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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

FIRST SESSION OF THE FIFTY-SEVENTH PARLIAMENT

Community Recognition Statement

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MARYLAND SANTA CLAUS

Ms SONIA HORNERY (Wallsend) :

The only thing more exciting than Santa Claus riding a sleigh pulled by six white boomers is Santa behind the wheel of a mint condition 1959 Hillman Minx.

On Sunday, 12 December 2021, the Big Man himself came down from the North Pole, busted out the Minx and cruised the streets of Maryland giving lollies out to the local kids.

Santa tried to get to every street in Maryland, handing out four hundred bags of lollies to boys and girls on the nice list—and Santa posted on his Maryland Santa Run Facebook page that "It was so wonderful to see everyone today during the run!"

Right back at you, Santa—after a difficult year for so many locals, the sight of Santa in the western suburbs of Newcastle was a very welcome one indeed!

Events like this help build local community, bringing people together to celebrate the joy of Christmas.

After the hardships of the pandemic, this sort of thing goes a long way.

I also want to thank Andrew Treacy for helping to organise Santa's visit.

Good work, mate! Take care of that beautiful car.