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District 21 – Central Coast

All Hands to the Biker's Hand



The **Central Coast Bulldogs** and **Freemasons on the Central Coast** joined forces to assist locals in need. As winter was approaching, preparations were underway to handle the increased demand for support services of all kinds.

Since 2015, the **Biker's Hand** has made it their mission to work with local charities that help the homeless and individuals in need. Opened late last year, the Central Coast branch of the Biker's Hand currently provides support to over 40 agencies ranging from San Remo Neighbourhood Centre to Mary Macs at Woy Woy.

Central Coast Bulldogs President, Paul Pafumi reached out to the Biker's Hand to get a list of needs including clothing and food and hygiene items. Then together with Freemasons on the Central Coast, we gathered and purchased over \$2,000 worth of items that would help local charities though the toughest time of the year.

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Promoting Freemasonry on the Central Coast through community action, charitable relief and the advancement of education.



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Members of Freemasons on the Central Coast and the Central Coast Bulldogs presented their contribution to the Biker's Hand at an event held at Budgewoi Soccer Club.

After a chance to socialise, Troy McLister and Freemasons on the Central Coast representative Leigh Pollard opened proceedings with a few words about the importance of local organisations supporting local charities and the good work carried out by the Biker's Hand. Leigh expressed that they hoped that their contribution, while small in comparison to the needs of the community, would help make an appreciable difference.

CEO of the Biker's Hand, Tony Davis thanked Freemasons on the Central Coast and the Central Coast Bulldogs for their generosity and described the considerable needs of destitute persons on the Central Coast as expressed to him in his interaction with many of the charities they support.

These services have differing demands from food and clothing to assistance applying for social services like housing and debt reduction. The demand for assistance, especially during the winter months, was great and the recipients were pleased to receive a 'hand up' not a 'hand out'.

Freemasons on the Central Coast looks forward to working with the Bikers Hand again in the future should they need our assistance.

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