



PARLIAMENT OF NEW SOUTH WALES
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

FIRST SESSION OF THE FIFTY-SEVENTH PARLIAMENT

Community Recognition Statement

24 November 2021

NEIL PENN

Ms SONIA HORNERY (Wallsend) :

A stroke, in a similar way as other brain injuries, impacts every aspect of life, family, work, physical health, mental health, the list goes on.

But for Neil Penn, having a positive attitude, keeping a sense of humour and working together with his wife Vicki, is key.

Neil suffered a stroke on 15 October 2013 and since then has undergone surgeries and rehabilitation to help get him back to where he is today.

Not one to be kept down, Neil keeps himself busy with lots of walking and bike riding.

Neil is also an avid fundraiser for stroke awareness.

This year to help celebrate his Not Dead Day on 15 October, Neil walked and cycled the Fernleigh Track twice in a day, a total of 64km.

Last year he took on the daunting task of climbing Tomaree Headland in Port Stephens, a tough walk and climb even for the fittest of people.

All of this has been done with his wife Vicki and daughter Sophie by his side.

Thank you for all the fundraising you do Neil. Keep it up.