



PARLIAMENT OF NEW SOUTH WALES  
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

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

**Community Recognition Statement**

10 November 2021

**HMRI 2021 AWARD FOR EARLY-CAREER RESEARCH**

**Ms SONIA HORNERY ( Wallsend ) :**

The HMRI Awards are a celebration of the outstanding efforts and achievements of individuals and teams who drive and support the opportunities that health and medical research bring to the wellbeing of our community.

This year's awards were streamed live via Zoom from the HMRI building to virtually celebrate and honour medical research excellence.

Dr Nicole Nathan was awarded the HMRI 2021 Award for Early-Career Research.

The award recognises the outstanding leadership and achievements of a researcher within five years of completing their PhD.

Dr Nathan has more than 15 years' experience as a health promotion manager with Hunter New England Population Health, where her primary role is to lead a multidisciplinary team to deliver childhood obesity prevention programs to the community.

Dr Nathan's multi award winning work on childhood obesity prevention programs has now been rolled out to over 600,000 students across NSW.

Her work has led to children in the Hunter region having a lower incidence of obesity than the rest of the Australian population.

Congratulations on your award Doctor and thank you for the vital work you do.