

PARLIAMENT OF NEW SOUTH WALES LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

FIRST SESSION OF THE FIFTY-SEVENTH PARLIAMENT

Community Recognition Statement

23 September 2020

CHAD DUNN — DONATE A TENT

Ms SONIA HORNERY (Wallsend):

Homelessness is an issue right across the Wallsend electorate and local Real Estate Agent Chad Dunn wants it to be front of mind for everyone.

Chad, who is part of the Mulligan Property Group at Wallsend, recently started the Tents for Homelessness drive. The initiative recognises the rise in homelessness rates across the Hunter and the large amount of rough sleepers.

Chad asked people to check their garage and sheds for that old tent or sleeping bag that is no longer used and donate it to help local homeless people. The tents will provide a shelter for some until a secure, long-term, safe accommodation option can be arranged.

Mulligan Property Group became a local drop off point for everyone who donated a tent and sleeping bag.

The motivation by Chad to bring awareness to this issue is commendable. It's such a growing problem and finding suitable housing is a significant part of the solution.

Thank you to everyone who donated more than 50 tents and sleeping bags. They are being distributed to those in need by the Salvation Army.

Thank you Chad for your passion and care for our community.