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WAYSIDE CHAPEL UPGRADE FOR SYDNEY'S MOST VULNERABLE

The NSW Minister for Health, Jillian Skinner, has today welcomed the opening of The Wayside Chapel redevelopment, which will provide additional services to some of Sydney's most vulnerable people.

Minister Skinner, speaking at the official opening of the new facility, said the redevelopment followed a fundraising campaign that raised \$8.2 million.

"For almost 50 years The Wayside Chapel has provided care and support for those living on and around the streets of Sydney's iconic Kings Cross," Mrs Skinner said.

"The new building means The Wayside Chapel is better equipped to help people who face homelessness, mental health issues and addictions.

"The programs are designed to ensure that vulnerable members of our community have access to the services they need and I congratulate The Wayside Chapel team on their fantastic contribution to our community."

Key features of the building include:

- Large kitchen and dining area;
- Wayside café featuring large dining and service area;
- Community service centre;
- Two public hot showers and three public toilets;
- Community hall featuring double-height ceilings; and
- Rooftop garden.

The Minister for Mental Health, Kevin Humphries, said the redevelopment of The Wayside Chapel ensured there has been no reduction in services offered to the tens of thousands of Sydney's most marginalised residents who visit the Chapel for care and support each year.

"The Wayside Chapel has been providing since 1964 and the NSW Government is extremely proud to support the outstanding work done by Reverend Graham Long and his team," Mr Humphries said.

Funding was provided by the Federal Government (\$3 million), NSW Government (\$2 million) and individual and corporate donations (\$3.2 million).