

PARLIAMENT OF NEW SOUTH WALES LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

## FIRST SESSION OF THE FIFTY-SEVENTH PARLIAMENT

## **Community Recognition Statement**

21 October 2021

## PAPA AL'S BAKEHOUSE

## Ms SONIA HORNERY (Wallsend):

In April, Papa Al's Bakehouse at Mayfield was named The Daily Telegraph's best bakery in the Hunter for 2021.

Owner Julianna Luxton bought the bakery seven years ago and although she grew up in her family business running cafes and large catering events, she knew nothing about baking,

Julianna and her son, Cameron, both attended TAFE in Newcastle where they learnt about baking.

The family owned business has always been popular with locals, but when the COVID-19 pandemic hit and trade slowed, they decided to diversify.

The business was originally a wholesale bakery and when COVID hit they lost most of their clients.

Due to the large amount of stock they held, such as flour, sugar, fats, yeast and oils, they started offloading it at wholesale prices to the public.

There was also demand among the public for their baked goods, so using her knowledge from her wholesale background, Julianna took on home deliveries, which now takes in areas down to Swansea, Morisset, up to Cessnock, Maitland, Raymond Terrace and Medowie.

Congratulations to all involved with Papa Al's Bakehouse being named the best bakery in the Hunter for 2021.