

PARLIAMENT OF NEW SOUTH WALES LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

FIRST SESSION OF THE FIFTY-SEVENTH PARLIAMENT

Community Recognition Statement

13 October 2021

STATE OF ORIGIN TOUCH REPRESENTATIVES

Ms SONIA HORNERY (Wallsend):

It doesn't matter what level of football you play, there is nothing better than taking on the Maroons in a State Of Origin battle.

COVID-19 had a huge impact on our sport last year and the 2020 Touch Football Australia State of Origin series was postponed.

But in June this year, teams from NSW and Queensland took to the fields in Coffs Harbour, across a number of age divisions, in the battle of mate against mate, state against state.

Here in the Hunter we are very lucky to have so many talented players representing us.

Congratulations to Club President Natalie Little, who was Assistant Coach for the Ladies 40s team. Congratulations also go to Zoe Parish, Kelly Nicholas, Amanda Hollis, Nicole Grose, Michelle Botham and Kellie-Jean Johnston, who were all representatives in the NSW Ladies 40s team. Congratulations to Heemi McGarvey and Geoff Power, who were players in the Mens 60s team and to Joseph Caruso, who was the Manager of the NSW Mens 20s side.

NSW were able to win the series against Queensland 9-6 and retain the Origin shield.