



PARLIAMENT OF NEW SOUTH WALES  
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

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

**Community Recognition Statement**

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**AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS LAMBTON**

**Ms SONIA HORNERY ( Wallsend ) :**

Since 1990, the Red Cross Trauma Teddies have been a source of comfort and security for millions of Australian kids in crisis.

Each colourful teddy is hand-knitted by a volunteer.

The ladies from Australian Red Cross Lambton are a part of 75 nationwide groups who sew and distribute more than 50,000 each year.

The twelve ladies, all in their 70s and 80s, deliver the 32cm tall stuffed friends to emergency services as well as hospitals and medical practices all over Newcastle and even as far as Singleton and Nelson Bay.

Unfortunately, without more volunteers, the Lambton branch say that they might have to hang up their knitting needles, and have put the call out to attract more members.

In addition to the teddies, the team began producing twiddle muffs last year for patients with dementia.

The team is planning to host knitting lessons for all ages each Monday, beginning next month.

I would like to thank Dianne Hellyer, Hunter Co-ordinator of Trauma Teddies, and the rest of her team, for the outstanding effort they put in for this great cause.