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Community Recognition Statement

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HENRY CHAN OAM

Ms SONIA HORNERY (Wallsend) :

It is often a difficult decision to uproot your family and make a new life in a new country. That is what Henry Chan and his family did when they migrated to Newcastle from Hong Kong on 25 February 1985 and they have now been in Newcastle for 36 years.

Henry's brother-in-law was already settled in Australia and he and his wife decided that they wanted a more relaxed lifestyle for themselves and their two children.

Henry volunteered his service to the community and was the Chairman, Board of Management of the Northern Settlement Services (previously known as the Migrant Resource Centre of Newcastle and Hunter) from 1991 to 2012 for 22 years. He has been a Justice of the Peace since July 1991.

He was awarded the Centenary Medal in 2001 and was honoured by Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II, in 2009 with the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) for service to the community of Newcastle, particularly through support for migrants and refugees.

In his retirement, Henry likes to wine & dine and travel when possible.

Thank you, Henry, for your dedication to the migrant and refugee communities in Newcastle.