



PARLIAMENT OF NEW SOUTH WALES
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

FIRST SESSION OF THE FIFTY-SEVENTH PARLIAMENT

Community Recognition Statement

20 October 2021

COMMUNITY REFEREES OF THE YEAR

Ms SONIA HORNERY (Wallsend) :

It is a thankless job, but one where those involved have great pride and take immense pleasure in doing an almost undesirable yet fantastic job.

They are often overlooked when things go well and often critiqued for making a call that could possibly turn the game.

Match officials are a vital part of football, from grassroots football right through to A-League. Our referees ensure that players are safe, playing by the rules and most importantly enjoying their football experience.

Referees make a significant contribution to all sports. I particularly want to recognise them for their valuable contribution to football across Newcastle and the Hunter Region. By stepping onto the field to control the game, they create a positive experience for players, coaches and spectators as a result.

Congratulations to Newcastle Football Community Referee of the Year for 2021, Isla Beck.

Congratulations to Macquarie Football Community Referee of the Year for 2021, Sam Donald.

Congratulations to Hunter Valley Football Community Referee of the Year, Jackson Stuart.

I applaud all the referees for their overall officiating performance and dedication to promoting fair play and good sportsmanship.