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Mayoral Message

Dear Residents



It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas in Canterbury-Bankstown!

If the Christmas trees going up around our City, and the carols echoing at the local shops haven't already got you excited, then this sure will... there's less than 30 sleeps before the big guy in the red suit makes his rounds.

But with this Christmas joy also comes the stark reality that there are thousands of children who will go without receiving a new toy this year. There are families in our City who are doing it tough, and simply cannot afford to give presents or splash out on a feast.

Families in our City are amongst the poorest when it comes to the median household income, with very little savings and most, if not all, of their money going towards rent, rising bills and the basics.

And with the ever-increasing cost of living, it's becoming difficult for some families to afford to put presents under the tree.

Christmas time shouldn't be spent sweating about making sure there's enough cash in the wallet, or comparing ourselves to other families thinking 'I wish that could be us'.

That's why at last night's Council Meeting, we decided to spread some Christmas cheer to as many struggling families as possible.

Council is establishing the annual Mayor's Christmas Toy and Hamper Drive – following the success of our recent Anti-Poverty Week Donation Drive. We will be supporting local charitable and not-for-profit organisations and the Canterbury-Bankstown Chamber of Commerce to collect donations from members of the community and deliver them to needy children and families in our City.

I'll be making my own donations, and wearing a Christmas hat and helping with deliveries, so I encourage you all to get involved and check Council's website to learn where you can make your donations.

Let's all do our bit to make this Christmas special for everyone.

Yours sincerely,



Cllr Khal Asfour
MAYOR