

# PARLIAMENT OF NEW SOUTH WALES LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

#### FIRST SESSION OF THE FIFTY-SEVENTH PARLIAMENT

### **Community Recognition Statement**

23 November 2021

## **GRAHAM BATTEN**

## Ms SONIA HORNERY (Wallsend):

The Newcastle Permanent Charitable Foundation was created in 2003, with the aim of providing funding to eligible not-for profit organisations and community groups.

The Executive Officer of the Newcastle Permanent Charitable Foundation, Graham Batten, has announced he is resigning from the position in December, after 5 years of successfully leading the Foundation.

Graham's achievements with the Newcastle Permanent Charitable Foundation have included the oversight and approval of 153 projects, funding their 500th community grant; an amazing milestone, evolving the Foundation's strategic plan and mission, delivering an enhanced grant making model, and progressing the Foundation's investment strategy to ensure its continued support and impact across our communities.

Graham has been a part of the review and refining of the Foundations' core values, ensuring they continue to create community partnerships that make the greatest impacts.

This includes funding projects that directly benefit those most in need in the community, focusing on improving health outcomes, lives of young people and social wellbeing.

Thank you, Graham, for your efforts and support to our local communities. I wish you all the best with your future endeavours.