



PARLIAMENT OF NEW SOUTH WALES
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Community Recognition Statements

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**MINMI FIRE STATION FIRE FIGHTERS CLIMB FOR MOTOR
NEURONE DISEASE**

Ms SONIA HORNERY (Wallsend) :

On Saturday 9 November, more than 600 firefighters climbed the iconic Sydney Tower Eye in full structural firefighting ensemble to raise money and awareness for Motor Neurone Disease.

Our very own Minmi Fire and Rescue NSW Station took part and raised valuable funds for this important cause. The crew raced up all 1504 stairs, 98 floors, of the Sydney Tower Eye, each carrying an additional 20kg of gear. It was a gruelling challenge, however it is nothing in comparison to the challenge patients with MND face every day.

The crew dedicated floor 34 of the climb to Chris Fanning, a teacher who was diagnosed with MND in February 2018. As each one of the four passed the floor, they took a quiet moment to remember why they were doing the climb. Together the Minmi Fire and Rescue crew raised more than \$5300.

Congratulations and thank you to Andrew Paoletti, Mick Hodges, Lindsay Parker and Joel Fisher for taking part. Also a big thank you to everyone who donated to this wonderful cause.