

# PARLIAMENT OF NEW SOUTH WALES LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

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

### **Community Recognition Statement**

24 February 2022

## **ALACRITY HEALTH - HAYDEN HEATHRINGTON**

## Ms SONIA HORNERY (Wallsend):

Newcastle Jets fans will never forgive the Melbourne Victory after their controversial win in the 2018 A-League Grand Final.

So at the end of the 2021 season, I took great delight in taunting the Melbourne Victory fans with special decorated wooden spoons when their side finished last in the league.

One loyal Victory fan, Hayden Heathrington, who is the Director of Alacrity Health, a mental health service based in Victoria, decided that a challenge was in order to settle the ongoing battle with the Victory and the Jets.

After a long distance discussion, it was decided that me the loser of the bet would donate \$200 to the charity of the winners choice, as well as wearing an opposition teams jersey to work for a day.

With battle lines drawn, the game was an epic battle, with the Newcastle Jets eventually victorious, despite attempts by the Victory to steal it away again.

Hayden, being a man of his word, immediately settled his debt and donated \$200 to Headspace Newcastle and donned a Newcastle Jets jersey to work for the day.

Thanks for the great banter, Hayden, I look forward to Round 2.