

22 August 2016

Australian Charity and Not for Profit Commission
GOP Box 5108
MELBOURNE VIC 3001

Letter of Support – Charity Status

I write in support of the application lodged by Hornsby Connect to register as a charitably entity.

Hornsby Connect is a social enterprise that seeks to provide services to the Hornsby Shire residents who are “doing it tough”. It will assist people who:


- a) Have financial difficulties such as the unemployed, low income earners and those who are homeless.
- b) Are socially isolated such as people who are from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds that have limited or no knowledge of the English language, people with no family support, people with a disability, single parents and older people living in housing estates.

The services Hornsby Connect intend to offer include:

- A low-cost Food Distribution Centre for people that are experiencing financial difficulties.
- Social support via a cafe style environment at the Food Distribution Centre.
- Community based programs such as English classes for non-speaking migrants, man and women’s groups as well as youth groups
- Social services such as counselling, mentoring, relationship workshops, drug and alcohol addiction support, suicide and awareness support, financial awareness and budgeting as well as mental health first aid.

If you have any enquiries regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact the writer on phone: 9847 6800 or via email djohnston@hornsby.nsw.gov.au.

Yours faithfully



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