



PARLIAMENT OF NEW SOUTH WALES  
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

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

**Community Recognition Statements**

---

2 August 2017

**TRIBUTE TO LES JAMES MURRAY, AM**

**Ms SONIA HORNERY ( Wallsend ) ( 13:17 ):**

I have great affection for football, growing up watching my family and friends play the world game for the West Wallsend Bluebells.

Today I acknowledge the passing of our friend Les James Murray, AM.

Les arrived on our shores as an 11-year-old refugee unable to speak English, a man who forever changed this country for the better.

This week he left us forever, but not before he taught Australia the international language of football. For more than 30 years, this impeccably dressed man with a velvet voice graced our television screens.

He embodied a love of football and that is why they he deserves the title of Mr Football.

It will be hard to imagine football without Les.

He is a legend.