



PARLIAMENT OF NEW SOUTH WALES  
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

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

**Community Recognition Statement**

30 July 2020

**HOPE STREET WALLSEND**

**Ms SONIA HORNER ( Wallsend ) :**

Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, the core aim of Hope Street at Wallsend was around providing social inclusion to the community. They did this by providing large scale community meals each week. When the COVID-19 pandemic hit, Hope Street had to adapt to the new measures whilst still providing emergency assistance to those in need.

Thankfully the centre was able to stay open and provide services such as hot takeaway meals, frozen meals, access to the foodbank store, free fruit, vegetables and bread, essential food hampers including a new option of home delivery, case work, chaplaincy and domestic and family violence support.

On average they have provided around 120 to 150 hampers per week and around 200 to 250 hot meals per week.

They have a great team of staff and volunteers who have stayed on in order to support our local community.

Thank you to Craig Budden and all his wonderful staff and volunteers. Baptist Care Hope Street have remained committed to staying open and providing the much needed support and care for the wider community.

We thank them for that.