



PARLIAMENT OF NEW SOUTH WALES  
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

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

**Community Recognition Statement**

13 October 2020

**DR MATTHEW DUN**

**Ms SONIA HORNER ( Wallsend ) :**

There aren't many things that are more devastating than childhood cancer. Dr Matthew Dun has a personal dedication when it comes to his research on cancers with poor outcomes.

His daughter Josephine was diagnosed with the rare brain cancer 'diffuse intrinsic pontine glioma' when she was two, and passed away last year aged four. As a result of Josephine's diagnosis, Matthew and his family created the charity 'Run DIPG' to raise funds for research into treatments and to raise awareness of the rare cancer.

This year, Matthew was recognised for his dedication and contribution as a researcher at the University of Newcastle and the Hunter Medical Research Institute, by being awarded the Young Tall Poppy Science Award. The Young Tall Poppy Science Award's was created by the Australian Institute of Policy and Science to recognise and celebrate Australian intellectual and scientific excellence.

Matthew humbly accepted the award, but acknowledged the work of his entire team, and how the award would assist in highlighting cancers that are poorly funded and are not very well known.

Thank you Matthew, for your hard work, your research and your research and your charity work. You are making a positive difference.