



PARLIAMENT OF NEW SOUTH WALES  
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

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

**Community Recognition Statement**

13 October 2020

**RANKIN PARK LANDCARE**

**Ms SONIA HORNER ( Wallsend ) :**

Twenty-five years ago, Blue Wren Creek, which runs through Rankin Park, had very few trees, trampled vegetation and hardly any wildlife. Several volunteers came together to form Central Rankin Park Landcare, with the goal of rehabilitating the bushland and creek.

It has taken a quarter of a century for Central Rankin Park Landcare to restore and build up the area to what it is today. The area is now thriving, with the creek protected by fencing, plenty of shrubs and habitats for birds and wildlife.

The group has planted around 12,500 native grasses, shrubs and trees to form a lush, structured canopy for the local animals to live. Recently the group installed 26 nesting boxes to attract birds and flying foxes that frequent the area. One box is already occupied by some rosellas.

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