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Community Recognition Statements

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NEW LAMBTON FOOTBALL CLUB 100 YEARS OF SUCCESS

Ms SONIA HORNER (Wallsend) (13: 17):

If people want to know how to grow a football club's junior base, they should ask the New Lambton Football Club. The club boasts the biggest junior participation in the whole of the Hunter. The club's Chairman, Clayton Harrison, said the club's success was due to a real focus on being part of the local community and striving to have more women playing the game. Last year 460 women played football at the club—a record that prompted case studies by the Football Federation Australia.

New Lambton is very popular, as evidenced by the entry of females in the lower grades as well. What fun it was to watch the Women's Premier League [WPL] under-14s last Sunday. I thank the WPL club's president, Joseph McCarthy, for his kind invitation. I have fond memories of watching the same team when they were young Budgies in 2012, wearing the pink socks that I donated. I wish New Lambton Football Club all the best, and I look forward to enjoying future WPL games.