



PARLIAMENT OF NEW SOUTH WALES  
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

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

**Community Recognition Statement**

20 October 2021

**NIGEL BOOGAARD**

**Ms SONIA HORNERY ( Wallsend ) :**

16 years as a professional athlete is an incredible achievement.

Nigel Boogaard epitomises everything you expect from a Newcastle Jets player, passionate, dedicated, hardworking, but most importantly, bleeds red and blue.

Nigel was a local product who has gone on to become the Newcastle Jets longest serving captain. He played 275 A-League games in total with Adelaide FC, the Central Coast Mariners and 122 games for the Newcastle Jets, including 121 as captain.

His career highlights include an FFA Cup win with Adelaide FC, an All Stars game against Manchester United and junior national team camps.

In 2018, he famously returned early from a fractured leg to play in that infamous grand final loss to Melbourne Victory.

The people of Newcastle and the true blue supporters are very fortunate to have had Nigel as a leader.

As a loyal Jets supporter I cannot thank Nigel enough for not only his huge contribution to the Jets but also to the game of football in this region.

He is a great leader both on and off the field. He will be sorely missed. He is Newcastle through and through.

Well played Nigel. Thanks for the memories.