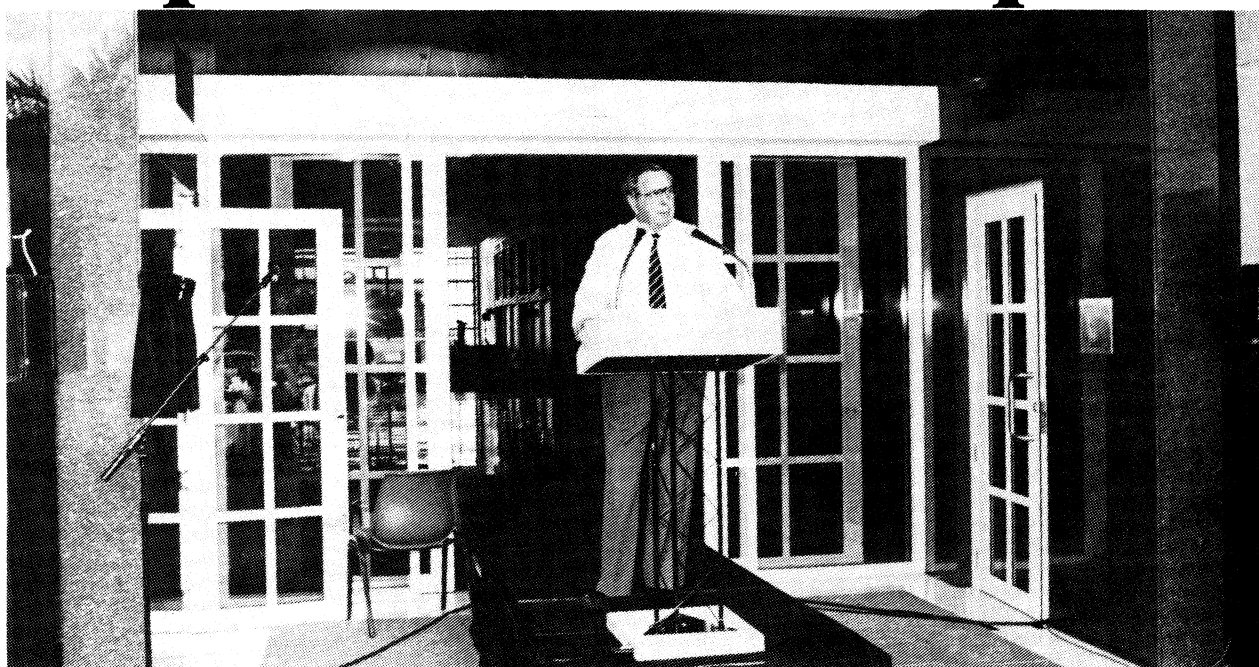


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Supreme court open



The Administrator, James Muirhead, speaking at the Opening Ceremony.

Darwin's new Supreme Court was finally opened in late November, ten months later than its target completion date.

The Administrator, James Muirhead, declared the court open in a ceremony on November 29.

At a cost in excess of \$40 million, the new court complex is intended to last well into next century.

The building is six storeys and features eleven courts on a variety of levels, 14 holding cells, library, temporary offices for counsel, and chambers for the Master and the judges.

Security and court reporting services operate by electronic surveillance.

The foyer area of the complex features a massive mosaic made with over 700,000 pieces of Venetian glass.

The mosaic is a reproduction of a painting entitled *Milky Way Dreaming* by Yuendemu artist Nora Napaltjarri Nelson.

The original canvas hangs on one of the walls in the foyer.

Ms Nelson was a guest at the opening of the court complex.

The Law Society presented a gift to the new court, a painting by Pintupi artist Turkey Tolson Tjupurrula entitled *Mitukatjirri and Tjikari Men's Spear Fight at Ilyingaungau*.

That painting also hangs in the foyer. Bill and Ben - or the sculpture entitled *The Judge* and *The Judged* - were removed from the external wall of the old Supreme Court and now hang on level four of the building.

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