



PARLIAMENT OF NEW SOUTH WALES  
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

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

**Community Recognition Statement**

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10 May 2022

**ERIKA SORBY**

**Ms SONIA HORNERY ( Wallsend ) :**

I recently had the pleasure of attending an exhibition of emerging artist, Erika Sorby, called Women and Wine, at the Blackstone Gallery.

The exhibit presented a series of original, contemporary oil paintings that encompasses female sensuality, flattering decor and of course, wine.

Erika was born in Newcastle and attended Merewether High School. She completed a double degree in Secondary Teaching and Fine Art, majoring in drawing and painting, at the University of Newcastle.

She is a well-known local in Wallsend having previously been a barista at Café Tempest.

In 2017 Erika painted a portrait of myself and the local and 2 time NSW Greyhound Breeders, Owners and Trainers Association Champion Greyhound, Knight Sprite, also known as Ollie.

She entered the portrait in the Archibalds that year.

Erika currently practices art around her teaching commitments and after several years of teaching in north-western NSW, Erika is now home and teaching at Merewether High School.

Congratulations on a stunning exhibition Erika.

I look forward to seeing many more of your works hanging around art galleries across Australia.