



PARLIAMENT OF NEW SOUTH WALES
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

FIRST SESSION OF THE FIFTY-SEVENTH PARLIAMENT

Community Recognition Statement

2 June 2020

NEWCASTLE HUNTERS

Ms SONIA HORNER (Wallsend) :

The Newcastle Hunters put together 50 grocery kits to support people who are struggling during the COVID-19 lockdowns.

The Hunters represents people from the Malayalee group who originate in the Indian state of Kerala. With more than 500 active members, 80% of whom work in the health sector, and has successfully organised major sporting events, and quickly understood the impact that COVID-19 could have on the public. They initially wanted to support international university students who were financially struggling, but then came across local residents facing hardship due to lockdown restrictions.

Club representatives contacted my office, and we joined forces to help distribute grocery kits to the community. The club also recently raised about \$5,000 for bushfire relief, which was donated to Red Cross Australia.

My thanks to Juby Jacob, who helped coordinate with my office, and to all the members of the Newcastle Hunters for demonstrating the community spirit of the Wallsend Electorate.

Sharing is caring, and the Newcastle Hunters deserve a huge thanks for the very kind gesture they have made.