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NEW MOREE POLICE STATION OPENS

"Minister for Police and Emergency Services Michael Gallacher and NSW Police Commissioner Andrew Scipione today officially opened the new Moree Police Station.

"I am delighted to be in Moree today to open this incredible facility that local Police and the community need and deserve," Minister Gallacher said.

"At a cost of almost \$18 million this new Police Station will operate 24 hours a day.

"The new two-storey station will accommodate 70 staff and will be the headquarters for the Barwon Local Area Command.

"The Command has an authorised strength 96 officers and an actual strength of 103 officers.

"The operational capacity at Barwon LAC is 102 per cent, well above the Government's 90 per cent target.

Furthermore, since May 2011, the region has received 20 probationary constables," Minister Gallacher said.

"Our hard working officers now have a state of the art complex with the facilities and technology needed to make the best use of their skills," Commissioner Scipione said.

"The community also has its police under the one roof in a modern, convenient and user friendly venue.

"But of course, as welcome as it is to have a new police station, police need no reminding that the community doesn't measure us by the quality of our address.

"We know that we are measured by our efforts and specifically, the success of our efforts in protecting the community.

“Officers will continue to respond to crime, emergencies and other calls for assistance and they will be working with the local community to reduce crime and the fear of crime,” Commissioner Scipione said.

Minister for Western NSW and Member for Barwon Kevin Humphries said the new facility demonstrated the NSW Government’s commitment to supporting local police to make our communities safer.

“Today’s opening is a huge win for both the Moree police force, who now have access to a state-of-the-art facility, and for the local community, who will benefit from the around the clock services it will provide,” Minister Humphries said.

“Since coming into government, the NSW Liberals & Nationals have provided our police with the funding and support needed to improve safety in our communities and today’s opening is yet another example of that.

The NSW Government will continue to provide our police officers and local communities with the resources they need to keep our streets safe,” Minister Humphries said.

“In this financial year alone, the Government has allocated \$146.2 million to police capital projects,” Minister Gallacher said.

“The NSW Government projects include \$47 million to commence and continue the planning, construction and upgrade of a number of police stations across the State,” Minister Gallacher concluded.

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