



PARLIAMENT OF NEW SOUTH WALES
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

FIRST SESSION OF THE FIFTY-SEVENTH PARLIAMENT

Community Recognition Statements

16 October 2019

MAMA PAL

Ms SONIA HORNERY (Wallsend) :

Sophal Sou, known to many as "Mama Pal", has worked at the Jesmond Early Education Centre for 34 years. She immigrated to Australia almost 40 years ago.

When the Centre first opened, Sophal was a warm friendly face, who gave her whole heart to the children she cared for. To this day, nothing has changed.

She has been there, happy and smiling as children are dropped off, knowing that when you leave, they children will be loved, safe and learning everything they need to with Sophal.

Her relationships transcends generations, caring for over three generations of children in her time at the Centre.

Children gravitate towards Mama Pal, who isn't afraid to be a little silly. She has the best songs and has the most enviable playdough recipe ever.

All the educators at Jesmond Early Education Centre have learnt from one of the best. Her work ethic and can do attitude is one of the reasons she has been so successful in childcare.

The legacy Mama Pal leaves behind will be cherished forever.

Enjoy your retirement and well done on an amazing career.