



PARLIAMENT OF NEW SOUTH WALES
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

FIRST SESSION OF THE FIFTY-SEVENTH PARLIAMENT

Community Recognition Statement

21 October 2021

THE BIG THREE – 150KM TREK

Ms SONIA HORNERY (Wallsend) :

When Luke Alexander decides to get involved in a fundraiser, he goes big. In 2019 he walked from Newcastle to the Central Coast to raise money for his mate, Ash Tresseder.

This year, Luke, Ethan Coker and Nathan Hill decided to do a fundraiser for the Mark Hughes Foundation to raise awareness of brain cancer.

Their challenge - a 150km, 3 day walk from Sydney to Newcastle, arriving for the NRL Beanie for Brain Cancer Round 15 match at McDonald Jones Stadium.

They initially set a \$60,000 target but smashed that, raising more than \$106,000.

Thank you to these amazing people who trekked the 150km and helped fundraise to achieve this goal.

Well done to Luke Alexander, Ethan Coker, Duncan Sandie, Ben Merriman, Ryan Gallagher, Stu Laundry, Chris Lawrence, Jay Lenton, Daniel Hughes, Daniel Smith, Akuila Uate, Sharn Coombes, Aaron Gorrell, Rhali Dobson, Robyn Gilmour-Norris, Kellie Collins, Sharni Cooper, Alex Cooper, Matt Skelton, Adrian Duncan, Billy Peden, Todd Lowrie, Nathan Hill, Donna Dobson, Brent Collins, Ben Giggins, Pat Matautia, Mark Hughes and Ryley McKay who all took part in some or all of the walk.