



PARLIAMENT OF NEW SOUTH WALES
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

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Community Recognition Statement

22 June 2021

MINMI HOTEL

Ms SONIA HORNERY (Wallsend) :

The fires that devastated New South Wales in 2019 and 2020 were nothing short of catastrophic.

Lives were lost, homes were destroyed and there was untold damage to our natural environment.

The Minmi community knows firsthand the impact that fires can have on a local area.

Like most small communities, the local pub is the heart of the town. On Australia Day 2020, Kelly Fitzsimmons, publican of the Minmi Hotel, held a bushfire appeal.

Staff walked around with donation tins and the Hotel donated a portion of the money from the sale of various items on the day, such as roast rolls and Australia day themed desserts and gold coin donations from the Courtesy Bus.

Due to the generosity of patrons on the day and the Hotel, together they raised \$1,000. That \$1,000 was recently donated to Minmi Fire and Rescue NSW to assist in the purchase of specialised smoke alarms for residents who are deaf or hard of hearing.

Thank you to Kelly, the Minmi Hotel and the Minmi community for their generous donations and continued support for the local fire brigade.