



PARLIAMENT OF NEW SOUTH WALES
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

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Community Recognition Statements

23 October 2018

LAMBTON TIME CAPSULE

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

One hundred years ago, as the diggers were returning from the World War I battlefields of Europe and the Middle East, a team of dedicated women, which the Newcastle Morning Herald referred to as the "Lambton Welcome Home Committee", raised funds to celebrate and help the returned soldiers.

The ladies, led by Miss Mary Ott and Miss Vera Darling, whose descendants I had the pleasure of meeting on Saturday, buried a time capsule 100 years ago.

Local historian Robert Watson was instrumental in bringing the capsule up and gathering stories of the committee women and the many veterans they assisted.

On 20 October I joined Robert, many dignitaries and many citizens from Lambton as we buried a new time capsule—100 years after one of my predecessors as member for Wallsend John Estell helped bury the original capsule.

My gratitude goes to Robert for all his hard work and to the women of the Lambton Welcome Home Committee—their hard work is remembered and celebrated a century on.