



PARLIAMENT OF NEW SOUTH WALES
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

FIRST SESSION OF THE FIFTY-SEVENTH PARLIAMENT

Community Recognition Statement

5 August 2020

MEL AFRICA

Ms SONIA HORNERY (Wallsend) :

Football has a rich history in Wallsend, and Wallsend FC are the oldest club in Newcastle, being founded in 1887. They also have a long history of having wonderful volunteers.

Mel Africa is Wallsend FC's club secretary and has been an active volunteer at the club for a number of years. Mel has done a fantastic job taking over from the former administrators after the entire executive left and a new group of people were appointed, which was an extremely difficult task.

Mel has kept her stakeholders informed as to what is happening, particularly during the COVID-19 pandemic. She is full of great ideas, is approachable and happy to listen to feedback or ideas that are presented to her.

She takes on any role or job that needs doing and is flexible with an enthusiastic work ethic.

She gives maximum effort to her club and is a big part of the Red Devils family which includes her two children as players and her husband who is an amazing coach.

Well done Mel on being named the Northern NSW Football volunteer of the month.