



The Wahroonga Rotary Club joins forces with Community groups to provide **WELCOME PACKS** for 200 Refugee families due to arrive into NSW in early 2016



A Community Appeal was launched by **Ku-ring-gai Mayor Cheryl Szatow** recently to join an initiative to provide **Welcome Packs** for incoming Refugees to NSW.

The Mayor commented: *"It is anticipated that NSW will be receiving around 6,000 refugees who will be settled initially in areas with existing community supports and services. Ku-ring-gai Council would like to extend a welcoming gesture that aids parents and children to start rebuilding their lives. As a community, Ku-ring-gai has a tradition of compassionate care towards those less fortunate, and I feel sure that we can come together to support those refugees who will need our assistance in making Australia their new home"*

The Ku-ring-gai Council, in partnership with the Wahroonga Rotary Club, Lifeline Harbour to Hawkesbury, KYDS Youth Development Service and the Community Migrant Resource Centre (CMRC) will coordinate a community effort to assemble and distribute **Welcome Packs** to incoming families. It is anticipated that the majority of refugees arriving will be women with young families and unaccompanied minors. The **Welcome Packs** will include priority items such as children's toys, games and books, soaps and shampoo, school items and nappies in various sizes.

We are seeking the support of schools, churches, sports clubs, community organisations and local businesses to assist in rallying the community and encouraging them to donate new **"Goods in Kind"** and **Cash donations** via the link below to support the project.

A RAWCS Benevolent Fund Project #26 has been established to receive funding for this purpose.

We welcome your participation and would invite other **Rotary Clubs** and **Community Organisations** to join this **Community Project**.

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