



PARLIAMENT OF NEW SOUTH WALES
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

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Community Recognition Statement

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BARRY HORVATH

Ms SONIA HORNERY (Wallsend) :

One of the things I love about the Wallsend electorate is the peace and quiet you get when you visit the Hunter Wetlands at Shortland. It's a pleasure to see the smiling faces of the visitors who enjoy the beautiful surrounds.

A major reason for the beautiful surrounds is Barry Horvarth. When Barry retired about seven years ago, he wanted something to do with his time that was going to spark enjoyment and create beauty, so he started volunteering at the Hunter Wetlands.

One of the largest projects Barry was involved with was the 20 Million Trees program, where he and 11 others planted 47, 000 trees through Hexham, Ash Island and Tomago. Environmental projects at the wetlands such as enhancing the environment around ponds to assist endangered birds with survival and breeding, upgrading boardwalks, and constructing animal exhibitions, are managed by Barry.

I encourage anyone in the Newcastle area to make time to visit the Hunter Wetlands Centre, and take in the enriching experience that the volunteers have created.

Thank you, Barry, for 20 plus years of service and participation in the environmental projects in the Hunter. You have earned your afternoon cuppa with a view.