



# Port Hedland Seafarers Centre

presentation to  
Port Hedland Industry Council  
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# OUR AIM

To offer practical, emotional and spiritual support to all seafarers, regardless of rank, gender, nationality or faith



# Mission To Seafarers

- Established 1836 providing pastoral care to seafarers on ships on the Thames River, England
- A mission of the Anglican Church with headquarters in London
- Over 200 operations in ports around the world in 50 countries
- Port Hedland is one of 30 missions in Australia





# Port Hedland Peace Memorial Seafarers Centre

- Current Centre opened in 1973
- Busiest MTS centre in Australia. Around 80,000 seafarers arrive every year. About 13,000 of them get shore leave.



# Seafarers Centre Services

- Pastoral care
- Ship visits
- Transport (generally Jetty, Centre, Shops)
- Foreign Exchange (USD, EUR and AUD)
- Retail shopping (souvenirs, groceries)
- SIM cards
- Online shopping (delivery to ship- groceries, souvenirs, sim cards)
- Hospitality (food, drinks)
- Free Wifi at the PHSC – to contact family and entertainment
- Recreation facilities including sports, games, TV
- Lounge and relaxation areas
- Free books and clothing









# New Centre

## Green light for funding for Port Hedland Seafarers Centre

The Cook Labor Government will deliver a new fit-for-purpose Seafarers Centre in Port Hedland to cater for the tens of thousands of seafarers who bring ships into the town's bustling port each year.

- Cook Government supporting new \$13.5 million investment in Seafarers Centre for Port Hedland's West End
- Procurement for the new facility to get underway this year
- Industry will work with Pilbara Ports to design, fund and construct the new centre

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The \$13.5 million cost of the new centre will initially be funded as part of the 2024-25 State Budget, with those costs to be recovered from industry via a shipping charge, with agreed contributions from port users BHP, Fortescue, Roy Hill, Mineral Resources Limited and Atlas Iron.

The investment builds on the State Government's contribution of more than \$2 million, through Pilbara Ports, for the purchase of land for the new facility.

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### Ministers



**Hon. David Michael**

Minister for Mines and Petroleum; Ports; Road Safety; Minister Assisting the Minister for Transport



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# New Centre

- Shop
- Recreation areas
- Lounge
- Offices
- Meeting room
- Hospitality area
- Chapel





# Seafarers

- 9 month contract
- Minimum wages – USD \$614 per month (equivalent AUD \$800)
- Nationalities – Filipino, Indian, Chinese
- Less than 2% females
- Only 3-4 opportunities for shore leave in 9 months
- Collective personal local spend in Port Hedland of over \$900,000 per year



# Christmas Hampers

- 2,000 Christmas Hampers for 2024
- Valued at \$25 per pack = \$50,000
- Donations appeal
- Packing Day - Saturday 07 December
  - Packing, BBQ
  - Volunteers





# Community Help

- Donations
- Volunteering

