

Matt Kean MP **Member for Hornsby**



Letter of Support - Hornsby Connect

I write in support of this charitable organisation and the help they offer to those in our community who have fallen on hard times.

Hornsby Connect provides a safe place to receive help and support. With both workshops and help with goods and services this organisation is vital for those struggling to make ends meet in our community.

Every week a group of dedicated volunteers from Hornsby Connect run a shop to buy groceries for just \$15. Sourcing food from other charitable organisations they are able to provide single mums, pensioners and the homeless with essentials they normally could not afford. This initiative is a perfect example of why this organisation is so important in our community.

It is easy to withdraw from friends and family when you fall on hard times. Hornsby Connect will help you build the pieces of those friendships again. Hornsby Connect provide assistance with counselling programs and relationship building workshops. Along with the shop Hornsby Connect also provides a café with free tea, coffee and snacks. This is a safe and friendly place where everyone is welcome. This allows visitors to make new friendships and connections within the community.

There are many residents in the Hornsby area who have recently moved to Australia. Coming from a non-English speaking country to live in Australia can be difficult for many. Hornsby Connect helps offer language services for those from a non-English speaking background. Ensuring they become active members in our community.

Hornsby Connect should be supported in their efforts to help those in our community who need it most. I am delighted to lend my support to such a worthwhile cause.

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