



PARLIAMENT OF NEW SOUTH WALES  
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

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

**Community Recognition Statement**

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29 July 2020

**ZARLI RIVERS**

**Ms SONIA HORNERY ( Wallsend ) :**

Earlier this year, Glendale East Public School students were tasked with a project entitled "All About Me".

Year 4 student Zarli Rivers was inspired to make a blanket after seeing a homeless person and her desire for them to be kept warm. The blanket has been made to include reference to things that are important to Zarli, such as dogs and dolphins to show her desire to be a vet; two rabbits which she has as pets; the world with two people holding hands representing her wish to make the world a better and happier place; an eye to represent how observant she is; purple butterflies signify her wish for joy and happiness; green turtles show her ability to overcome struggles and obstacles; an Aboriginal flag and a Scottish flag representing her ancestry.

Zarli was assisted by her sister Keeley, brother Emmett and mum Corinne. Zarli was joined by Senior Constable Maurice McSpadden from Newcastle Police Station to present the blanket to Karen from the Matthew Talbot Centre.

Well done Zarli.

What a wonderful gesture and a great example of pulling together to help those in our community who are in need.