



PARLIAMENT OF NEW SOUTH WALES  
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

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

**Community Recognition Statement**

16 March 2021

**WALLSEND WOMAN OF THE YEAR**

**Ms SONIA HORNERY ( Wallsend ) :**

It was my pleasure to award Suzie Ninevski as the 2021 Wallsend Woman of the Year.

When the COVID-19 pandemic first hit, businesses started to close and job losses began to hit home. Suzie contacted me to offer help in any way she could, despite her own business facing trying times as a result of the lockdown.

Suzie not only offered free financial and career advice to people impacted by COVID-related shutdowns, she also provided \$1000 worth of vouchers to be distributed to those in need as the lockdown progressed.

This was such a wonderful show of community spirit and as a result, Suzie was recognised by the Recruitment, Consulting and Staffing Association, as the Australian & New Zealand COVID-19 Hero.

The award celebrates human endeavour, leadership and resilience in the face of an unprecedented challenge. Suzie is one of the people who has stood up and shone when it was needed.

Suzie was also a National Finalist in the RCSA Rising Star 2020 Award category.

Congratulations Suzie on adding the Wallsend Woman of the Year to your long list of achievements. I can think of no one more deserving of this award.