



PARLIAMENT OF NEW SOUTH WALES  
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

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

**Community Recognition Statement**

18 February 2021

**TAIT OWENS**

**Ms SONIA HORNER ( Wallsend ) :**

Not many people can say that they are a professional in their chosen sport, especially when they are 9 years old.

Waratah West Public School student, Tait Owens, is in year 3, and is a professional go-kart racer. He reaches speeds of up to 110kph, pulls 3.5 G forces during turns and can complete the 1200m track at his home ground at Newcastle Kart Club in 54 seconds.

In 2020, Tait came second at the Newcastle Kart Club Championship Presentation and is currently ranked 6th in Australia at a National Level for cadet 9's. Tait will be competing in the Australian Karting Championships for the second time in 2021.

The Championships are made up of five rounds that take place in Ipswich, Queensland; Melbourne; Seymour, Victoria; Newcastle; and Bolivar, South Australia. The first race is this weekend at Ipswich, with the second round being held in March in Melbourne.

Tait also has plans to race in Las Vegas at the end of 2021 and has the chance to qualify to race at the World Titles in Italy at the beginning of 2022, provided COVID-19 permits.

Good luck in the Championships Tait.