



## BLESS THIS SCHOOL

North Queensland Senator Ian Macdonald, Bishop James Foley of Cairns and Mount St Bernard College principal David Finch officially opened six new facilities at the school on Friday. See Natasha Emeck's story on page 5.

Picture: Natasha Emeck



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# Counselling needed

## RAVENSHOE David Anthony

FOR many people the first anniversary of the Ravenshoe cafe gas explosion is just the beginning as the trauma associated with the tragedy really sets in.

This is one of the reasons, Ravenshoe Community Centre (RCC) is seeking funding to extend the tenure of its full-time counsellor Cate Teece another two years.

Ms Teece's counselling services are in huge demand.

Ms Teece is assisting 53 people affected by the freak accident that claimed two lives and injured 18 others on June 9 last year. Sadly, about 50 more people are anxious to seek Ms Teece's counselling service as well.

So heavy is the workload, RCC staff and committee are considering asking for funding for a second counsellor. Ms Teece was appointed to the position in August last year, two months after the disaster.

RCC committee president

Priscilla Clare said it was clear Ravenshoe needed a fulltime counsellor to continue after this August.

Ms Clare said those injured continued to cope with the physical trauma of the disaster, but the psychological trauma

was coming to the fore.

RCC has found support from the Member for Dalrymple, Shane Knuth, who is lobbying the Queensland Government to extend the counsellor position.

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