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Mr ENGLISH (Redlands—ALP) (12.23 p.m.): The honourable member for Capalaba has provided a picture of where Eddie came from and what factors influenced Eddie's development. I will focus on the legacy he has left for the people of the Redlands.

There are a multitude of images associated with Eddie. The first image is that Eddie was a people's person. Eddie was an Italian migrant who could talk and relate to all people, regardless of their ethnic backgrounds. Eddie was a Catholic but would support and lobby for people of all faiths. No-one was considered too small for Eddie to spend some time with, listening to their concerns. In short, Eddie enjoyed people.

The next image is that Eddie was committed to the Redlands. At different times, Eddie was a member of the National Party and the Liberal Party. However, Eddie would not let his political beliefs interfere with working for the people of the Redlands. No matter what political beliefs the relevant state or federal members held, Eddie would praise them or criticise them to obtain the best results for the people of the Redland Shire Council.

Another image is of a man in perpetual motion. Eddie never stopped. Eddie was a tireless worker who served on many P&C associations and was the chairman of the Strawberry Festival and chairman of the Queensland Fruitgrowers Cooperative. Eddie was a member of many community and service organisations throughout the shire and was a patron of a total of 36 organisations.

The final image I and many others in the Redlands have is of Carolyn standing alongside Eddie. Most of the time, if Eddie was there so was Carolyn. If Eddie could not make an engagement, then Carolyn would be there. Carolyn was very supportive of Eddie and his mission to improve the Redland Shire area. More than that, Carolyn was and still is a tireless worker for community and volunteer groups within the Redlands. It is a tribute to Carolyn that after such a tragedy she was able to attend three ceremonies on Anzac Day, which I also attended. That shows her strength as a person.

On behalf of this House, I extend our deepest sympathies to Carolyn and her sons, Christian, Nicholas and Nathaniel. Eddie's legacy is carried in the hearts and minds of all residents of the Redlands.
