



PARLIAMENT OF NEW SOUTH WALES
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

FIRST SESSION OF THE FIFTY-SEVENTH PARLIAMENT

Community Recognition Statement

3 June 2020

DARA SOCCER BOOT COLLECTION

Ms SONIA HORNERY (Wallsend) :

This year, the Development and Relief Agency's Refugee Hub contacted my office and made an appeal for pre-loved soccer boots.

In response to this appeal, the Wallsend Electorate turned out in droves—an incredible 83 pairs of soccer boots were donated, along with 19 sets of soccer accessories, to help the DARA's soccer-based projects.

Many young refugees have come from places where football is a way of life, and DARA has identified football as an excellent way to help children from refugee backgrounds get involved in sport, create new friendships and engage community spirit. I was very happy to be a collection point.

I would like to thank Cath McCarthy and John Sandy from DARA, who helped organise the appeal, and the many members of the Football Family from across the Wallsend Electorate who donated for the appeal.