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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

Tuesday, 13 September 2022

The Speaker (The Hon. Jonathan Richard O'Dea) took the chair at 12:00.

The Speaker read the prayer and acknowledgement of country.

Members

MEMBER FOR ROCKDALE

MEMBER FOR CHARLESTOWN

MEMBER FOR WILLOUGHBY

MEMBER FOR GRANVILLE

MEMBER FOR OATLEY

The SPEAKER: I wish the member for Rockdale, the member for Charlestown, the member for Willoughby and the member for Granville happy birthday for their occasions during the break. I also wish the member for Oatley all the best for his birthday tomorrow.

Visitors

VISITORS

The SPEAKER: I extend a warm welcome to the following guests in the Speaker's gallery: Mrs Anne Bali and Mr Stephen Bali Junior, the wife and son of the member for Blacktown; and members of the Rotary Club of Toronto, guests of the member for Lake Macquarie. I also acknowledge in the Speaker's gallery parliamentary staff who join us today to observe proceedings. Welcome to all in the Chamber.

Announcements

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY PHOTOGRAPHS

The SPEAKER: I inform the House that the following individuals have been authorised to take still photographs of the proceedings today: a photographer from the Premier's office, two photographers from the Department of the Legislative Assembly and a media representative, who will take photographs on a pool basis.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The SPEAKER: I emailed members this morning some information about upcoming professional development and networking opportunities for the remainder of the year. I encourage members to consider these training and networking events to help us to become better representatives, legislators and scrutinisers.

PROCLAMATION CEREMONY OF HIS MAJESTY KING CHARLES III

The SPEAKER: On Sunday 11 September 2022 a ceremony was held to proclaim King Charles III as sovereign and King of Australia. I thank all staff and others who participated in the successful running of that ceremony.

NATIONAL DAY OF MOURNING FOR HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH II

The SPEAKER: Members will be aware that Thursday 22 September 2022 has been declared a public holiday in New South Wales by the Minister for Employee Relations under section 5 of the Public Holidays Act 2010. I anticipate a motion next week for the House not to sit on that day.

Governor

DEATH OF HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH II

ACCESSION OF HIS MAJESTY KING CHARLES III

The SPEAKER (12:02): I report the following message from Her Excellency the Governor:

MARGARET BEAZLEY
Governor

Government House
Sydney, 11 September 2022

With deepest regret, I, the Honourable Margaret Beazley AC, KC, Governor of the State of New South Wales, inform the Legislative Assembly that Her Late Most Gracious Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second passed away on the 8th of September 2022 at Balmoral, Scotland.

I further inform the Legislative Assembly that on the 10th of September 2022, His Majesty King Charles the Third was duly and lawfully proclaimed by the Grace of God, King of this Realm and of all His other Realms and Territories, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith – whereof public proclamation and due notification were fully and lawfully made within the State of New South Wales on the 11th of September 2022.

In order that the members of both Houses of Parliament may be duly informed of the proclamation, I have this day addressed a like message to the President of the Legislative Council.

Bills

CASINO LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2022

CRIMES AMENDMENT (PROHIBITION ON DISPLAY OF NAZI SYMBOLS) BILL 2022

NATIONAL PARKS AND WILDLIFE AMENDMENT (RESERVATIONS) BILL 2022

OMBUDSMAN LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2022

TRANSPORT ADMINISTRATION AMENDMENT (RAIL TRAILS) BILL 2022

Assent

The SPEAKER: I report receipt of messages from the Governor notifying of Her Excellency's assent to the bills.

Governor

ADMINISTRATION OF THE GOVERNMENT

The SPEAKER: I report receipt of messages regarding the administration of the Government.

Bills

CRIMES AMENDMENT (PROHIBITION ON DISPLAY OF NAZI SYMBOLS) BILL 2022

OMBUDSMAN LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2022

Returned

The SPEAKER: I report receipt of messages from the Legislative Council returning the bills without amendment.

TRANSPORT ADMINISTRATION AMENDMENT (RAIL TRAILS) BILL 2022

Amendments

The SPEAKER: I report receipt of a message from the Legislative Council agreeing to the Legislative Assembly's amendments.

MUSEUMS OF HISTORY NSW BILL 2022

Amendments

The SPEAKER: I report receipt of a message from the Legislative Council returning the bill with amendments. I set down consideration of the Legislative Council amendments as an order of the day for a later time.

Addresses

DEATH OF HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH II

Address of Condolence

Mr DOMINIC PERROTTET (Epping—Premier) (12:05): I move:

(1) That the following Address of Condolence to His Majesty be adopted:

To His Most Gracious Majesty, Charles III, by the Grace of God King of Australia and His other Realms and Territories, Head of the Commonwealth.

May it please Your Majesty—

We the members of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, in Parliament assembled, take this earliest opportunity to express our profound sorrow at the death of our late beloved Sovereign, Queen Elizabeth II, and to convey to Your Most Gracious Majesty, and other members of the Royal Family, our heartfelt sympathy.

- (2) That Her Excellency the Governor be requested to forward the above address to His Majesty.

Mr CHRIS MINNS (Kogarah) (12:06): I second the motion.

The SPEAKER: I invite members to indicate their support for the motion by standing in their place.

Members and officers of the House stood in their places as a mark of respect.

Motion agreed to.

ACCESSION OF HIS MAJESTY KING CHARLES III

Address of Congratulation

Mr DOMINIC PERROTTET (Epping—Premier) (12:07): I move:

- (1) That the following Address of Congratulation to His Majesty be adopted:

To His Most Gracious Majesty, Charles III, by the Grace of God King of Australia and His other Realms and Territories, Head of the Commonwealth.

May it please Your Majesty,

We the members of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, in Parliament assembled, desire to offer to Your Majesty our sincere congratulations on your Accession to the Throne, and to assure you of our unswerving loyalty.

It is our earnest prayer that, under Divine guidance, Your Majesty's reign may be long and happy, and that it will be marked by peace and prosperity throughout New South Wales, Australia, and the Commonwealth of Nations.

- (2) That Her Excellency the Governor be requested to forward the above address to His Majesty.

Mr CHRIS MINNS (Kogarah) (12:08): I second the motion.

The SPEAKER: I invite members to indicate their support for the motion by standing in their place.

Members and officers of the House stood in their places as a mark of respect.

Motion agreed to.

Special Adjournment

SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT

Mr DOMINIC PERROTTET (Epping—Premier) (12:08): I move:

That as a mark of our profound respect and deep affection for Her Late Majesty, Queen Elizabeth the Second, this House do now adjourn until noon on Tuesday 20 September 2022.

Mr CHRIS MINNS (Kogarah) (12:08): I second the motion.

The SPEAKER: The question is that the motion be agreed to.

Motion agreed to.

Announcements

PARLIAMENT HOUSE

The SPEAKER: I advise members that while the House will not be sitting on Wednesday and Thursday this week Parliament House will remain open on those days, including for functions and events.

Community Recognition Notices

Submitted in writing under Standing Order 108A.

50 YEARS OF KIAMA MEALS ON WHEELS

Mr GARETH WARD (Kiama)—On Sunday 21 August 2022, I was extremely pleased to join with the entire committee members and volunteers from the Kiama Meals on Wheels to celebrate their incredible 50 years of amazing service and dedication to our local Kiama community during a special event at The Pavilion Kiama. Kiama Meals on Wheels promotes Wellness and enhances the independence of older Australians by maximising their ability to remain living at home by providing ongoing nutritional support and reducing the impact of social isolation. Kiama Meals on Wheels is a grassroots community-based volunteer organisation working for the community. The volunteers deliver healthy nutritious meals, arrange transport, a friendly chat and at times if needed a welfare check. Local residents Marion Witheridge and Ann Dawes (Vice President) were young mums when they first began volunteering for Kiama Meals on Wheels 50 years ago. I would like to acknowledge the

event co-ordinator Wendy Toomey from Kiama Meals on Wheels for her hard work and efforts, along with the Manager Joanne North for her outstanding and ongoing contribution over many years now.

BOMADERRY WALSH PARK VIETNAM VETERANS DAY COMMEMORATIVE SERVICE

Mr GARETH WARD (Kiama)—On Thursday 18 August 2022, I was honoured to lay a wreath tribute during a Vietnam Veterans Day commemorative service in Walsh Park, Bomaderry. I would like to acknowledge the VIETNAM VETERANS, PEACEKEEPERS AND PEACEMAKERS ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA [NSW] INC. SHOALHAVEN SUB-BRANCH Secretary Mr Carl Robinson and the other committee members and volunteers who assisted on the day. Vietnam Veterans' Day was originally known as Long Tan Day, chosen to commemorate the men of D Company, 6RAR who fought in the battle of Long Tan on 18th August 1966. 56 years later on Vietnam Veterans Day we pause and reflect on the bravery, teamwork and endurance that Australians displayed throughout the war. It is a day when we recognise all who served in Vietnam.

SHOALHAVEN HEADS RSL VIETNAM VETERANS DAY COMMEMORATIVE SERVICE

Mr GARETH WARD (Kiama)—On Thursday 18 August 2022, I was honoured to lay a wreath tribute during a Vietnam Veterans Day Commemorative Service in Memorial Park, Shoalhaven Heads. I would like to acknowledge the Shoalhaven Heads RSL Sub Branch Secretary Mr Allan Davies and the other committee members and volunteers who assisted on the day. Vietnam Veterans' Day was originally known as Long Tan Day, chosen to commemorate the men of D Company, 6RAR who fought in the battle of Long Tan on 18th August 1966. 56 years later on Vietnam Veterans Day we pause and reflect on the bravery, teamwork and endurance that Australians displayed throughout the war. It is a day when we recognise, respect and remember all who served in Vietnam.

CHINESE AUSTRALIAN SERVICES SOCIETY MOON FESTIVAL

Ms TANIA MIHAILUK (Bankstown)—I was delighted to join the members of the Chinese Australian Services Society [CASS] at the Moon Festival celebrations at Bankstown Senior Citizens Centre on 31 August 2022. The Mid-Autumn Festival is the second largest celebration each year for the Chinese community and is a time for families to gather together and pray for good health and happiness. I pay tribute to the Honorary Executive Director, Henry Pan, OAM, who serenaded the audience with some lovely singing, Senior Executive Office of Home Ageing Services and the group's leader Ivan Wong, Peony Chik, Anita Chen, and many other distinguished guests. I also thank the Waist Drum Art Troupe for their wonderful and vibrant performance. It was a pleasure to see so many members of the Bankstown CASS Hua Xing Activity Group in attendance, where we enjoyed beautiful food, including some moon cake. I take this opportunity to recognise CASS Chairperson, Dr Bo Zhou, Deputy Chairperson, Mr Anthony Pag, Emeritus Chairperson, Dr Leng Tan, Vice-Chairperson, Mr Sean Zhang and Professor Stephen Li, and the Council of Elders, Mr Francis Lee, Mr Colin Chen, Mr George Poon, and Ms Louise Wu for their commitment to our community. Happy Mid-Autumn Festival!

FUNDRAISING DINNER FOR FLOOD RELIEF IN PAKISTAN

Ms TANIA MIHAILUK (Bankstown)—On Tuesday 6 September, I had the honour of attending the Pakistan Australia Business Council's Fundraising Dinner for Flood Relief in Pakistan at the Himalaya Emporium Function Centre in Bankstown. This year, Pakistan has been affected by a series of devastating floods which has wreaked havoc on the country, with one-third of Pakistan being completely submerged and over a thousand people have tragically lost their lives since the monsoon season began in June. It is estimated that one in seven Pakistanis have been affected by this historic flooding, with hundreds of thousands of individuals being displaced from homes and placed in temporary accommodation. I take this opportunity to thank the Pakistan Australian Business Council for their charitable initiatives, including President Iftikhar Rana, Senior Vice President Kashif Amjad and General Secretary Sadaqat Siddiq. I also recognise many dignitaries in attendance including Deputy Counsel General Pakistan Sydney Muhammad Sheryar Khan, President of Pakistan Association of Australia, Farhat Jaffri, and my fellow colleagues Shaoquett Moselmane, Lynda Voltz, Jihad Dib and The Hon. Dr Geoff Lee. My thoughts are with the Pakistani community during this very difficult time.

PAKISTAN INDEPENDENCE DAY

Ms TANIA MIHAILUK (Bankstown)—On Sunday 14 August, I had the pleasure of attending the Pakistan Association of Australia's Pakistan Independence Day event that was held at the Emporium Bankstown, celebrating the 75th year of Pakistan Independence. The day provides a great opportunity to recognise and appreciate the important relationship that Australians and Pakistani people share. The event was organised by the Pakistan Association of Australia who are a volunteer, non-profit, social welfare and cultural organisation established in 1971 that provide a platform to represent the Pakistani Australians. I had the honour of handing out awards on the evening and would like to congratulate Dr. Akbar Khan on his lifetime-achievement award for his achievements and services to the community. I wish to acknowledge President Farhat Jaffri, Vice President

Ahmad Jamal, General Secretary Hamid Saroha, Treasurer Zulfiqar, Assistant Treasurer Syed Najeeb Hassan, Assistant Secretary Khalid Saroh, Trustees Ahsan Rana, Dr Hussnain, Hasan Rana and Ijaz Rana, Patron in Chief Abbas Rana, Info Secretary Rukhshanda Zaman, Cultural Secretary Farah Khan, the High Commissioner H.E. Mr. Zahid Hafeez Chaudhri and many other dignitaries in attendance. I wish the entire Pakistani Community across Australia a happy Pakistan Independence Day.

GUY MARK AO

Mr RON HOENIG (Heffron)—I congratulate Professor Guy Marks AO on your appointment to Officer in the General Division of the Order of Australia, for his distinguished service to respiratory medicine and research, and to tertiary education. The diversity and extent of teaching, research and publication that Prof Marks has accomplished as a respiratory physician and environmental epidemiologist is quite impressive, as is his commitment to both public and private medical research institutions and advisory committees both in Australia and internationally. In addition to his dedication to fighting for lung health research, Prof Marks' expertise in lung health and airways disease will have no doubt been of considerable value to not just our community but the world during the recent pandemic. I applaud his hard work and contribution to fields of chronic respiratory disease, including asthma, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, tuberculosis control and the adverse health effects of exposure to air pollution.

CON PAVLOU OAM

Mr RON HOENIG (Heffron)—I congratulate Con Pavlou OAM on receiving the Medal of the Order in the General Division of the Order of Australia as part of the 2022 Queen's Birthday Honours list for his years of service to the multicultural community of New South Wales. As a member of the St Spyridon Greek Orthodox Parish of South East Sydney, Con has shown a humble energetic and unswerving dedication to not only his faith but the Greek community over many years. Be it through his work with the Parish, St Spyridon College, the Ladies' Auxiliary, the South East Eagles Soccer Club, the Inner West Hawks Football Club, the Eastern Suburbs Football Association and the Ethnic Community Council of New South Wales —just to name a few — on has always let kindness, empathy and humility guide his work with multicultural Australians. In doing so, Con has truly enriched the local Heffron community. For that, he has more than earned these illustrious honours.

STACEY DONOHUE

Mr RON HOENIG (Heffron)—I celebrate Ms Stacey Donohoe who was recently named TAFE Digital's Student of the Year at the TAFE annual Excellence Awards. Ms Donohoe completed a Bachelor of Community Services with TAFE Digital last year while working full-time as a youth homelessness case manager with Project Youth in the Sutherland Shire. She graduated with distinction and was also named TAFE Digital's Higher Education Student of the Year and Health, Wellbeing and Community Services Student of the Year for her outstanding effort. Stacey is now studying a Master of Social Work through the University of Wollongong to become a qualified counsellor or behavioural therapist for young people. I thank Stacey for her achievements, contributions, and TAFE for honouring Stacey."

A NIGHT AT THE MOVIES

Mr GUY ZANGARI (Fairfield)—KPFlix presented "A Night at the Movies" to a packed auditorium at Cabra-Vale Diggers, Monday 29th August 2022. It has been three years since the students and teachers at King Park Public School hosted the Creative and Performing Arts Night, and it was certainly worth the wait. K-6 students took the parents and families on a magical tour through movies such as: The Lion King; Little Mermaid; Kung Fu Panda; Space Jam; Hercules and Aladdin. The finale was a spectacular involving all K-6 performers. The night also showcased the videography skills of students with a display of advertisements, lifestyle shows, sporting promos and breaking news segments. I congratulate students, teachers and parents for putting on a massive team effort with not only the production but also with the colourful and creative costumes.

WORLD SUICIDE PREVENTION DAY PARLIAMENTARY BREAKFAST

Mr GUY ZANGARI (Fairfield)—It was an honour as the Patron of The Australian Man Cave Support Group [TAMC] to host and emcee the World Suicide Prevention Day Parliamentary Breakfast in the Parliament of New South Wales on 9th September 2022. The event was well attended by members of Parliament, both State and Federal, TAMC board members, suicide prevention advocates and stakeholders. The breakfast was designed to bring people together to recognise the need for integrated assistance to reduce the male suicide rate. I acknowledge TAMC Founding Fathers, Pastor Lou Greco and Pastor Agostino Gattellari, and their incredible team for the hard work that went into the preparation of the parliamentary breakfast and for their insight in bringing the community together to raise awareness of and support suicide prevention strategies.

I would like to thank all the guest speakers on the day: Mr Cain Slater from Kari; Mr Robert Gillespie from Westbourne College; Mr Peter Dwyer recipient of the Mancave Westbourne Scholarship; Mr Mathew McLean Director from Suicide Prevention Australia and Mr Adam Casilely Lions Candidate for Youth of the Year for their contributions to the breakfast."

SDSFA AND HEARTBEAT OF FOOTBALL

Mr GUY ZANGARI (Fairfield)—The 2022 Football Season for the Southern Districts Soccer Football Association has concluded with weekend Grand Finals held on 10th and 11th September 2022. The Men's and Women's Grand Finals were hosted at numerous venues in the Local Government Areas of Fairfield and Liverpool. Congratulations to all the respective age division champions and runners up for making the Grand Finals. Congratulations to all teams in SDSFA for completing the season in difficult conditions due to the inclement weather and the constant interruptions that followed. The 2022 SDSFA season would not have been possible without the generous voluntary work from all club committees, coaches and managers. A special vote of thanks to parents for their support of their children that played in SDSFA teams throughout the 2022 season. I would like to acknowledge and congratulate the SDSFA President Mr Andy Favalaro and SDSFA Directors on the association's 75th Anniversary. SDSFA is to be proud of its achievements over the last 75 years in bringing the community together through football. The association has had a proud history of nurturing Socceroos and Matildas. Happy 75th Anniversary Southern Districts Soccer Football Association.

KING CHARLES III – CONDOLENCES AND CONGRATULATIONS

Dr HUGH McDERMOTT (Prospect)—On Friday 9 September 2022, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II passed away and her eldest child, Charles, Prince of Wales, Duke of Cornwall and Rothesay, ascended to the throne as King Charles III of the United Kingdom. I offer my deepest condolences to the new King, who is mourning the loss of his mother. This comes just a year after His Majesty's father, Prince Phillip, Duke of Edinburgh, and Consort to The Queen, passed away. While this is a sombre time for the new King during His Majesty's period of mourning, I congratulate him on his ascension to the throne, as well as becoming the new head of state for Australia. King Charles was the longest serving heir apparent to a British Monarch in its history. For the entire 70 years of the Queen's reign, he has been preparing for this moment to one day lead the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth of Nations. I wish the new King the very best. I hope His Majesty will reign with the same wisdom and integrity as his mother did. God save the King.

SMITHFIELD RSL SUB-BRANCH COMMEMORATION SERVICE – BATTLE FOR AUSTRALIA

Dr HUGH McDERMOTT (Prospect)—It was an honour to attend the Smithfield RSL Sub-Branch Service commemorating the Battle for Australia at McCarthy Memorial Park, Smithfield. I was joined by my NSW Labor parliamentary colleague Guy Zangari MP who delivered a very moving speech. The Battle for Australia was a series of a series of battles fought in 1942 by the Australian Defence Force against the Japanese, as part of WWII. These battles consisted of the Battles of the Coral Sea, Milne Bay, and the Kokoda Track campaign. Australian Labor Prime Minister Bob Hawke once described the year 1942 as the defining year for Australia, where we came of age as a nation through the Battle for Australia. 80 years later, we pay tribute to the sacrifices made by the brave soldiers, sailors, and officers protecting Australian freedom, democracy, and sovereignty during this pivotal year in our nation's history. They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old. Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them. Lest we forget.

COMMEMORATION SERVICE OF FALLEN RFS MEMBERS – RFS MEMORIAL GARDEN

Dr HUGH McDERMOTT (Prospect)—It was an honour to attend the opening ceremony of the NSW RFS Memorial Garden at the NSW RFS Training Academy, Dubbo on 5th August 2022. The NSW Rural Fire Service Memorial Garden honours the 95 NSW RFS members and aviation contractors who have lost their lives protecting our community. This was a very moving service, paying tribute to the sacrifice made by these firefighters and their families. It is very positive that this Memorial Garden has been opened honouring their sacrifice. The commemoration statement adjacent to the memorial reads: "Dedicated to NSW Rural Fire Service firefighters and those who support them. We honour their courage, dedicated service and commitment to our communities. Their names and the sacrifices they made will be remembered." Thank you to NSW RFS Commissioner Rob Rogers for inviting me to this very moving service. Our community will never forget the brave sacrifice they have made to keep us safe.

LOUISA LARKIN

Mr JAMIE PARKER (Balmain)—Today I bring to the attention of the House local resident Louisa Larkin who has played a pivotal part in ensuring pet owners and their pooches can safely enjoy off-leash walking at Callan Park. Louisa co-founded the Callan Park Dog Lovers group which now has over 1,800 members on

Facebook and has served as an important space for advocacy and community connection. I also want to acknowledge the passing of Louisa's dog Pickles who, along with her dog Lilly, was a beloved member of the Callan Park dog community. Louisa, the Callan Park Dog Lovers and all their canine members have done so much to improve our community and make it more dog-friendly.

CO.AS.IT

Mr JAMIE PARKER (Balmain)—Today I bring to the attention of the House the Co.As.It Italian Association of Assistance whose offices I had the pleasure of visiting last week along with the Minister for Multiculturalism. Co.As.It began as a volunteer-based effort to assist Italian migrants making Sydney their home in the post-World War 2 era and has now become a central part of the Italian community in the Balmain electorate and beyond. It was a privilege to meet with the hard-working staff and hear about the incredible range of services they provide to the Italian-Australian community, including aged care, counselling, community support, youth services, education and cultural services. Thank you to all the staff, including General Manager Thomas Camporeale and Board President Lorenzo Fazzini, and volunteers whose hard work makes Co.As.It such an important source of support and community for so many.

NAIDOC CUP

Ms SONIA HORNER (Wallsend)—First Nations footballers aged between fourteen and sixteen took centre stage on Awabakal land at Lake Macquarie Regional Football Facility on Wednesday 6 July, as Northern NSW Football and NSW Football ran on to the pitch at the inaugural NAIDOC Cup. NSW Football carried the day, after a close-fought match between the girls' sides and a dominating performance in the boys' fixture. I would like to acknowledge the Northern NSW players from around the Wallsend area who were selected for the side. On the girls' team were Aaliyah Kilroy from Newcastle Jets; Ella Marceau from Cooks Hill United; Jade Lee Campbell from Broadmeadow Magic; Kalani Eve Ryan and Larissa Gracie Ryan from Newcastle Olympic; Keleah Boldery from New Lambton; and Lara Turner from Adamstown Rosebud. On the boys' team were Kaiden Boldery from New Lambton, Kruze Davidson from Newcastle Jets, Lachlan Beau Riggs from South Wallsend Juniors, and Mason Rae and Ty Stoker from Edgeworth. My thanks as well to coaches Aleshia Lyons, Craig Stoker and Dylan Hugo. While Northern NSW didn't triumph this time, I look forward to future NAIDOC Cups.

SAM POOLMAN – HUNTER HALL OF FAME

Ms SONIA HORNER (Wallsend)—I wish to congratulate Hunter netball player Sam Poolman for her inclusion in the Hunter Academy of Sport – Hunter Hall of Fame. Sam has been an inspiration for many local netballers and has been instrumental in growing the sport for some time. Upon her recent retirement from netball, Sam has taken up commentary of the sport and is a well-known figure in netball. Sam has furthered her commitment to the sport by creating and running the Aspire Netball program to offer training programs for young athletes in the Hunter, with the aim of preparing them for state and regional selections and to further their skills in the game. I have spoken in this place about Sam in the past, most recently she was named Newcastle Young Citizen of the Year for 2021 for her contributions to women and girls in sport—and she was previously named Wallsend Woman of the Year in 2019. I am always amazed by Sam's commitment to our community and her willingness to give so much of herself. Congratulations to Sam on being named in the Hunter Hall of Fame—a well-deserved honour

TOBIAS THORNTON – THE LITTLE ENTREPRENEUR

Ms SONIA HORNER (Wallsend)—When his school was set-up as a drop-off point for The Backpack Venture, which was sending school supplies to students impacted by the flooding in Northern NSW, Wallsend kindergarten student Tobias Thornton was inspired. With the permission of his parents, Michelle and Peter, Tobias set up a backyard business. Selling fresh herbs from their home garden over several afternoons after school, Tobias made just over \$150, which he used to buy supplies for The Backpack Venture. From this act of community-mindedness, "The Little Entrepreneur" was born. Since then, Tobias and his parents have used the over-supply of chillies they have grown to make gourmet chilli jams and sauces. Tobias has partnered with the Boulevard Coffee Hub in Toronto to provide an outlet to reach customers. Tobias' little brother, Samuel, helps out where he can, while Peter's experience as a chef and Michelle's expertise as an early childhood educator have been invaluable. Peter and Michelle are extraordinarily proud of Tobias' achievements so far, and I look forward to seeing what's next for Wallsend's youngest entrepreneur.

MAITLAND REGIONAL COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Ms JENNY AITCHISON (Maitland)—Recently I had the honour of attending Maitland Regional Community Support's [MRCS] rebranding ceremony, formerly known as the Maitland Neighbourhood Centre. After over 35 years servicing the region, the organisation has changed its name to better reflect what it does in our community. MRCS are an organisation who have consistently supported people in tough times in an ever-

expanding number of ways. I work closely with MRCS and hold annual drives to ensure they are able to provide toys, back to school items and necessities to people in need throughout our community. It is this togetherness and collaboration which makes the MRCS one of the most involved and impressive community services I have ever seen. After such a tough 2 years with COVID and lockdowns, the rebranding is a way for the MRCS to come back even brighter and is proof that good things within our community have survived and will continue to thrive. I thank Sarah Adams and her incredible staff and volunteers for their consistent commitment and dedication to our community.

VALE TONY TOWNSEND

Ms JENNY AITCHISON (Maitland)—It was an honour to represent the community of Maitland at the recent funeral of Tony Townsend. Tony is a fantastic example of the very finest NSW Police as the Local Officer in Charge at Maitland in Port Stephens Hunter Police District. Tony's care and concern for our Youth and First Nations communities was particularly striking, but the packed grandstand, guard of honour and Detective Superintendent Wayne Humphrey APM's moving Police Valedictory are testament to the high regard he was held in at every stage, throughout his 39 year career. I pay special thanks to Tony's family and friends, particularly his two daughters Kaitlin and Lauren, brothers Mark & Jason and former Newcastle Knights team mate Tony Butterfield who shared their personal stories of Tony's rich and full life. It was truly humbling to hear how such a strong, intelligent and compassionate man lived so quietly and gently amongst us.

The love and respect for Tony is so deeply ingrained in our community. My deepest sympathies to Tony's family, friends and his Police and League family. We have lost a bright light, but his life was inspiring and impactful - his legacy will endure. Rest in peace Tony.

75 YEARS: CITY OF MAITLAND PIPES AND DRUMS

Ms JENNY AITCHISON (Maitland)—On 29 August 1947, possibly a chilly late winter's day, the Maitland Pipes and Drums first met. Many have since revelled in the bracing music and majesty intrinsic to this band. They have been present through so many events: In 1950 – the first Newcastle Highland Gathering, a visit by Prime Minister Sir Robert Menzies in 1952, and the 1981 visit of Viscount Maitland, Heir to the Chieftom of Clan Maitland and many more. The band has been the soundtrack to our community, setting the tone for commemorative services, celebrations, tattoos, civic events, concerts, weddings and funerals. They are teaching all of us to be proud of a broad cultural heritage within our community. This rich history inspired the work of recording the story of this group. I congratulate everyone who worked towards the publication of '75 Years: City of Maitland Pipes and Drums'. I thank the author – Lawrence Henderson and editor – Dr Janece McDonald for their diligence in putting this work together over the last two years, and all the band members, especially Greg Queenan for his enthusiastic inclusion of every representative in its celebrations.

VALE EDDIE EMERSON OAM

Dr MARJORIE O'NEILL (Coogee)—I would like to take the opportunity to celebrate the life and career of local community legend Eddie Emerson who unfortunately recently passed away. Eddie was a renowned and accomplished golfer and member of the PGA (Australia), NSWGC and a professional at St Michael's GC. He also played a crucial role in training the next generation and making sure as many kids as possible had the opportunity to participate in the sport they loved. Eddie was also a beloved and passionate member of the Clovelly Surf Life Saving Club. In fact, at 71, he was the oldest person at the Club to complete his Bronze Medallion. Eddie was passionate about golf, passionate about the surf, and was passionate about engaging kids in sport in a way that made them feel valued. One story crystallises this for me – as part of a Country Junior Gold Tour Eddie organised for the kids to have a sleepover in the Clovelly Surf Life Saving Club so they could have the once in a lifetime experience of waking up to the sound of crashing waves on one of Sydney's most beautiful beaches. Vale Eddie, you will be missed by many.

BURGER CENTRE 31ST BIRTHDAY EVENT

Dr MARJORIE O'NEILL (Coogee)—I was so thrilled to join the Burger Centre in celebrating their 31st birthday on Thursday 8th of September. For the past 31 years, the centre has been delivering exceptional holistic care to all their members. For those who do not know, this state-of-the-art facility in Randwick provides meaningful connections to our local seniors. This is through their incredible wellness, social support and respite programs. From their dancing for Parkinson's classes to bonding over a meal while reminiscing on the past I commend all the amazing workers who go out of their way to foster such a fun and positive environment for our local seniors. It was heart-warming to see such a diverse group of locals who at the very core have become family, so happy birthday Burger Centre, here's too many more to come!

VALE KENNETH JOLLIFFE

Dr MARJORIE O'NEILL (Coogee)—I would like to take this opportunity to say to remember community legend Kenneth Jolliffe Kenneth, late of Woollahra, sadly passed away recently at the age of 75. He remains deeply loved by the community and his family. He was a proud husband and a brilliant father to four and beloved by his eight grandchildren. Kenneth was also a mentor and coach within the community – working to improve the lives of so many by ensuring they felt included and proud of their hard work. Kenneth was an avid footballer, a dedicated lawyer and is described by his family as "a wise indigenous soul - a man of considerable substance, grit and intellect". I couldn't agree more. I knew him best from his dedication to surf lifesaving, he was a Bronze Holder who was also a Club Member of the Year and dedicated his efforts to sponsorship organisation and club gear. His drive and hard work meant so much to the people who shared his passions. Vale Ken, you will be greatly missed!

JOHN MCBURNIE

Mrs HELEN DALTON (Murray)—Today I would like to recognise John McBurnie for his almost 30 years of service to NSW Fire and Rescue in the Finley community. John was one of the Brigade's most valued members, joining the Finley station 293 on May 1st, 1994. John has played a vital role in the maintenance of motors, pumps and attendance on the tanker, in order to ensure a consistent flow of water to the hoses. John has also been recognised for his work implanting the operational changes made over the years, which require constant training and courses to enable firefighters to safely contend with dangerous situations including chemicals. John has recently retired, a great loss to the Finley Brigade and the Murray region. We are thankful for John's extensive expertise, which he was always conscientious of passing on to the next generation. On behalf of the people of NSW we thank John and his family for their immense contribution to the safety and wellbeing of the community.

EILEEN MCGAUCHIE

Mrs HELEN DALTON (Murray)—Today I would like to recognise and congratulate Mrs Eileen McGauchie of Wentworth. Eileen has been part of the Wentworth Show Society team for more than 20 years and her volunteer role as a 'sanitary antibacterial cleaner' indicates her dedication to this role making her a major contributor to the team.

In her mid-70's, Eileen has not only considered this role as her important contribution to the Wentworth Show, she has embraced the opportunity with all the changes required and processes involved over the years. Eileen was recognised with an Honorary Life Membership at the 2022 Wentworth Show for her valued services. On behalf of the electorate of Murray I wish to congratulate and thank the Eileen for her long-standing commitment and contributions to the Wentworth Show. You are truly valued.

LIBBY EASON

Mrs HELEN DALTON (Murray)—Today I would like to recognise and congratulate Libby Eason of Hay for her dedication to her community and tireless volunteering pursuits. Born and raised in the Hay district, Mrs Eason has worked at many community businesses and went on to work as a Home and Community Care driver, making great friends with many of the Hay elderly residents. Libby spent many years volunteering at the school reading with the children, facilitating speech programs, working the canteen and much more. Libby then commenced as an integration aide and worked in the Out of School Hours care. Libby then spent 19 years as a personal care assistant at Hay Retirement village, often going above and beyond for so many of the residents in her care. Libby has also volunteered at the darts club, Meals on Wheels, Poker Run for over 10 years and Can Assist for six years. On behalf of the people of the Murray electorate I wish to congratulate and thank Libby for her dedication, care, and extraordinary community spirit."

WOMEN'S ELECTORAL LOBBY CELEBRATES 50 YEARS

Ms JO HAYLEN (Summer Hill)—I extend congratulations and a very warm thank you to the Women's Electoral Lobby, which is celebrating its 50th year in operation. The organisation was established in 1972 and ever since then, WEL has been well known for its devotion to feminist political lobbying, campaigning and activism. Over half-a-century in action, WEL has proven itself to be an essential body in engaging thousands of feminist activists and volunteers across the country to improve the position and rights of Australian women. WEL has been a force behind countless policy changes and law reforms that have secured the better protection of women's rights. Ultimately, the organisation has been truly instrumental in lifting up Australia's women. WEL has sought to help build an intersectional society in which the potential and participation of all women is respected, promoted and protected. Once again, I would like to thank WEL for their unrelenting efforts over the last 50 years in working towards the end of gender discrimination and the advancement of women's rights."

ASHFIELD BOYS HS RECEIVES SECRETARY'S AWARD FOR SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENT

Ms JO HAYLEN (Summer Hill)—I congratulate the entire Ashfield Boys High School community on receiving the Secretary's Award for School Achievement. The award was presented on 6 September at the 2022 Public Education Foundation Awards Ceremony by Georgina Harrison, the Secretary of the NSW Department of Education. Senior Prefect, Kush Kumar, and Principal Dwayne Hopwood were in attendance to formally receive the award and represent all those who were essential in building a school that is worthy of such prestigious recognition. Jane Caro AM, who hosted the awards night, noted that the bar for the Secretary's Achievement award is set incredibly high and is only presented to schools that demonstrate outstanding achievement and measured student improvement. The school was recognised for the student body's high level HSC results, its value-add near the top of NSW, NAPLAN scores above NSW and SSG averages and wellbeing indicators above NSW norms. These outcomes could not have been achieved without the sustained efforts of the boys, their parents and of course, their teachers. A well-deserved award for an invaluable pillar of the Inner West community!

140 YEARS OF RPA HOSPITAL AND USYD CLINICAL SCHOOL

Ms JO HAYLEN (Summer Hill)—Congratulations to the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital and the University of Sydney Clinical School for 140 years in operation. Over the years, this partnership has consistently facilitated incredible pioneering in NSW's health industry, performing the State's first open heart surgery amongst countless other milestones in patient care and healthcare innovation. Breakthroughs in treatment have been continuously championed by RPA to this day, with the hospital's patients often being the first in the entire country to receive new, more effective medications and procedures. RPA's trailblazing research is of international interest. This comes as no surprise given the hospital's strong roots in health education and partnership with the USyd Clinical School. RPA stood as the first teaching hospital in NSW and even now hosts the largest student intake in NSW as well as one of the largest staff made up of resident medical officers in NSW. Continuing its legacy, which was built upon the philosophy that its doors will always be open to those in need of help, RPA treats more than 1000 patients every day. I congratulate and thank the healthcare workers at RPA.

NAIDOC CELEBRATION RIVERWOOD COMMUNITY CENTRE

Mr JIHAD DIB (Lakemba)—In recognising NAIDOC Celebrations at the Riverwood Community Centre, I acknowledge the traditional custodians on the land which we are on, the Gadigal People of the Eora Nation, and pay respect to their collective elders: past, present and emerging. 'Get Up! Stand Up! Show Up!' was the theme this year for NAIDOC week. It was an opportunity to celebrate the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture, history and achievements. On Friday, 8th of July, Riverwood Community Centre endorsed the Uluru Statement at their NAIDOC week celebration. My dear friend and local elder Uncle John, Councillor Karl Saleh OAM and community members, united together, collectively signed the Uluru Statement on a display banner, to commemorate it and endorse a message of unity and respect. Whether it's seeking proper environmental, cultural and heritage protections, constitutional change, a comprehensive process of truth-telling, working towards treaties, or calling out racism - we must do it together. We still have work to do on building a better future for every Australian based on justice, equity and the proper recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples' rights. I thank all those involved in this important occasion.

HUMAN APPEAL AND GOOD360

Mr JIHAD DIB (Lakemba)—On Friday 29 July I made my 5th trip to the northern rivers region with Human Appeal Australia, Good360 and Councillor Bilal El-Hayek. A \$5000 donation was made to Resilient Lismore and over \$40,000 worth of whitegoods and essentials were distributed through the 30-year-old Mullumbimby & District Neighbourhood Centre Inc. I have a deep respect and appreciation for both organisations I attended with. Human Appeal, based in my electorate of Lakemba has a significant local and international impact from supporting families during COVID to supporting Afghan orphans. Good360 are connectors – connecting charities, schools and the most vulnerable with organisations able to donate goods and services. For the Northern Rivers community, it has been a long journey. After 6 months there has been progress but huge challenges remain. Many people remain a long way from 'life as usual' but acts like those from Human Appeal Australia and Good360 matter. It is inspiring to see community support one another, even though they have never met. The mantra for both charity groups, "On the road to goodness" and "Circle of goodness" was on full display. It serves as an example of the best of us.

MOXON SPORTS CLUB

Mr JIHAD DIB (Lakemba)—Moxon Sports Club first opened in 1957 as the National Coursing, Bowling and Social Club before changing its name to Canterbury Bankstown Tennis & Bowls Club. Today, Moxon Sports Club continues to be a meeting point for sporting groups such as the lawn bowling team, pigeon club and junior tennis stars. I recently had the pleasure of meeting Roger Pitt, President of Canterbury-Bankstown Tennis

Association Incorporated, and John Kellert, Head Tennis Coach at Moxon Sports Club. We spoke about the potential of Moxon Sports Club being a state of the art, professional training ground for tennis players. The tennis courts are fantastic but through the NSW Sports Grants Project, \$21,580 has been allocated to the club to install new fencing around the tennis court. I had the pleasure of picking up a tennis racket against Australia's best tennis player in the 15-year-old category, Jerome Estephan, who lives in the Lakemba electorate and trains at Moxon Sports Club. I know Jerome has the potential to be a Grand Slam title winner. He already displays the right qualities: talent, humility, politeness, and drive to be the best. I cannot wait to see him on the world stage.

MARKS POINT PUBLIC SCHOOL

Ms YASMIN CATLEY (Swansea)—I acknowledge Ruby Johns and Koby Gardiner on being named the Marks Point Public School Captains for 2022. I also acknowledge Byron Johns, Millie Alderson, Kylah McKinley and Charlotte Hageman, who are the 2022 Marks Point Public School Executive. Ruby, Koby, Byron, Millie, Kylah and Charlotte consistently demonstrate an excellent work ethic and represent the Marks Point Public School community with pride. Each of these students have been involved in a number of school activities and events and act as great role models for their peers. Being named as the leaders of Marks Point Public School for 2022 is a testament to these students. I am sure they will carry out their new leadership roles with great pride. I congratulate Ruby, Koby, Byron, Millie, Kylah and Charlotte on their achievement and wish them all the best with their final year of primary school."

MARINE RESCUE TUGGERAH LAKES

Ms YASMIN CATLEY (Swansea)—I acknowledge Marine Rescue Tuggerah Lakes on being named the 2022 Central Coast Volunteer Team of the Year, at the Volunteering Central Coast Annual Awards. The Volunteer Team of the Year Award is presented to a team who have made a great contribution to the Central Coast community through their volunteering efforts. Marine Rescue Tuggerah Lakes volunteers do this on a daily basis, monitoring more than 80 square kilometres of the Tuggerah Lakes systems, to ensure the safety of boaties and recreational water users. In fact, the unit continued to provide their services throughout the pandemic, managing their rosters so that crews were able and ready to respond to any emergency. During recent significant weather events, they have also provided assistance to communities in need. The 60 members of the Tuggerah Lakes unit are truly deserving recipients of the award. I thank them and their Unit Commander Bob Sutton for the tremendous work that they do."

IMOGEN MCLEAN AND JYE BUGEJA

Ms YASMIN CATLEY (Swansea)—I acknowledge Swansea High School Captains, Imogen McLean and Jye Bugeja, who addressed the Mission to Seafarers Newcastle Annual Memorial Merchant Mariners Lost in Time of War. The service commemorates the sacrifices made in Australia's defence by Merchant Mariners. Throughout their address, both Imogen and Jye talked about the important role Swansea's Merchant Navy service men and women have played in times of war. James Lewis Boyd had a shipyard on the town's western edge and during World War 2, the yard built 24 vessels for the US Navy. Furthermore, Thomas Humphreys also owned a boat yard that over the course of World War 2 produced over 50 lifeboats, as well as the 10 motorised 12 foot launches and the 4 27 foot navy training skiffs. It is clear that the Swansea community has a rich history of Merchant Mariners who have aided in war efforts and times of peace. As a proud daughter, wife and mother of seafarers, I thank Imogen and Jye for providing such an insightful address."

LIFETIME OF WORK RECOGNISED IN BRIDGE NAMING

Mr ADAM CROUCH (Terrigal)—The enduring contribution of a former bridge engineer is to be given permanent recognition, Mr Speaker. Mr Ray Wedgwood will soon have his bridge, which crosses the Pacific Motorway at Mount White, named in his honour. This bridge was designed by Ray in 1964 and, 62 years later, is still serving motorists well.

The community overwhelming supported the name change, with 92 per cent of respondents in favour. Transport for NSW will move forward with the renaming to 'Ray Wedgwood Bridge', in recognition of his long and illustrious career as one of the state's leading bridge designers. Carol Wedgwood said her late husband had a passion for engineering that he constantly shared with family and friends. When travelling around NSW on family holidays, Ray would stop to take photographs of the bridges that were encountered. In many cases, he had a personal connection with the bridge from his distinguished career at the Department of Main Roads and its successor organisations. My sincere congratulations to Ray's family; it is testament to his professionalism as a bridge designer, working on dozens of bridges still held in the highest regard by his peers."

CENTRAL COAST REPRESENTATION AT NSW BODYBOARDING STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Mr ADAM CROUCH (Terrigal)—Today I would like to recognise Matthew Riley and Ryan Moore who recently represented the Central Coast in Newcastle's Bodyboarding State Championships. Despite small conditions with waves around 2 ft, the state's bodyboarders created the action with their performance. The Championship involved people of all ages, ranging from an under-12's division to over-45's, getting the whole family involved. The event was community focussed, bringing the state together over bodyboarding and a barbeque. I could not be more proud to recognise representation of the Central Coast and the individual achievements of Matthew Riley and Ryan Moore within their divisions.

Ryan Moore reached the quarterfinals of this highly competitive event, which is a commendable result. He scored 9.57, placing him third in the round. Matthew Riley also performed exceptionally well, making it to the grand final of his age category. He produced a fantastic score of 12.17, which ranked him second overall in his division. This is a particularly outstanding achievement. I would like to personally congratulate Ryan and Matthew in their respective results, celebrating their skill, hard work and training as key representatives of our Central Coast."

CEREBRAL PALSY ALLIANCE

Mr JONATHAN O'DEA (Davidson)—I recently attended an event at the Cerebral Palsy Alliance Lifestyles centre at St Ives in my electorate of Davidson. Cerebral Palsy is a lifelong physical disability caused by a brain injury before during or after birth. Many sufferers are high functioning individuals; their challenges stem largely from the muscle rigidity which makes physical and verbal communication difficult. The St Ives Lifestyles Centre is a day service that gives people with cerebral palsy new opportunities and experiences, as well as skills to advocate for themselves in the wider community. Clients in the program were involved in every stage of my visit from the Acknowledgement of Country they prepared and performed, several speeches, a sing-along with local volunteer Penny Howell and a tour of the facility led by centre client Graham Norris. I commend site manager Samantha Bing and the other staff and volunteers who together make Lifestyles at Cerebral Palsy Alliance a facilitator of new opportunities and enhanced life experiences as well as a safe learning space for clients.

NSW GOVERNMENT SUPPORT FOR STUDENT

Mr JONATHAN O'DEA (Davidson)—Earlier this year, I was contacted by Claire Ridley, a Year 12 student at St Ives High School and a resident in my electorate of Davidson. Claire is autistic and has used a wheelchair for the past three years because of a neurological disorder. Claire described significant disruptions to their learning because the installation of a lift meant they had lost access to classrooms vital for their HSC studies. Claire wrote passionately and eloquently of their concerns and advocated for improved communication to students with disabilities, to ensure others would not be disadvantaged during school construction work. The Department and the school met with Claire and made various accommodations so they can get to the learning spaces they need. Some class locations were changed and Claire was given their own set of keys to use accessible toilets on site. However, this is just one student's story. Claire's idea of engaging with students with special needs before, during, and after school building projects was warmly welcomed by the Minister and has been put forward to School Infrastructure NSW, where continued work on this issue will hopefully lead to accessible NSW public schools for all students.

WENDY CALLIS

Dr JOE McGIRR (Wagga Wagga)—Congratulations to Wendy Callis, who has chalked up an amazing 48.5 years of employment with Wagga Wagga City Council. When she was 16, Wendy began her career with the council on October 4, 1973, when she landed a role as a junior library assistant. I understand that, while at secretarial school, Wendy had only used a manual typewriter and was shocked to discover that her typing test at Wagga Wagga City Council was on an electric typewriter. Wendy has held a variety of positions during her 45 years with Wagga Wagga City Council, and worked from a number of locations across the city. Wendy is well-known for her impressive attention to detail and her thoughtfulness; she never forgets to acknowledge a staff birthday or anniversary. Indeed, I understand Wendy happily embraces an opportunity to celebrate an occasion with cake. According to Wendy's colleagues, her "can-do", positive and proactive attitude can always be relied on and Wendy is always willing to contribute wherever she can. I commend Wendy on her years of hard work and dedication and her truly remarkable achievement of public service for her community. I wish her all the best for her future.

GOLDEN CROW AWARDS 2022

Dr JOE McGIRR (Wagga Wagga)—Congratulations to Wagga Wagga's Big Springs Water, which was named winner of the Golden Crow Award for 2022. The Golden Crown Awards, held annually by the Wagga

Wagga Business Chamber, recognised the city's leading businesses in a range of categories. Not only did Big Springs Water take home the coveted Golden Crow, but also won for Excellence in Business and Excellence in Sustainability. Outstanding Employee for 2022 is Gemma Lamont of Alan Harris McDonald; while the Outstanding Young Business Leader is Danielle Nye of the National Audits Group. Grant Harris of Raine and Horne was named as Outstanding Business Leader, while the Employer of Choice is Riverina Oils. Excellence in Innovation went to Prefabulous, while Squad Employment and Training was named Outstanding Community Organisation. Outstanding Start Up went to Small Stars, while the award for Excellence in Diversity and Inclusion went to the National Audits Group. Cobrapparel won the award for Excellence in Micro Business, while Excellence in Small Business went to Knights Deli. Charles Sturt Campus Services won the Excellence in Workplace Health and Safety title, while Excellence in Business Ethics went to Alan Harris McDonald. Pattison & Co Physiotherapy was named People's Choice winner.

INTERNATIONAL TAG SERIES

Mrs LESLIE WILLIAMS (Port Macquarie)—Today I congratulate Shelby and Leilani Grainger from Hastings Secondary College Port Macquarie Campus and Cian Cowdrey from Bonny Hills for their selection to compete in the 2022 International Australian Indigenous Oztag team. Taking home silver and runner up on 4 August was Shelby, Leilani and Cian who competed in the Australian Indigenous Women's 22s side in Coffs Harbour defeating a formidable Vietnam team in the semi-finals. The Grand Final saw the Indigenous side valiantly defeated by an in-form Australian team who secured the championship against tough rivals on the day. Outside of Oztag, Shelby and Leilani Grainger are respected members of the highly successful Sista Connections programs run through Hastings Secondary College Port Macquarie Campus. The Sista Connections is an Aboriginal Girls programs focused on empowering Aboriginal Women to become leaders and mentors through academic support, entrepreneurship and employment. This revolutionary program is literally creating a new generation of young leaders in our community and I am so proud when young women like Shelby and Leilani are empowering others through their amazing accomplishments.

I wish Shelby, Leilani and Cian all the success in the upcoming Battle of the Nations in Ireland.

WAGGA WAGGA CITY COUNCIL LONG-SERVING EMPLOYEES

Dr JOE MCGIRR (Wagga Wagga)—Wagga Wagga City Council recently celebrated some of its long-serving employees. Topping the list was Wendy Callis, who has chalked up an impressive 48.5 years, having started in October 1973. Nigel Griffiths has celebrated an impressive 40 years, having started his job with Wagga Wagga City Council on March 31, 1980. Three council employees, Brain Coffey, Stephen Walden and Graeme White, have each reached a 35-year milestone. Mr Coffey started his Wagga Wagga City Council career on November 3, 1986, with Mr Walden following a few months later on February 17, 1987. Mr White's first day with council was just a few weeks later on March 30, 1987. Another long-time employee, Donald Tokley, was recognised for his three decades of service to the council. Mr Tokley's first day on the job with council was on July 15, 1992. I congratulate Ms Callis, Mr Griffiths, Mr Coffey, Mr Walden, Mr White and Mr Tokley on their impressive service records. Wagga Wagga City Council, and the broader community, are well served by the dedicated and hard-working employees. Congratulations to all on many years of public service to the community.

HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH II

Mr ALEX GREENWICH (Sydney)—On behalf of Sydney Electorate constituent Elaine Czulkowski, I would like to put on the parliamentary record the following reflections on the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II: I would like to pay my deepest respects to a remarkable woman, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, and acknowledge her lifelong dedication to duty and her people. She was always there with a steady hand on the tiller steering us through times of adversity as well as times of celebration. We will miss you more than words can say and thank you Ma'am for everything.

MATTHEW BOOTH

Mrs LESLIE WILLIAMS (Port Macquarie)—I acknowledge a young man whose talent and drive to succeed is kicking goals in the Vocational Education and Training sector in regional NSW. Matthew Booth from Newman Senior Technical College claimed the 2022 VET in Schools Student of the Year North Coast and Mid North Coast Region Award in July for his academic ability in Certificate 2 in Business and Certificate 3 in Retail. It was his Business Services teacher who nominated Matthew for the State Training Award for his dedication and commitment to learning. Securing the prestigious VET in Schools accolade was a dream and milestone in Matthew's education which will undoubtedly open new career pathways in business, thanks to the flexibility of the Workplace Learning Program. The Vocational Education and Training [VET] model continues to produce outstanding results in securing our next generation of tradesman and business professionals through nationally recognised, standalone qualifications as well as apprenticeships and traineeships obtained through on the job, paid

employment. I can't speak highly enough of the benefits of VET and the amazing opportunities Newman students are experiencing. Matthew clearly has a bright future ahead and I congratulate him on his success.

MAG

Mr ALEX GREENWICH (Sydney)—On behalf of the Sydney electorate, I wish to congratulate the Mature Age Gays on turning 30 years old. MAG has been operating since 1991 and has provided invaluable peer support and resources for gay and bisexual men aged 40 and above and ensures a place for those that may feel marginalised by contemporary gay culture's emphasis on youth. MAG aims to establish a welcoming and safe environment to effectively promote the Safe Sex message and provide education on HIV and AIDS for their members through a holistic approach. MAG recognises the importance of connection and provides a range of social events, practical help, and emotional support to prevent isolation and institutionalisation. I have a long association with MAG and have attended several of MAG's events. I found MAG to be a very lively and engaged community. I support their work and contribution to the community. I thank all those associated with MAG for their outstanding commitment to community and ensuring that mature aged men have had support and information for their health and wellbeing for 30 years.

RON JENNINGS 1929-2022

Mr ALEX GREENWICH (Sydney)—On behalf of the Sydney electorate, I would like to put on record the passing of Ron Jennings, whose life is a model for community spirit and who will be missed by many inner Sydney residents. Ron was someone many people went to if they needed help and my office regularly heard from him when there was someone in need, when a community event needed promotion or where some action would fix a local problem or improve local amenity. After coming to Sydney alone and without local supports, Ron found the Andersons and this chosen family brought him into a lifetime of community building with Lance Kindergarten, Fort Street Public School, the King George V Recreation Centre, Fort Street Parents and Citizens Association, then Glebe High School. Ron expanded this voluntary work into the local Resident Action Group and many years on the Millers Point Neighbourhood Advisory Board, later with the Pyrmont Community Centre. Many people will remember Ron dressed in his colourful shirts selling raffle tickets or organising donations from local businesses to raise funds for community groups and charities. He will be sorely missed.

LILLI PILLI FOOTBALL CLUB

Mr MARK SPEAKMAN (Cronulla—Attorney General)—I congratulate Lilli Pilli Football Club on a successful 2022 season. The Sutherland Shire Football Association's 2022 Grand Final saw four Lilli Pilli teams win in a successful day of action. The AL3/1 won 1-0 against Marton Football Club, while the AL8s claimed victory with a 2-1 win despite heavy conditions. The W40As claimed the club's first title its age division with a 5-0 lead. Across the weekend, Lilli Pilli secured 8 premiers and 5 runners up. I acknowledge the work of the executive committee members in 2022 for their leadership and organisation of this season: President Greg Storey, David Paget, Steve Willet, Dave Gregson, Dina Osgood, Andy Read, and Frank Bova. I also thank the dedicated volunteers who continue to manage, coach, do ground duty, maintain the equipment, and run the canteen week after week. I congratulate the players on another well-played season and look forward to seeing everyone back on grounds in 2023.

MURRAY HIGH SCHOOL: AURORE MURUTA: SCHOLARSHIP

Mr JUSTIN CLANCY (Albury)—I would like to congratulate Aurore Muruta from Murray High School, who has been awarded the Harding Miller Scholarship. Aurore was presented with the award in Sydney at the Australian Maritime Museum. The four-year scholarship will provide Aurore with the tools and resources required to complete high school, with the aim to assist her to along the path to further develop her skills through tertiary education. This scholarship will provide you with many opportunities, Aurore, and I trust you take every advantage of the support of your family, your school and the Harding Miller Scholarship. Well done Aurore!"

OAKVILLE RURAL FIRE BRIGADE - 2022 NSW RFS STATE CHAMPIONS

Ms ROBYN PRESTON (Hawkesbury)—I express my heartfelt congratulations to the Oakville Rural Fire Brigade for winning first place overall in the Senior Champions division at the 2022 NSW RFS State Championships. This is a very proud moment for Hawkesbury and it is the third time in a row the Oakville Brigade has claimed the championship title, which is an excellent record to uphold. The RFS State Championships ran in Wollongong on the weekend and drew 26 Rural Fire Brigades from around NSW to compete. It is a test of leadership and team work and is a great opportunity for RFS Brigades to showcase the skills that they bring to the job. So well done to the Oakville Brigade on this victory, and I also extend my congratulations to all the other NSW Brigades that competed in the Championships. Thank you Mr Speaker.

FREEMASONS DONATE TO PAEDIATRIC ONCOLOGY SUPPORT PROGRAM

Mrs LESLIE WILLIAMS (Port Macquarie)—The Mid North Coast Cancer Institute in my electorate are a brilliant team of medical, nursing, allied health and administrative support staff that manage the comprehensive needs of patients being treated for all types of cancers. Recognising the benefits of this incredible service in our community, the local Freemason members have been instrumental for over a decade providing donations towards essential medical equipment and other projects totalling to date \$78,000. The recent cheque of \$6,000 will support families with the cost of transport and accommodation involved in the treatment of their children. Over the past 10 years the Freemasons have almost exclusively contributed to the Paediatric Oncology Trust which has generously helped so many families and children manage their own personal journey with cancer. I thank Port Macquarie Daylight Lodge Worshipful Master Ken Hawks and Masonicare Regional Manager Robert Drysdale for their ongoing financial support of our local Cancer Institute team.

DIGITAL MENTOR TRAINING

Ms JODIE HARRISON (Charlestown)—Congratulations and thank you to all of the Be Connected Digital Exchange program mentors who were recognised at The Place: Charlestown Community Centre at an event on Saturday, 27 August. Thanks to the Be Connected program, 164 people improved their digital knowledge. The program aims to support people over fifty to improve their digital literacy and confidence, helping them to become better connected to family and friends, and safer in cyberspace. As two years of social interactions taking place over Zoom and FaceTime becoming safer than meeting in person have shown us, these skills are vitally important. It was my pleasure to go along to the celebration at The Place, which has become central to the Charlestown community in so many ways. In particular, I would like to acknowledge the volunteer mentors of all ages, including young people from Swansea High School Lake Macquarie High School, Warners Bay High School and St Mary's Catholic College, Gateshead. As always, hats off to The Place for providing the training to the mentors and being the glue for community strength!

THANKS TO PETER RYAN - OUTGOING PRESIDENT OF PITT TOWN PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

Ms ROBYN PRESTON (Hawkesbury)—I thank Mr Peter Ryan for his six years of service as the President of the Pitt Town Progress Association. Peter announced in July he would be stepping down from the position, after he was first elected as President in 2016. He was a real asset to the organisation and was one of the founding members of the 'reformed' Pitt Town Association re-launched 2002. Peter's time as President saw him take charge and pursue the development of infrastructure and community facilities for the benefit and growth of his local community by lobbying to Government at State and local levels. I commend Peter for the leadership he has shown in this position over the last six years, and I wish him all the best moving forward. I want to also extend my congratulations to Mr Chris Bell on being unanimously elected as the incoming President of the Pitt Town Progress Association. I am confident your passion for the Pitt Town community will steer you as you take up the post. Thank you Mr Speaker.

GREG POWELL OF WARNERS BAY PUBLIC SCHOOL

Ms JODIE HARRISON (Charlestown)—Mr Greg Powell, who has retired after fifty years of teaching—forty-four of them at Warners Bay Public School—has become synonymous with that little school by the Lake. Throughout Mr Powell's tenure at Warners Bay Public there have been ten Australian prime ministers, twelve NSW premiers, and thousands of young students' lives have been changed for the better by Mr Powell's teaching. When Warners Bay Public principal Deb Hall set up an online document for former students and staff to leave messages of support for him, it was flooded with entries. Mr Powell began his teaching career in 1971 during the Vietnam War, when he was sent to Papua New Guinea as part of an Australian Army initiative to "educate native recruits". He taught for seven years in the Blue Mountains before arriving at Warners Bay, which his now-grown children refer to as his "home away from home". Mr Powell said that he always wanted to be a teacher, and as online tributes and outpouring of affection from the school community attest, he has been a fantastic educator. I wish him a long and happy retirement.

CENTRE FOR HOPE

Ms JODIE HARRISON (Charlestown)—The Centre for Hope, based at Windale, is an incredible organisation which does so much for the Charlestown community and the whole Newcastle-Lake Macquarie area. Centre for Hope has recently launched a new program to encourage the Hunter community to celebrate the diversity of the region by hosting "Flavoursome Friday" events. These are planned to be banquets of delicious cultural dishes, designed to bring the community together around something we all share: the love of a good meal. Fletcher Community Centre was chosen as the venue for the inaugural banquet, and the event was made possible by a collaboration between Centre for Hope and The Canopy, City of Newcastle, and the Iranian Community of

Newcastle. Flavoursome Fridays will be staged once a month on a Friday, and the Centre for Hope is welcoming anyone from the wider Hunter community to attend or volunteer a hand. I would like to acknowledge Centre for Hope's manager Shari Bonnette, her team, and the team from The Canopy for their working putting this together, as well as the wonderful Iranian Community of Newcastle. Congratulations on the successful first event, and here's to many more in the future.

ALBURY HIGH SCHOOL - BAXTER HAMILTON RECEIVES TWO AWARDS

Mr JUSTIN CLANCY (Albury)—I would like to congratulate Baxter Hamilton of Albury High School, who has received two awards this year for his football: the 'Spirited Blue Dog Award Winner' and the 'Best on Ground Medal' whilst participating in the NSW All Schools - School Sport Australia 15 Years Championships 2022. Baxter's first award was for his efforts as part of the NSW Team, and the second award was earned in a game against The Australian Capital Territory [ACT] Team, where he scored two goals. At fifteen, Baxter is widely regarded as a skilled player with a strong future in the sport. He demonstrates great control in all aspects of the game. Well done Baxter, and best wishes for continued success with your sport.

MACARTHUR ANGLICAN SCHOOL

Mr PETER SIDGREAVES (Camden)—It was great to attend the official opening and dedication of The Integrated Studies Precinct at Macarthur Anglican School in Cobbitty. It was fantastic to attend the ceremony with Her Excellency the Hon. Margaret Beazley AC QC who officially opened the new buildings. I acknowledge the Headmaster, Dr Nockles, for his vision and seeing this project come to fruition. The project creates a 21st century space that provides an opportunity for the students to learn and enjoy subjects ranging from design and technology, science, mathematics, and many more. Mr Speaker, I extend my appreciation and gratitude to The Most Reverend Kanishka Raffel, the Archbishop of Sydney for his attendance and participation at the ceremony.

CENTRAL COAST INDUSTRY CONNECT

Ms LIESL TESCH (Gosford)—Congratulations to everybody involved in the fabulous Central Coast Industry Festival held at Mingara from 22 August to 3 September 2022. The Festival, organised by Central Coast Industry Connect, included a wonderful three-day expo, which I had the privilege of attending. The Festival was a fantastic opportunity for local businesses to collaborate, learn and showcase their talents and skills. With many disruptions over the past few years such as natural disasters and the pandemic, rising costs of materials and skills shortages, the Festival assists in building resilience against unprecedented events. From Olivia and the team of female food scientists at Duff's Ice Cream to the amazing IQRenew, who are racing ahead in recycling and soft plastics sector, and our favourite insect geniuses, Arc Ento Tech – there is so much talent on the Coast! Let us celebrate these incredible individuals and businesses by bringing more people in to support innovators, create more jobs and sell beyond our community!

INDEPENDENT EDUCATION UNION

Ms LIESL TESCH (Gosford)—In recent weeks, the Independent Education Union has been conducting a program of visiting state politicians across NSW with small delegates of teachers and support staff from their electorates. The imperative of these visits was twofold: 1. To stress the reality of the teacher shortage crisis and its impact on schools with on the ground testimony from teachers. 2. To unpack crippling work intensification resulting from work practices that have been unchanged for decades. 3. This MP visiting program has been conducted in tandem with a mobile messaging truck taking the IEU's Hear Our Voice campaign to streets across NSW. It was great they could bring together teachers from across the private and Catholic schools on the Coast so we could hear first-hand of the difficulties faced recruiting casual and permanent teaching staff. The IEU should be commended for raising its concerns and thanks the MPs for hearing teachers' voices."

DE LA SALLE CATHOLIC COLLEGE CARINGBAH - CLANCY PRIZE AWARD

Mr MARK SPEAKMAN (Cronulla—Attorney General)—I congratulate Lachlan Whitehill, Jonathan Passas, Peter Petrou, Jesse Stone and Maxim Lukotsievskiy from De La Salle Catholic College Caringbah for their award of the Brian Jordan Prize at this year's Clancy Prize Religious Art Exhibition. The Clancy Prize, presented annually, is open to all secondary students in Sydney Catholic schools and recognises artworks with a religious theme. The Year 10 students entered a collaborative sculptural artwork titled 'Twelve Baskets', which explored 'the Feeding of the 5000' from John 6:1-15. The students used an ancient basketry technique of twining to represent the 12 baskets of bread that were left with the disciples after Jesus fed the 5000. I congratulate the students on this outstanding achievement and wish them well for their future artistic and academic endeavours.

LIONS YOUTH OF THE YEAR 2022 MURRAY HIGH SCHOOL

Mr JUSTIN CLANCY (Albury)—I would like to congratulate two students of Murray High School, Oliver Lepkhammony and Amy Scammell, who have participated in this year's Lions Youth of the Year event.

The event is designed to encourage and provide a forum for students who wish to gain experience in areas such as Leadership, Personal Improvement, Sportsmanship, Community Involvement and Public Speaking as they approach the end of their high school years. Both Oliver and Amy participated in the public speaking section. Both students presented a five minute prepared speech and were questioned on matters arising from their speeches. This section was won by Amy. Well done Oliver and Amy, this is truly a celebration of young leaders in our community.

CHILLINGHAM STORE TURNING 100

Ms JANELLE SAFFIN (Lismore)—I wish to congratulate Chillingham Store on their 100th birthday. For 100 years the Chillingham Store has been the heart of Chillingham being everything to everyone from the general store, to the post office, to the servo, to being an information hub that the community rely on. Owners Gary and Loren Lees bought the store 3 years ago and have brought with them a passion for live music and good food. Breathing new life into the store and making it a go to destination for locals and visitors. The store is situated in the mountains in stunning Chillingham with views stretching over world heritage listed national parks. Gary and Loren plan on hosting a big celebration from September 30th to October 1st. It will include live music, great local food and produce and an opportunity for people to camp on site. They're encouraging everyone to come along, reflect on the past 100 years and have a great time especially after COVID, border closures, fires, landslips and floods. I congratulate the Chillingham Store on 100 years and wish them well with their celebration.

ROHAN KAY

Mrs TANYA DAVIES (Mulgoa)—Rohan Kay of Rohan Glass Treasures is a Glenmore Park local from my electorate who with entrepreneurial spirit and a gift for innovation has found a way to turn pieces of discarded and broken glass into an amazing jewellery business. Rohan had been collecting and sorting glass from local parks, carparks and bushland since he was very young. Now he has a signature product, Love Key Chains. This consists of a heart key chain with a completely unique glass piece and design, where no two pieces are alike. Congratulations Rohan, at 18 years of age you are doing what many your age have not and I wish you every success for your business.

DAVID EATON

Mrs TANYA DAVIES (Mulgoa)—Today I would like to take the time to congratulate David Eaton, Glenmore Park local and founding member of Progressive rock band, Anubis, after charting in the top 10 of the Australian Independent Charts. The band's first album was released in 2009 and has again been re-issued quite recently worldwide. This is an incredible achievement that David and the band can be extremely proud of and I know that I as the local member am proud that another local group of talented individuals have seen success after a lengthy period of hard work. Congratulations David on this achievement and I look forward to your continued successes.

HOME IN PLACE

Mr TIM CRAKANTHORP (Newcastle)—Congratulations to Home in Place, who were recognised as an Outstanding Community Organisation at the 2022 Hunter Business Awards. As a social housing provider, Home in Place also contributes to the Committee for the Hunter and Hunter Homeless Connect and has incorporated environmental and sustainable development practices into its service. In addition to their win, Home in Place received nominations in the Excellence in Sustainability and Contribution to the Region categories. Here's to even bigger and better things!

HI-VIS GROUP

Mr TIM CRAKANTHORP (Newcastle)—Congratulations to Hi-Vis Group on their Business of the Year, Excellence in Large Business and Excellence in Sustainability recognition at the 2022 Hunter Business Awards. Hi-Vis has a long history, established in 1960 as a traditional signwriting business, and has expanded to three locations and over 50 employees. The Carrington-based family business has been recognised for its efforts to incorporate technological and sustainability advances into its practice, while growing into one of Australia's largest manufacturers of road, safety, and speciality custom signage, and safety products. Newcastle is proud of its manufacturing industry, and Hi-Vis Group's contribution to this space is very worthy of this recognition. Congratulations.

NEWCASTLE EAST PUBLIC SCHOOL

Mr TIM CRAKANTHORP (Newcastle)—Congratulations to the Year 5 and 6 teams from Newcastle East Public School on their success at the 2022 Da Vinci Decathlon. After winning the regional competition the teams travelled to Knox Grammar School to participate in the state finals, taking on schools from all over New South Wales in Code Breaking, Legacy, Ideation, Mathematics, Science, English, Engineering, Creative

Producers, Cartography, and Art and Poetry. The Year 5 team of Spencer Carr, Rylie Conroy, Alexander Burgoyne, Alice White, Sigrid De Bruyn, Lani De Malmanche, Sachin Kana and Isobel Hooper finished 5th in Cartography and 12th in Art and Poetry. The Year 6 team of Heath Bailey Hepburn, Ignatia Bailey, Hugo Board, Imogen Bone, Noah Love, Kingsley Robinson, Lucas Brannan, Jasmine Gooch and James Parkhouse finished 9th in Engineering and Code Breaking. Everyone worked extremely hard for their success, giving up free time, undertaking research and putting in lots of practice. Well done in achieving this wonderful result.

URBENVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL POETRY STARS

Ms JANELLE SAFFIN (Lismore)—I congratulate Urbenville Public School on their recent wins in local and national poetry competitions. At this year's prestigious Dorothea Mackellar Poetry Awards. The awards have over 800 schools enter the competition and over 4000 individual performances entered to the competition. Urbenville with only 21 students and won two categories. Urbenville Public School won the primary school category. Urbenville School year 5 student Liam Dau won the David Maher Award for Small Schools for his piece The Brumbies. Liam recently told the ABC that his poem was all about how much he loves wild brumbies and how he wants to save them. Urbenville Public School Kindergarten student Dolly Honan deserves congratulations as she won everything she entered in a local inter-school competition for her rendition of Now We Are Six by AA Milne. At the age of 5 she is definitely a poet to watch. Student Amelia Russ came second in the Byron Writers Festival competition against 800 other students and received a highly commended in the national Write4Fun competition. I commend Principal Chris Sifko and teacher Mel Sifko for their dedication to public education and fostering a love of writing and excellence.

TENTERFIELD COMMUNITY VINNIES SLEEPOUT

Ms JANELLE SAFFIN (Lismore)—This year seven Tenterfield locals braved the cold and participated in the Tenterfield Vinnies Community Sleepout. They raised over \$5,000 for St. Vincent De Paul in Tenterfield. This goes towards supporting the Tenterfield Vinnies conference that assists the Tenterfield community. Care and support is provided to those experiencing or at risk of homelessness due to domestic/family violence; leaving prison; loss of employment; and difficulty finding employment. People are assisted through rent arrears, furniture and appliances, bonds, clothing and linen or other household goods to set up a home. I congratulate organiser Giana Saccon who has turned her concern about the housing crisis in the Northern Tablelands into action. It was fantastic to call in recently to thank Giana and some of the Vinnies volunteers in Tenterfield. I once again congratulate all involved and look forward to the event going from strength to strength raising money and awareness about homelessness in the Tenterfield Shire.

2SSR – SOUND OF THE SHIRE

Mr MARK SPEAKMAN (Cronulla—Attorney General)—2SSR [99.7FM], Sutherland Shire's local community radio association, celebrates its 30th anniversary this year. 2SSR is non-profit and volunteer-run, offering programs for listeners across the Sutherland Shire. Alongside community news updates, 2SSR's programs including the Saturday Morning Jukebox, Just Jazz, the Sideline Eyes and Music Unlimited. 2SSR recognises the importance of playing Australian and local artists in its regular schedule and offers training courses to attract new local talent. The success and longevity of 2SSR could not have been achieved without the dedication of its many volunteer teams over the years. They include currently Pat Pender, program manager; Robert Francis; financial manager; and presenters Paul Routledge, Scott Docherty, Scott Farrugia, Stuart Jones and Neil Worsley.

MIRANDA MAGPIES FOOTBALL CLUB

Ms ELENi PETINOS (Miranda)—I acknowledge the Miranda Magpies Football Club who are the successful recipients of \$10,560 from the NSW Government's 2022 Local Sport Grant Program. The Magpies were the first club to join the newly reformed Sutherland Shire Football Association in 1951. Over 50 years later, the Club has doubled in size with 89 teams and over 1,000 registered players. Through this grant funding, the Magpies will purchase a new set of portable goals to provide modern equipment to support the development of young players. This project will also enable participants to set up and pack down the field for games with ease. Of course, none of this would be possible without the hardworking and dedicated team behind the Magpies. I particularly acknowledge the outstanding executive committee including Gary O'Riordan, John Summers, Harry Grigoros, Craig Smith, Jo Milburn, Darren Smith, Gerard Burgess, and Adam Webb. I commend the Miranda Magpies Football Club for bringing the importance of this project to my attention and look forward to seeing players put this new equipment to use.

TOUKLEY HAWKS SENIORS RLFC

Mr DAVID HARRIS (Wyang)—I wish to congratulate Toukley Hawks Senior Rugby League Football Club winning their first 2022 Premiership at EDSACC Oval. There was a few sore heads around the Toukley District from celebrating the Sensational weekend's result. I saw great determination and excellent team work

from our local team, winning 20 to 10 against Erina Eagles. The Hawks ran out to a 20-4 lead and then repelled attack after attack in the second half with last ditched defence to claim their first Premiership in their Club's 55 year History. The Hawks have done it tough over the years and this achievement is credit to all the current and past players, coaches, officials and supporters. Connor O'Beirne was named Man of the Match, as The Hawks snared the silverware for the first time in 55 years. Player coach Jake Fitzpatrick was outstanding and his teammates rose to the occasion. I would like to acknowledge particularly the work of Club President Phil Gearside and his Executive team for their hard work off the field. Congratulations again to Toukley for playing in and winning your first grand final since the club was established in 1967.

BRADLEY WOODWARD

Mr DAVID HARRIS (Wyong)—I would like to acknowledge Bradley Woodward from Kanwal representing the Dolphins in the 2022 Birmingham Commonwealth Games, winning two medals. Woodward won the bronze medal in men's 100m backstroke for a completed time of 54.06 seconds. Three days later, Woodward competed in the men's 200m backstroke claiming a silver for completion time of 1:56.41. Woodward has also represented Australia in surf lifesaving, setting a new International Life Saving Federation world record in the 200m Obstacles Swim at the 27th International German Cup in 2019. Congratulations Bradley Woodward for your strong achievements in the 2022 Birmingham Commonwealth Games. I wish you the best in future events.

SIM SINGH – YOUR LOCAL CLUB PERFECT PLATE AWARDS

Mr ADAM MARSHALL (Northern Tablelands)—I recognise the Armidale Ex-Services Memorial Club for taking top honours in the New England Tablelands and North West region for this year's Your Local Club Perfect Plate Awards. Manager, Scott Sullivan is delighted with the Club's eatery, The Mill Bistro and head chef Sim Singh which won the May and June diners' rating for its New England Slow Cooked Beef Ribs on Manchego Cheese Mash. This menu was judged a winner by Award ambassadors and celebrity chefs Colin Fassnidge and Manu Feildel who travelled across NSW tasting the competition at over 140 participating clubs. It is encouraging that this kind of recognition reminds the public of the kind of excellence that can be expected in the Northern Tablelands. I congratulate Mr Sim Singh and his team at The Mill Bistro and Manager Scott Sullivan of the Armidale Ex-services Memorial Club for winning a prestigious regional Your Local Club Perfect Plate Award. I commend Scott and Sim for their leadership skills in developing a winning team.

ISABELLA PURVIS – TENNIS CHAMPION

Mr ADAM MARSHALL (Northern Tablelands)—I recognise Ms Isabella Purvis for her commitment to sport, excelling in tennis as well as being an all-round achiever in her home town of Guyra. Recently Isabella entered the NSW Country Tennis Championship held in Forster, returning with an armload of trophies having won the Under 11 Girls Singles, runner up in the Under 12 Girls Singles, and was a team member which won the Under 12's Girls Doubles. To top off the day, Isabella was a semi-finalist in the Under 12's Mixed Doubles. This is a fine achievement for this very prestigious event competing against children from all over country New South Wales. Perhaps most important is the sportsmanship Isabella showed throughout the tournament as she won the day! I congratulate Ms Isabella Purvis on a great achievement at the 2022 NSW Country Tennis Championship and wish her many future successes. I commend Isabella for her commitment to sport and the hours she has dedicated to tennis.

JOHN KENNEDY-RAGS TO RICHES

Mr ADAM MARSHALL (Northern Tablelands)—I recognise Mr John Kennedy of Kurrajong Park, Balala NSW for his business and farming expertise, demonstrating in these modern times the possibility of growing an agricultural expanse from virtually nothing. It was a battle working from dawn to dark in the shearing sheds accumulating enough to purchase his first property, only to find the wool prices fall and interest rates rise. After years overcoming this setback, John was able to purchase another property and has managed to buy one every second or third year, buying cheaply to upgrade, benefitting from property price increases, and using equity for further loans. John puts quality into his upgrades and has earned a reputation for integrity in his dealings. As he said, without an inheritance his goal to own land was on his own shoulders, using the education he was offered and the wisdom he gained along the way to success. I congratulate John on his agricultural holdings, consolidating Poverty Pastoral to 16 debt free properties, an astonishing accomplishment for a single individual over a relatively short 25 year period. I commend John on a remarkable career in agriculture.

2022 NSW VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARDS

Mr JONATHAN O'DEA (Davidson)—Earlier this month, I presented the 2022 Northern Beaches Volunteer of the Year Award, together with the Volunteer Team of the Year Award at a ceremony for the Northern Beaches region which was held at Dee Why RSL Club. After two years of online Awards presentations, it was particularly pleasing to attend and present awards in person on 2 September. The ceremony recognised volunteers

who dedicate their time, knowledge and resources to helping others. I especially acknowledge One Meal Northern Beaches Co-op, who received the Volunteer Team Award and Dr Bo Zhou as the Northern Beaches Volunteer of the Year.

I commend and congratulate all volunteers who have generously donated their time and helped so many in our local and broader community to overcome significant challenges. I also recognise the Centre for Volunteering led by Gemma Rygate together with the NSW Government and ClubsNSW, the principal partners of the NSW Volunteer of the Year Awards. Finally, I commend the Hon. Natasha Maclaren-Jones, Minister for Families and Communities for the recent initiative of establishing the Ministerial Volunteer Taskforce, highlighting this vital community sector. Community feedback is sought until the end of this month."

MERCHANT NAVY DAY

Ms FELICITY WILSON (North Shore)—I recently joined with Merchant Navy veterans and members of my local community to commemorate Merchant Navy Day, which is held on the third of September each year. We join together to remember those who of the Australian Merchant navy who gave their lives for their country and have no know grave but the sea. The third of September is also the anniversary of the first attack on an Allied merchant ship in the Second World War, only hours after Britain declared war on Germany in 1939. Without warning, the German submarine U-30 torpedoed British liner SS Athenia, killing over one hundred and ten crew and passengers. I would like to thank all those who participated on the day Merchant Navy RSL sub-Branch President Don Kennedy OAM and Secretary Merrill Barker, Sr Mary Leahy OAM, Chief Warrant Officer Andrew Perry HMAS Penguin, Captain George Campbell, Steve Vella, David Field, Mayor Cr Corrigan, and the School Captains of Mosman High School. They will be remembered for ever more. Lest we forget.

AUSTRALIAN RUGBY SEVENS CLAIM TRIPLE CROWN

Ms FELICITY WILSON (North Shore)—The Australian women's Rugby Sevens team has finished a stunning season with World Cup glory, adding the title to World Series and Commonwealth triumphs. It gives the Aussie women a clean sweep of trophies, having won four of the six tournaments in the World Series. Playing New Zealand in the World Cup in a quadrennial one-off championship in Cape Town, Australia held off a fast finishing kiwi side twenty four to twenty two, denying them a third straight title, winning the hearts of fans on and off the field. I extend my congratulations to Sharni Williams, Demi Hayes, Charlotte Caslick, Dominique Du Toit, Sariah Paki, Faith Nathan, Tia Hinds, Madison Higgins-Ashby, Maddison Levi, Teagan Levi, Alysia Lefau-Fakaosilea, Lily Dick, and Bienne Terita. Congratulations on an absolutely stunning victory. You have done all our young female rugby players here in Australia proud by showing that the girls can do it just as well, if not better than the boys.

MOSMAN SWANS CELEBRATE 25TH ANNIVERSARY

Ms FELICITY WILSON (North Shore)—AFL is one of the most popular sports across our country and so today I pay tribute to the Mosman Swans Junior AFL Club who are this year celebrating their twenty fifth anniversary, and which I was fortunate enough to join them in celebrating. The club started in 1998 and has now grown to be one of the largest Junior Australian Rules clubs in Sydney with more than 400 players from Auskick to under eighteen's. To mark the occasion the Mosman Swans have developed a commemorative logo to mark the occasion and every member will receive a hoodie, water bottle and sticker featuring a specially produced commemorative logo. They have also prepared a range of merchandise for sale including caps, beanies, and umbrellas that we will no doubt see on the sidelines for years to come. I would like to acknowledge the hardworking committee of the club, President Dan Musson, Secretary Amie Wallis, Registrar Alison Boston, Treasurer Stuart Dettman, Director of Technology Tim Helyar, Football Operations Roger Brant, Director of Events Anna Musson, and Director of Sponsorship Matt Codrington. Congratulations on such a successful twenty five years as the Mosman Swans. Go Swans.

GANESH CHATURTHI CELEBRATION

Mr PETER SIDGREAVES (Camden)—It was a pleasure to represent the Premier and the Minister for Multiculturalism at the Ganesh Chaturthi Festival in Oran Park. Ganesh Chaturthi marks the birth of the elephant-headed deity Ganesh, the god of prosperity and wisdom. It is a celebration that runs for ten days. The festival creates an opportunity for the Hindu community to celebrate the wonders of a such a beautiful culture, and an opportunity for the wider community to share in and better understand each other's faiths and heritage. The Oran Park Indian Community held their first festival in 2017. I thank Sridhar Inavolu and the Oran Park Indian Community for organising and hosting such a wonderful event.

GLEDSDWOOD RURAL FIRE SERVICE BRIGADE

Mr PETER SIDGREAVES (Camden)—I would like to extend my utmost gratitude and congratulations to the Gledswood Rural Fire Service Brigade. The Gledswood RFS recently competed are the RFS State Championship. They competed with tenacity and excellence earning them two first place trophies and also two third place trophies in the individual events. The combined score of the Gledswood RFS Brigade earned them an impressive third place. I also take this opportunity to thank the local RFS Brigades on behalf of the Camden and Macarthur community. To Camden West RFS Brigade, Cobbitty RFS Brigade, Bringelly RFS Brigade, Luddenham RFS Brigade, Middleton RFS Brigade, Narellan RFS Brigade, and Gledswood RFS Brigade thank you for your hard work, resilience and commitment in protecting and serving the community.

DR ADRIAN SHEEN

Mrs TANYA DAVIES (Mulgoa)—Service towards others, no matter who they are, or where they are in the world is a noble act, an act of kindness and generosity. Local constituent, Dr Adrian Sheen is one of those individuals that demonstrate their kindness and generosity in an effort to support those impacted by the war in Ukraine. Dr Sheen helped to organise a charity lunch to provide people a meaningful way to donate to help displaced Ukrainians in a time of war. The lunch took place in partnership with Ukraine Crisis Appeal and Rotary International and the main goal was to raise money to refurbish a Ukrainian school for use by those who have been displaced. I want to recognise Dr Sheen for his efforts and thank you for your act of kindness and generosity."

DISABILITY INCLUSIVE BEAUTY INDUSTRY

Ms LIESL TESCH (Gosford)—I commend the work of Brittnee Watson a young legally blind woman who has made a range of instructional videos in conjunction with Vision Australian that teach people with blindness or low vision how to use a range of beauty products so that they can look and feel beautiful too. People often assume that if someone is blind and can't see that they won't want to wear makeup or stylish clothes, but Brittnee is putting a stop to that belief. It is also wonderful to see Selma Blair, an actress living with multiple sclerosis, be appointed as Creative Director of Guide Beauty. In this role she has shone a light on the fact that everyone has the desire to look and feel beautiful and has helped create a range of universally designed make up tools that help people with different abilities apply makeup. I am delighted to see inclusivity for people with disability making its way into the beauty industry.

THE SETTLEMENT

Ms JENNY LEONG (Newtown)—On behalf of the Newtown electorate, I would like to acknowledge the work of the team at The Settlement. In particular, I would like to recognise the excellent work of the Child & Family Program Team, led by Clare Peterson, and the Youth Program Team, led by Phoebe Ferguson. Since its establishment by the Sydney University Women's Society over 130 years ago, The Settlement has supported generations of local Aboriginal, migrant, and low-income families. It has evolved from a single hall into a flourishing community hub that provides community housing, a food pantry, out of school hour care, and many other community programs. Throughout the pandemic, even in the face of funding uncertainties, the Child & Family and Youth Program Teams in particular have helped distribute key information, resources, and essentials to the community and worked around the clock to support families and young children struggling with lockdown-related isolation and stress. Having seen firsthand how much children and young people who use The Settlement love the centre and adore the staff team, I want to thank The Settlement team for their inspiring, ceaseless work to support our community.

**The House adjourned, pursuant to resolution, at 12:10 until
Tuesday 20 September 2022 at 12:00.**