



PARLIAMENT OF NEW SOUTH WALES
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

FIRST SESSION OF THE FIFTY-SEVENTH PARLIAMENT

Community Recognition Statement

4 May 2021

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER MAX MITCHELL APM

Ms SONIA HORNERY (Wallsend) :

40 years serving your community is impressive by anyone's standards. Max Mitchell commenced his Policing career as a Probationary Constable at Chatswood in 1981.

In April, Assistant Commissioner Max Mitchell APM, finished his career as Northern Region Commander. Max had hoped to retire in 2020 but with the COVID-19 pandemic he decided to see the community through the tough times.

When appointed Northern Region Commander in 2017, he acknowledged he was back where he belongs – "Newcastle is home".

Max was the Newcastle Local Area Commander from 2008 until 2011 and also spent nine years as the first Commander of the newly-formed Police Transport Command.

In 2011 he headed up Strike Force Munro, which was the NSW Police response unit for the Christchurch earthquake in New Zealand.

He was awarded the Australian Police Medal in January 2008.

I understand that Max will be transitioning, in boardies, with his partner April and their pup Bailey to the travelling grey nomad community.

Congratulations on your retirement and thank you for 40 years' service to the NSW Police Force and the community.