



PARLIAMENT OF NEW SOUTH WALES
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

FIRST SESSION OF THE FIFTY-SEVENTH PARLIAMENT

Community Recognition Statement

20 October 2021

NEWCASTLE BEACON

Ms SONIA HORNERY (Wallsend) :

The Newcastle Beacon is a group of dedicated staff and highly trained volunteers committed to taking care of frontline workers who serve, or have served, our community.

They are working together to enhance the physical, mental and social well-being of those who serve, or have served, in the Australian Defence Force, Emergency Services, Corrective Services and their families.

The Newcastle Beacon believe in giving back to those in crisis with the same dedication and commitment they have shown the community every day at work.

Despite the COVID-19 lockdowns, the group has continued to give back to the community.

So far in 2021, the group have notched up some impressive statistics, with more than 240 food hampers delivered, 492 frozen meals delivered, 231 people visited the drop-in centre, 1086 peer support hours volunteered and 690 social worker hours volunteered for crisis support.

Congratulations to Chair Elaine Abery, Secretary Morgan Cherry, Treasurer Aman Sidhu, Directors Wendy Waldron, Chadi Khalifeh, Graeme Silver, Megan Archer, Shane Harris, Allan Crumpton, Jennifer Birks, Hayley Sutton and all the dedicated staff of the Newcastle Beacon for your continued hard work for the community.