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Community Recognition Statement

22 March 2022

**2022 WALLSEND LOCAL WOMAN OF THE YEAR -
PROFESSOR FRANCES KAY-LAMBKIN**

Ms SONIA HORNERY (Wallsend) :

The 2022 Wallsend Local Woman of the Year is Professor Frances Kay-Lambkin.

Frances was nominated for her 20 year research career looking at improving outcomes for people living with mental illness and their families and her role as President of the Society for Mental Health Research, Australia's peak mental health research society.

Frances is also an advocate for mental health researchers and was instrumental in bringing leaders in the field together to lobby the Federal Government for a more equitable distribution of research funding to mental health.

In 2019 Frances took on a leadership role at University of Newcastle, as Acting Pro Vice-Chancellor (Research and Innovation).

For the last two years, in addition to her other responsibilities, Frances also worked as the University's COVID lead. This involved working around the clock to ensure the safety of staff and students during a time of great uncertainty.

In her spare time she also coaches netball and supports local schools. Congratulations to Frances on adding the Wallsend Local Woman of the Year to your long list of achievements.

I can think of no one more deserving of this award.