



PARLIAMENT OF NEW SOUTH WALES
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

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Community Recognition Statement

10 February 2021

**DR KELVIN KONG
NEWCASTLE CITIZEN OF THE YEAR**

Ms SONIA HORNER (Wallsend) :

Dr Kelvin Kong, Jill Emberson, Mark Hughes and Kurt Fearnley OAM all have something in common. They have all been recipients of the Newcastle Citizen of the Year Award.

Kelvin is a Worimi man, an ENT surgeon, a researcher of chronic ear disease with the Hunter Medical Research Centre, a lecturer at University of Newcastle and an advocate for Indigenous people and their health.

Not only was Kelvin the recipient of the Newcastle Citizen of the Year Award for 2021 for his work in health and the broader community, he also received the honour of being named Australian Indigenous doctor of the year in 2017.

Kelvin currently works out of his practice in Broadmeadow, but spends much of his time working in remote communities with Indigenous Australian every year.

Kelvin grew up in a house full of Indigenous medical workers. His Mum, Grace, was a community nurse, his sisters Marilyn, Australia's first Indigenous obstetrician and Marlene, a general practitioner.

Thank you, Kelvin, for your passion and assistance in ensuring the Indigenous community receive the health care they require, and congratulations on being named Newcastle Citizen of the Year.