



PARLIAMENT OF NEW SOUTH WALES  
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

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

**Community Recognition Statement**

24 November 2021

**PAT SKIPPEN**

**Ms SONIA HORNERY ( Wallsend ) :**

In 2003, two mates met up for a quiet beer in Melbourne and the idea that sparked Movember was born.

The moustache had all but disappeared from fashion trends. Could they bring it back? They found 30 guys willing to take up the challenge.

Today, more than six million people have participated in Movember, raising money for suicide prevention and to tackle prostate and testicular cancers.

To participate in Movember, you can grow a Mo, Move for Movember by running or walking 60km over the month, host a Mo-ment, or Mo your own way by choosing how you want to raise funds.

Shortland local, Pat Skippen, is participating in his fifth Movember this year, with his first Movember being in 2015.

Pat has grown the traditional Mo each time he has participated, but he has also walked, ran and cycled to show his commitment to raising funds for this cause.

Pat's motivation has been fundraising to improve cancer awareness and research.

So far this year Pat has raised \$315, and has raised a total of \$1643 since 2015.

Thank you, Pat, for taking part in Movember and growing a Mo for this great cause.