



PARLIAMENT OF NEW SOUTH WALES
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

FIRST SESSION OF THE FIFTY-SEVENTH PARLIAMENT

Community Recognition Statement

9 February 2021

**SAM POOLMAN
NEWCASTLE YOUNG CITIZEN OF THE YEAR**

Ms SONIA HORNERY (Wallsend) :

As the Young Citizen of the Year, you must significantly contribute to the community, be an inspirational role model for the Australian community and have your contribution positively impact your local government area. Sam Poolman has ticked all these boxes and more.

Sam was named Newcastle Young Citizen of the Year for 2021 for her contributions to women and girls in sport. She represents Newcastle in the Giants Netball team, is an ambassador for the Confident Girls Foundation which works to inspire and empower young netballers, founder of ASPIRE netball, led a fundraiser in 2020 that raised \$12,000 for Netball Bushfire Relief to assist bushfire affected communities, and is a much loved role model.

Sam is a proud Novocastrian, and has always been passionate about giving back to her community, the community that she believes has given so much to her.

In 2019 Sam was named Wallsend Woman of the Year.

I am pleased that Sam continues seeking out opportunities to improve her local community and encourage the next generation of athletes.

Thank you Sam, for all of your efforts, and congratulations.