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Community Recognition Statement

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MELANIE HOWARD

Ms SONIA HORNERY (Wallsend) :

Wallsend has had its fair share of sporting champions, and now we have our very own NRL Women's superstar.

Melanie Howard, or Howie as she is known to friends, pulled on the boots again this year, this time for the Sydney Roosters NRL Women's team.

Melanie was part of the Central Coast Roosters team in the NSW Women's Premiership. The team took out the Minor Premiership and went on to win the Grand Final 16-10 over the North Sydney Bears.

This was back to back Premierships for Melanie who also won in 2019 with the CRL Newcastle team. Following that success, Melanie then went on to steer the Sydney Roosters NRL Women's team in to the NRLW Grand Final where, despite scoring a superb solo try, they went down to the Brisbane Bronco's 24-16.

Melanie topped off a successful 2020 by having a burger, The Big Malonie, named in her honour by local café, Drop In Espresso Bar.

She also gained selection in the NSW Women's State of Origin side.

Congratulations Melanie.

Good luck in the upcoming State of Origin series. I know you will continue to do us proud.