



PARLIAMENT OF NEW SOUTH WALES
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

FIRST SESSION OF THE FIFTY-SEVENTH PARLIAMENT

Community Recognition Statement

23 June 2021

PAULVIN MATHEW

Ms SONIA HORNERY (Wallsend) :

Soul Cafe was established in August 2003 to serve hot meals free of charge to the highly disadvantaged of the Newcastle region.

Soul Cafe provides hundreds of free sit down and take away meals each week. Many of Soul Cafe's guests are dealing with issues of homelessness, drug or alcohol addiction, crime or violence, poverty, separation, mental health or illness concerns and accommodation needs.

To help raise funds to support the homeless and vulnerable in our community, Paulvin Mathew and his wife, Merlyn George, took part in the Sleepout for Soul.

On a cold May night, Paulvin and Merlyn slept out in the Bolton Street Carpark with other leaders from the community.

As part of the Orica team, Paulvin and Merlyn managed to raise \$5,261.25 out of the team's total of \$6,352.60. A total of \$175,584.86 was raised from the 2021 Sleepout for Soul.

All of the money raised is used to provide meals, food care packages and other essential services for their guests.

Well done Paulvin, Merlyn and the Orica team for their efforts.