

1988 The Minister offered the committee a 10 year lease  
. This was accepted and plans were drawn up for a new  
building

1989 On April 1 the first blessing of the fleet  
was carried out by Father John Hampton, this  
practice has been carried out on an annual basis ever since

1988 Ron Brandt a uniting Church Minisyter was  
appointed as  
general manager welfare Worker Auxilary Chaplain  
Ron's first impression of Stellas were reorded in  
His Contribution to Stellas Watch quote  
' My thanks to you all for the fair dinkum  
Stellas 's welcome on board during my first three  
months in the new job. I have lived in Darwin for nine  
years and reckon Stellas is unique. Over the years I  
have worked around the country a fair bit in shearing  
teams, in mining camps, cutting cane etc and have  
put the fire out in some great little water holesbut Stellas  
Darwin is something elser and it is great to be on  
board"

Ron with his efforts made a unique contribution  
to Stellas and it was regretted when he decided to  
leave us in February 89

1991 Dec 15 New building officially opened and  
blessed

The total cost of the building was almost

\$600,000

\$270,000 of which was donated by the I.T.F

\$50,00 interest free loan was made available by  
the National office of the A..O.S

*on Nov 13 19/96*

1996 An accommodation block of five single room at a  
cost of \$100 ,000 donated by the I.T.F.

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## St Vinnies involvement with Stella's

Bishop O'loughlin has the st Mary's conference members if they had ever considered doing something for the seafarers visiting Darwin. Ernie and peg Carey accepted the challenge. This was in 1975 and the first step to developing stellas in darwin began at a vinnies Conference meeting

In 1981 82 83 when Jack Evans was the manager of the STVDe P homeless mens hostel in westralia St Jack assisted by men staying there assisted with many jobs at the newly founded Stellas. Jack was familiar with the Apostleship of the Sea because being a victorian he had got to know father Quinlan the Melbourne chaplain of the apostleship of the sea Father Quinlan was also a very active member of the St V d P.

Many of the chaps living at the StVde Paul Bakhita Centre did much volunteer work at Stellas  
Ted Henning built the tables and cahirs for the upstairs restuarant

Harry Falconer built the shelves for the upstaiers  
library

John Day built the first bar down stairs  
Teddie Henning tiled the first downstairs toilets  
Cecil Thurlow sewed the material for the covered area  
outsid the bar frank O'Brian did the steel work