

Stellas' Darwin

The Blessing and opening of the accommodation block in Darwin on Wednesday November 13, 1996 was a very, very special milestone in our history. This was because not only now we are able to provide accommodation for Seafarers but our President, Dan Thomas, on that great occasion, was handed a perpetual lease for the property from the Northern Territory government by the Honourable Mick Palmer MLA who was representing the Chief Minister Shane Stone.

Dan Thomas the President of the Apostleship of the Sea Darwin welcomed Bishop Ted Collins, Mick Palmer M L A and a crowd of fifty to sixty people who were present to witness the blessing and opening of the accommodation block.

Dan Thomas when welcoming everyone thanked firstly the International Transport Federation for their very generous contribution of \$100,000.00 which was the cost of the building and furnishings. He said that the completion of this building would not have been possible without their generous support.

Dan also thanked all committee members who have worked tirelessly over the years toward the development of Stellas for the welfare of the seafarers visiting Darwin.

Bishop Ted Collins before blessing the new building praised and thanked the members of the Apostleship of the Sea for their work here in Darwin.

Mick Palmer MLA, Minister for Land and Housing, representing the Chief Minister, before officially opening the building passed to our President the documents of the Perpetual Lease of the land on which our buildings stand.

The Accommodation block provides five single air conditioned rooms, with shared toilet, shower, kitchen with tea making facilities together with washing machine - drier and gold phone. These rooms have been occupied continually since the opening, highlighting the need for the facility.

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