



PARLIAMENT OF NEW SOUTH WALES  
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

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

**Community Recognition Statement**

30 March 2022

**CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY 2022**

**Ms SONIA HORNERY ( Wallsend ) :**

The very first Clean Up Australia Day was held in 1989. Now run annually, it inspires and empowers communities to clean up, fix up and conserve our environment.

Started by the late Ian Kiernan, who had a vision, a simple idea to make a difference in his own backyard, it has now become the nation's largest community-based environmental event.

Sunday, 6 March was Clean Up Australia Day 2022, and I was incredibly proud that many in the Wallsend electorate participated in cleaning up our local areas.

Throughout March, thousands of volunteers across NSW put on a pair of gloves and picked up the rubbish littering our local parks, bushland, creeks and streets.

Locally, a group of volunteers held their own Clean Up Australia Day event, focusing on Lambton Park and the playground area.

Thank you to Mark Brooker, Angela Smith, Richard Smith, Sharmaine Aguanta, Lachlan King and Kaleb Chambers for your efforts in cleaning up our local area and making a difference.