



PARLIAMENT OF NEW SOUTH WALES
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

FIRST SESSION OF THE FIFTY-SEVENTH PARLIAMENT

Community Recognition Statement

11 November 2020

NEWCASTLE CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY

Ms SONIA HORNER (Wallsend) :

In early October, Cafe Tempest owners Julie and Rhys Walter, arrived at work to discover that the planter box located outside their business on Nelson Street in Wallsend had been the victim of a long weekend raid. The plants they had lovingly taken care of had been stolen, along with all the soil in the large planter box.

After posting about the incident on my social media channels, the Newcastle Cactus and Succulent Society decided they would do something nice for the local community and refurbish the planter box.

On Saturday, 10 October, the group, consisting of President Danella Cole, Sharon Barker, Kasey Cole, Ann Frost and Sharon Ratjens, gathered outside of the café and proceeded to fill the planter box with established succulents.

The society has not had many meetings due to COVID-19 restrictions and this was an opportunity for them to catch up.

Thank you to the members of the Newcastle Cactus and Succulent Society for showing such great community spirit and for making the planter box the best looking in Nelson Street.