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NorthConnex partners with Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Women’s Shelter to support women in crisis

NorthConnex has donated $2920 to Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Women’s Shelter (HKWS), which provides essential temporary accommodation for women in times of crisis.

NorthConnex contractor Lendlease Bouygues Joint Venture Project Director Tim Orpen said the project raised the funds by committing to donate $5 to the Women’s Shelter for every survey completed about the project's community engagement.

"With about 24,000 residents along the project alignment, the project is committed to being a good neighbour and keeping the community informed about construction activities," Mr Orpen said.

"It is important we regularly ask for feedback from our neighbours, including whether residents feel they have easy access to information so we can continually improve our services.

"Recently, we launched a survey seeking feedback on our activities and for every completed survey we received, the project donated $5 to the Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Women's Shelter.

"The Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Women’s Shelter was chosen as our charity partner for this initiative because they provide safe accommodation for women who may be experiencing homelessness or domestic violence.

"I’d like to thank the 584 people for providing their support to the shelter and for their positive feedback on our community engagement."

The HKWS is community funded and run, with close to half a million dollars needed each year to keep its doors open.

The shelter has around the clock caseworkers, food and accommodation plus a team of volunteers working tirelessly to provide everything else needed to keep the shelter running.

"After staying with us, 85 per cent of our clients are able to turn their lives around but it's heartbreaking we need to turn away on average five women a week due to our limited resources," said Sallianne McClelland, HKWS President.

"By supporting this great initiative by NorthConnex, our community can help keep our shelter open."
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