

ADDRESS BY
HIS HONOUR MR TOM PAULING AO QC
ADMINISTRATOR OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY
ON THE OCCASION OF
**OFFICIAL OPENING OF LIFE WITHOUT BARRIERS
NEW OFFICE**

Mitchell Street, Darwin

21 August 2008

It is a great pleasure for me, and for Mrs Pauling, as Joint Patrons of Life Without Barriers, to welcome you here this evening to the Official Opening of the new Darwin office.

As we are all aware, it is vital that support is provided for children and young people in crisis, for people who may be suffering a mental health issue, or for those battling a disability.

I know that your goals for 2008 onwards include development of specialist programs to meet the needs of those who fall through the gaps; together with development of culturally appropriate programs and strategies for ensuring service delivery in remote areas.

I thank you for your encouragement of those that are vulnerable as they seek to achieve their full potential and to enjoy normal opportunities for healthy and sustainable relationships.

Your support for these individuals on their personal journeys as they learn, or relearn life skills, will certainly lead to a large measure of satisfaction for both client and carer.

May all who work here - staff, carers and volunteers – benefit from a positive and joyful environment where respect for others and response to the needs of the community are of paramount importance.

We wish you all the best with your ongoing programs and with your plans for the future of Life Without Barriers. It is now my pleasant task to officially declare the office open.

Thank you.