



PARLIAMENT OF NEW SOUTH WALES
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

FIRST SESSION OF THE FIFTY-SEVENTH PARLIAMENT

Community Recognition Statement

24 March 2021

RON "JACKO" JACKSON

Ms SONIA HORNERY (Wallsend) :

Only 0.01% of the Australian population will live to see the age of 100. Life expectancy for Australians over the last century has grown from 60 to now almost 83.

One local has recently exceeded that expectation and has become the latest member of the 100 club. Ron Jackson, Jacko to his friends, celebrated the milestone with a game of lawn bowls at his club, the Hamilton North Bowling Club.

Ron's secret to longevity is exercise. He still exercises every day and is a lover of baseball, cricket, tennis, golf and of course lawn bowls.

Ron was in the Australian military from August 1941 to March 1946, serving in World War II in the Middle East and Papua New Guinea.

He left school at age 14 and began work on the land in Griffith. He went on to work in Narromine from 1953 and stayed there until he retired in 1981.

When asked about what it felt like to reach 100, Ron said it didn't feel any different to when he turned 80.

Congratulations on reaching 100 Ron.

May your great sense of humour continue and may all your bowls be Jack High.