



PARLIAMENT OF NEW SOUTH WALES  
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

**FIRST SESSION OF THE FIFTY-SEVENTH PARLIAMENT**

**Community Recognition Statement**

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22 June 2022

**ROBYN BENNEY**

**Ms SONIA HORNERY ( Wallsend ) :**

National Volunteer Week is a chance for us to recognise the extraordinary, and often unacknowledged, role of volunteers in our community.

One example of the extraordinary spirit of volunteerism and community-mindedness that characterises so many in the Wallsend electorate is Robyn Benney, whose weeks are often packed with volunteering for a number of organisations.

For 18 years Robyn volunteered in the canteen at St John's Primary School in Lambton, starting when her first grandchild began attending the school. Though all her grandchildren have now moved on from primary school, Robyn remains a fixture of the St John's community.

When Robyn is not volunteering at St John's Primary School, she spends time at Ronald McDonald House, the Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service and the Hunter Medical Research Institute.

She was inspired to help others after suffering a tragedy at a young age. After her sister died from leukemia, Robyn's mum founded the Maitland Cancer Appeal, raising thousands of dollars for cancer research.

Robyn says that volunteering means you get back more than you can ever give. I absolutely agree, and I congratulate Robyn and thank her for her extraordinary work.