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Community Recognition Statements

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GORGIA MALIUKAETAU 2018 STEVE HORNERY AWARD

Ms SONIA HORNERY (Wallsend) (13:16):

Last week I was honoured to attend an award ceremony at the Wagga Wagga TAFE campus where Gorgia Maliukaetau was the well-deserving recipient of the 2018 Steve Hornery Award.

Introduced in 2012, the Steve Hornery Award recognises excellence in skills and in representing what Steve believed in, that is, helping your mates, hard work, quiet achievements and strong leadership—attributes that rely on the foundation of public education, which my brother revered.

Gorgia recently won the gold award at the WorldSkills Australia beauty competition. Before he died, Steve was the manager of WorldSkills New South Wales region.

Thanks to her employer, Nicole, Gorgia was permitted and encouraged to train after hours at TAFE.

I thank also Lily Campbell, a former gold medallist, for the support and encouragement she has given to Gorgia.

I wish Gorgia all the best in her training so that she joins the Australian Skillaroos team to compete at the 2019 WorldSkills competition in Russia.