

PARLIAMENT OF NEW SOUTH WALES LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

FIRST SESSION OF THE FIFTY-SEVENTH PARLIAMENT

Community Recognition Statement

15 September 2020

TODD BLACKWELL

Ms SONIA HORNERY (Wallsend):

Newcastle has its fair share of fanatical football fans but there is no bigger fan than Todd Blackwell. Todd is arguably the Jets most ardent fan, a long-term member whose life is largely built around the club.

He suffered a serious workplace accident and was forced to medically retire in 2004. Since then Todd has followed the Jets around Australia and missed just two home games since 2009.

You will find Todd at most Jets training sessions, every home game or running his supporter page "A Nobody from Newy". Todd has a long history with football.

His children both got into the game when the World Cup qualifiers were on in 2005. His whole family remain passionate supporters of the Jets and attend all home games.

A keen photographer, Todd has built a cult following on social media through his love of football, the Jets and his sheer positivity. He is also a passionate supporter of community football.

You will also see him at local NPL matches or other community football games taking photos for clubs and for his facebook page.

Thank you Todd for all you do to support football in our community.