



PARLIAMENT OF NEW SOUTH WALES
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

FIRST SESSION OF THE FIFTY-SEVENTH PARLIAMENT

Community Recognition Statement

19 October 2021

MARK HUGHES FOUNDATION

Ms SONIA HORNER (Wallsend) :

Earlier this year, the University of Newcastle received a philanthropic commitment of \$7.5m over five years from the Mark Hughes Foundation to establish a dedicated brain cancer team in Newcastle. The gift will allow the College of Health Medicine and Wellbeing to take brain cancer research to the next level.

The Foundation was established by Mark and his wife Kirralee in 2014 after Mark was diagnosed with high grade brain cancer. In less than 8 years they have raised more than \$20m to support Mark and many others in their fight against brain cancer.

Their decision to partner with the University of Newcastle will bring help and hope to people with brain cancer.

The University will recruit a Chair in Brain Cancer, who will be both a cutting-edge researcher and committed and active clinician.

Research will cover the breadth of prevention, early detection, recovery and rehabilitation, and treatments and models of care for all stages of brain cancer. The research will span all ages, but the team will seek to fill a recognised gap in adult brain cancer.

Thank you to Mark and the Foundation for this incredible donation.