

Media statement

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New much needed Renal Dialysis Unit opening for North Coast

Catholic Bishop of Lismore, Most Reverend Geoffrey Jarrett DD, will officially bless and open the new Renal Dialysis Unit at St Vincents Private Hospital on Thursday April 15 2010, commencing at 10:30 am.

Bob Walsh, Chief Executive Officer of St Vincent's Private Hospital said that the new Renal Dialysis Unit has been built by Fresenius Medical Care, who provides specialist medical services for individuals with chronic kidney failure.

"We are very fortunate to offer medical care from a high quality provider with an excellent reputation and international experience in renal dialysis," said Mr Walsh.

The new \$1 million development will have 10 chairs with state-of-the-art nephrology equipment, the latest technological advancements as well as the best in patient comfort and features.

Dr William James and Dr Venkat Manickavasagam, the North Coast's most prominent nephrologists, will be medically supervising the new Unit.

"As the population ages these services are becoming more and more essential to the North Coast, and it is important that people should not have to travel to access specialised renal nursing care," said Mr Walsh.

Mr Walsh said the new Renal Dialysis Unit is an essential part of St Vincent's plan, of providing a full range of much needed specialist medical services to the North Coast.