



PARLIAMENT OF NEW SOUTH WALES
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

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Community Recognition Statement

15 September 2020

DARWICH SIDO

Ms SONIA HORNER (Wallsend) :

Darwich Sido began his apprenticeship as a tailor at the age of 12 and went on to operate his father's clothing alterations business and eventually employ more than 20 people.

Darwich was happy and successful until the savagery of war destroyed his business and his home. In 2012 Darwich fled Syria with his wife and three children after the civil war engulfed their home city of Afrin.

Darwich and his family finally settled in Newcastle. He initially struggled to find work but eventually landed a job with Rundle Tailoring. In early 2019, with support from the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle Development and Relief Agency (DARA) Refugee Hub, Newcastle City Council, and Thrive Refugee Enterprises, a not-for-profit organisation that provides business support to refugees, Darwich opened Sido Tailor at Jesmond Central Village.

His business was an instant success and now Darwich has decided to give back to the local community by making masks to help during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Darwich and his business having been making and selling masks to the community at cost price to assist in the prevention of COVID-19.

Thank you Darwich for helping to keep our community safe.