecare building in Yelverton Drive Midland.

The new building is an important addition to Centrecare's office infrastructure and will ensure that communities in Midland and surrounding areas are able to access vital social services.

Mr Barnett said the building will provide a central hub to support the services delivered by Centrecare in the North East Metropolitan Region.

"The establishment of a modern social service centre in Midland will ensure that the local community is able to access important services including counselling, family and adolescent mediation, family therapy and support programs for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders.

In order to maximise immediate benefits to the local community, other local community service providers will be housed in the building.

Centrecare have shown great foresight by creating a building that will bring together local service providers, making it easier for people to access a number of complementary services in the one building".`

The building will also provide training and meeting rooms which will be available for hire by local organisations.

This construction of the building represents a commitment by Centrecare to the wider community in Midland, a growing urban centre.

The Centre is ideally located in a prominent positon in Midland with access to public transport links and parking, ensuring that facilities are easily accessible.

The new three storey building has its own underground carpark and includes 2000m2 of office space to allow for future growth, ensuring Centrecare is able to expand into the future to meet the growing needs for its services. The building will house up to 100 staff and provide counselling and support services to over 5000 clients per year.

Centrecare has been operating in Western Australian since the 1940s and offers community services including professional counselling, support, mediation and training services.

Construction of the building was finalised at the end of 2015, with staff moving into the new facility earlier this year.

The majority of the cost of the new building and fitout was borne by Centrecare, with Lotterywest contributing \$5 million to its construction. WA is the only Australian State where money raised from Lottery products is distributed directly back to the community.