



PARLIAMENT OF NEW SOUTH WALES  
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

**FIRST SESSION OF THE FIFTY-SEVENTH PARLIAMENT**

**Community Recognition Statement**

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**JIE TANG**

**Ms SONIA HORNER ( Wallsend ) :**

For many people, COVID-19 put a complete halt on their life in the community. Not so for TAFE NSW student Jie Tang, who spent the pandemic supporting his Chinese neighbours and friends.

Concern about older people with Chinese backgrounds is what sparked Jie's altruistic efforts. Mixed messages from the Chinese government about going out and the impacts of COVID, as well as a fear of being blamed for the virus due to their nationality, led to considerable concern within the community.

Jie's efforts included collecting groceries for his community members and providing clarification on the restrictions and rules around the virus, all while studying a Certificate IV in Community Services at Glendale TAFE.

More recently, he approached the Hunter Multicultural Communities at Waratah to help open a Chinese community garden. The project has been a great success – community members have started going outside again and interacting socially, while providing for the community. People come together to plant herbs and vegetables, and to share recipes.

I would like to thank Jie for his efforts during a very difficult time for many communities. Well done!