



PARLIAMENT OF NEW SOUTH WALES  
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

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

**Community Recognition Statement**

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28 July 2020

**VALE BOB RYAN**

**Ms SONIA HORNER ( Wallsend ) :**

Wallsend recently lost a local legend.

Bob Ryan was part of the fabric of Wallsend Athletic Club. When he was not down at the Club's home at Federal Park in Wallsend, you would likely find him at the Hunter Sports Centre at Glendale during a track and field meet, at a competition in Sydney, or helping out at Little Athletics or school carnivals locally.

Bob first got involved with the Wallsend Athletics Club 40 years ago. He has been Secretary of the Club for most of that time. Throughout his time at the Club, Bob worked tirelessly to manage projects such as building a new grandstand, overseeing construction work on the amenities block and storeroom area.

He also coached young athletes in jumping events, and was a program and event organiser and an official at state and national meets, as well as international events such as the 2000 Olympics and Paralympics, and the Commonwealth Games. Bob also took local athletes on 10 overseas tours with the Club as a team manager.

He was a modest man, a marvel and the backbone of the Club. He will be sorely missed.

Vale Bob Ryan.