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Community Recognition Statement

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PHIL MAHONEY

Ms SONIA HORNERY (Wallsend) :

Sometimes, it's said that in Newcastle we have both kinds of music—country and western.

One former resident of Lambton has had an outsize impact on country music in Newcastle, and he was recently recognised for that contribution.

Congratulations to Phil Mahoney, an entertainer, promoter, mentor to young artists and a long-time resident of Lambton, on receiving a lifetime achievement award for his services to country music.

He received the TC Brown Award at the Dusty Boots festival in Narromine, with previous recipients Shirley and Brian Appleyard in attendance.

For many years, Phil has helped boost the careers of up and coming country artists by organising bookings and passing on advice he'd received from many of the biggest stars in the genre.

Phil's biography, named Try a Little Kindness after Glen Campbell's 1969 country track, was released in 2021. It tells his life story and all proceeds from the sales go to support Camp Quality.

Good on you, Phil, on this well-deserved recognition.