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New centre gives legal and youth services a place to call home

Legal and youth support services have been given a new home at the Inala Community Centre, opened today by local MP and Premier Annastacia Palaszczuk

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Staff and volunteers at the official opening of the new Inala Community Centre at 79 Poinsettia Street. Picture Julie Sanderson

Premier and MP for Inala Annastacia Palaszczuk officially opened the new Inala Community Centre yesterday, making good on an election promise to her electorate.

Thee multipurpose building, at 79 Poinsettia Street, will provide support services for Inala residents including more space for key legal and youth support programs.

Ms Palaszczuk said the new centre would boost the delivery of important social services in Brisbane's southwest, providing space for 27 staff and up to 75 visitors a day.

"My Government provided more than \$4 million towards its construction on Governmentowned land, close to the old centre and accessible for the community," Ms Palaszczuk said.



Community Hub Community Projects director Jonathan Ward, Premier Annastacia Palaszczuk, Federal ALP MP for Oxley Milton Dick and Inala Youth Service chief executive Lisa Evans at the official opening.

"Legal, health and general support and referral services will benefit some of the most vulnerable members of the Inala community.

"Hub Community Projects, which is a merger of the South West Brisbane Legal Service and the neighbourhood centre, will deliver neighbourhood centre and community legal services. "As local member I know these are well-regarded in the Inala community, which is why my Government provides more than \$120,000 annually.



The new Inala Community Centre at 79 Poinsettia Street, officially opened today.

"The new centre will also accommodate services delivered by the Inala Youth Service.

"It will provide bail support services, access to information, advice and referrals, and other support and case management for young people."

Construction of the Inala Community Centre has supported about 11 local jobs.



An inside view of the new Inala Community Centre.

"This is one of several new neighbourhood centres delivered or underway, including Moranbah, Murgon, Thursday Island, Kallangur, Wilsonton and Bowen," the Premier said. "We want all Queensland communities to be places where everyone, regardless of their

circumstances, can participate and enjoy social and economic wellbeing.

"Neighbourhood and community centres help ensure Queensland communities flourish."

The Queensland Government provides funding to more than 120 neighbourhood and community centres across the state.