



PARLIAMENT OF NEW SOUTH WALES
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

FIRST SESSION OF THE FIFTY-SEVENTH PARLIAMENT

Community Recognition Statement

23 November 2021

NEWCASTLE NAVRATRI

Ms SONIA HORNERY (Wallsend) :

Navratri is a festival celebrated in the state of Gujarat. A dancing festival where all the community members gather for nine nights and celebrate the victory of good over evil. A festival dedicated to the worship of the Hindu deity Durga.

In Newcastle, Navratri is celebrated with a lot of fervour with the true spirit of festival, bringing the community together for a good cause.

Community events have been organised since 1998 and from 2012 charity events were organised and to date have raised \$34,582 for various charities, such as Variety, The Children's Charity, New Gokula Farm, Ronald McDonad House, Hunter Medical Research Institute, International FOXG1 Foundation and NSW Farmers Drought Appeal.

The 2021 Navratri event raised \$3,604 and the following donations will be made: \$1,651 to Ronald McDonald House; \$1,651 to New Gokula Farm; \$151 to Newcastle Vedic Samiti; and \$151 to Newcastle Gurudwara.

Thank you to the following volunteers who assisted in bringing this worthwhile event together - Neeti and Satish Pandya, Piyush and Kirti Jogia, Varun and Suvarna Agashe, Nanki Singh, Ravi Singh, Chirag and Sejal Modi, Monil Pandya, Neelam Bhala and Vaishnavi Venkateswaran.