



# Hon Michael Gallacher MLC

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### WYONG POLICE STATION OPENS

Minister for Police and Emergency Services Michael Gallacher, has today officially opened Wyong Police Station.

The Minister was joined by Police Commissioner Andrew Scipione to officially open the new complex following its completion late last year.

“The three-storey complex has replaced the previous facility which had become tired and no longer met the needs of the local community,” Minister Gallacher said.

“The new Police Station now houses 160 police including officers from the Crime Management Unit, Highway Patrol, Target Action Group and Administrative staff and is the main charge station for the Tuggerah Lakes Local Area Command.

“It is great to see this state-of-the-art complex in the heart of Wyong, which will serve the community well into the future,” Minister Gallacher said.

Construction of the \$14.6 million Police Station began in late 2009 and became fully operational in October last year.

NSW Police Commissioner Andrew Scipione said the state-of-the-art facility plays an important role in meeting the needs of the local community.

“While policing is not just about police stations, a good facility like this plays an important role in co-ordinating police response and ensuring the highest level of safety for all residents.

“The local community can be proud of their new station, as well as the dedicated policing staff who work within it,” Commissioner Scipione said.

Tuggerah Lakes Local Area Commander, Superintendent Swilks has welcomed the opening of the modern facility and said it will enable officers to more effectively meet the policing needs of the local community.

“Today we see a first-class police station for more than 200 officers serving in the Tuggerah Lakes Local Area Command,” Superintendent Swilks said.

Member for Wyong Darren Webber said the facility brings together a range of skills under the one roof, making policing in the area more efficient.

“It’s great to see all the different areas of policing come together in the one place, here at Wyong to better protect and serve our local community,” Mr Webber said.

Member for The Entrance Chris Spence said it was a great result for the people of Wyong and the wider Central Coast area.

“This station will serve the local community here on the Central Coast for many years to come,” Mr Spence said.

Minister Gallacher said the rich history of the old Wyong Police station had not been lost, with memorabilia now lining the walls of the new station.

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