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## MEMBER FOR SPRINGWOOD

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### MR N. RUNDAMEN; SPRINGWOOD STATE HIGH SCHOOL

**Mr MUSGROVE** (Springwood—ALP) (10.23 a.m.): I rise to inform this place of the work of an outstanding individual and educator in my electorate, Mr Noel Rundamen, who is the manual arts department head at the Springwood State High School. He taught me manual arts when I was at that school some 15 years ago.

Since that time, Mr Rundamen has expanded the facilities at that manual arts section far above and beyond the basic woodwork and metal work that was in place when I attended that school. The facilities now available include a full motor machinery workshop where students are able to recondition engines donated from local businesses and individuals, and learn practical hands-on skills which will help them gain meaningful employment in the local community. The manual arts program at the Springwood State High School is extremely popular with students. While it is not a compulsory subject, it remains the most popular subject stream in the school. The ingenuity of Mr Rundamen has allowed the school to cope with the student demand for his courses, despite the shortages of work space and storage space.

The Springwood State High School was not a Leading School. Tragically, it suffered under the previous Government and, as a result, this great school has a huge backlog of maintenance. The principal of that school, Mr Peter Fanning, and deputy principals, George Tatnell and Cathy Watt, have managed their school through the funding crisis. I am pleased to report that the school has already received additional funding from the new Government as part of our commitment to make all schools Leading Schools. I trust that some of this funding will help Mr Rundamen continue with his extraordinary work, which is legendary with the students and local businesses alike. Students from Mr Rundamen's courses are placed in local employment usually after a period of work experience organised by Mr Rundamen or the deputy principal, Mr George Tatnell.

I salute the tireless work of Mr Noel Rundamen. He has helped generations of graduates from my former school gain meaningful employment and go on to achieve qualifications and meaningful jobs for them and their families.

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