



PARLIAMENT OF NEW SOUTH WALES  
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

**FIRST SESSION OF THE FIFTY-SIXTH PARLIAMENT**

**Community Recognition Statements**

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14 March 2018

**HUNTER WETLANDS CENTRE WORLD WETLANDS DAY 2018**

**Ms SONIA HORNERY ( Wallsend ) ( 13:17 ):**

Wallsend residents and visitors enjoyed the opportunity to attend an event celebrating 2018 World Wetlands Day, hosted in Shortland at our wonderful Hunter Wetlands Centre. Free trips and seminars were popular activities. Professor Tim Roberts summarised the day well, stating that visitors could see firsthand the ongoing transformation of marginal farmland and freshwater wetlands into mangrove and saltmarsh, now that the tidal flow has been restored.

I thank the former Hunter Wetlands chief executive officer Stuart Blanch for organising the very successful event and I wish him all the best in the future.

Our wetlands volunteers also deserve great praise. I thank them.