



Speech by

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Mr LUCAS (Lytton—ALP) (10.24 a.m.): I inform the House of the passing of a great Labor alderman of the Brisbane City Council, Don Randall. Don was first elected to the council as the Labor Party alderman for the ward of Waterloo Bay in 1979. He was re-elected to that same ward on a number of occasions and then finally to the ward of Kianawah for the last time in 1991. Don was elected to the position of chairman of council in 1979 and held that position until 1985 when Labor lost office. When the Soorley council was elected in 1991, Don was elected chairperson of the Transport Committee and he held that position until 1993 when he had to resign due to ill health. Later that year he retired from the council, again due to ill health.

Don was a very hardworking and very popular councillor and alderman. He was a former plasterer and a very popular local representative. He was likeable. One would best describe Don as a good bloke. He was a person who got things done and who fought hard for the people of the bayside.

Don had a great history in the local area. His family lived in the area for many years. Randall Road was named after Don's family. His father was originally a dairyfarmer in the Randall Road area. Don was very active in the community, being the chairman of the Bayside Community and Child Care Centre, a local child-care centre, and he helped to establish family day care in the area, which serves the local community well. Don was the chairman of the Wynnum Manly Community Council.

It is a great tragedy that in his later years Don was robbed of enjoying his retirement by ill health. At the age of 58, he retired from the council and for the past four years he was resident in the Moreton Bay Nursing Care Unit. It is unfortunate that after the very great work that both he and his wife Kathy did—they were a great team—they could not enjoy well deserved recreational pursuits following Don's retirement. I give credit to the staff of the Moreton Bay Nursing Care Unit for the great care that they took of Don over the years. I pay tribute to Don and express my condolences to Kathy and their family.
