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Community Recognition Statement

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TERRACE NOVOCASTRIA TEDDY BEAR TOSS

Ms SONIA HORNERY (Wallsend) :

Congratulations to Terrace Novocastria for organising the "Teddy Bear Toss" before the Newcastle Jets vs Melbourne City game on 15 December 2019.

It was organised in just five days, inspired by a similar event held in the Netherlands by Feyenoord Football Club. Terrace Novocastria thought that if it could work in Rotterdam, why not in Newcastle?

The Jets got involved, and before long even Santa was in on it, doing a fly-by in the Westpac Rescue Helicopter.

More than 1200 teddy bears and other stuffed toys were donated and were tossed onto the field before the game. The toys were collected and then distributed to local hospitals and charities to help out ahead of Christmas, including Nova for Women and Children Refuge, Hunter White Ribbon Committee, Zara's House, Ronald McDonald House and John Hunter Children's Hospital.

After such a difficult year for so many, it was great to see.

My congratulations and thanks to Alex Evans, Paul Turner, Adam Martin, Matt Vandenberg, Andy Haydon, Hayden Brien, Lawrie McKinna, Joel Griffiths, Mark Scoles and Jackson Fulmer for organising the wonderful event.

And thanks also to Westpac Rescue Helicopter CEO Richard Jones.