



Speech by


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### CLARK, MR C

 **Mr CRANDON** (Coomera—LNP) (3.47 pm): It is with sadness that I advise of the passing of Cecil Alexander Matthew Clark. He was born on 12 January 1925 and passed away on 25 August 2012. He was a good Labor man, no doubt. But more importantly, he was a great advocate for the community of Beenleigh and Eagleby. I have known Cec since around 1978. His time in the area precedes that. In 1973 Cec was elected to Albert shire council. He was a councillor for a period of 18 years, and six of those years he served as deputy shire chairman.

There were many things that Cec was involved in. He founded Beenleigh Red Cross and was involved with it for 23 years. He assisted me and the community of Eagleby to fund the building of the Eagleby scout den, which is now used as a church in the local area. He was an avid campaigner for the Beenleigh Show Society and showgrounds. He helped save the proposed railway line back when the railway line was extended. The Oliver Sports Complex was established by him. In fact, one of the fields at the Oliver Sports Complex now bears his name. So he is immortalised in Eagleby with the Cec Clark Oval. He was involved with Meals on Wheels. He was on the committee that serviced the Beenleigh area for many, many years. He delivered meals for 25 years for Meals on Wheels.

He was a member of the masons from 1962. In fact he was a member of the South Queensland Masonic Lodge for a period of 37 years. The *Albert and Logan News* saw much of his writing. He was an avid writer to the *Albert and Logan News*, and more often than not in recent years it was to do with his stoush with the Beenleigh Show Society and trying to stop the Beenleigh showgrounds being cut in half.

When all is said and done, the best thing that we can say about all of this—if there is any good that comes out of someone's passing—is, in the words of Cec's wife, Dulcie Clark: 'Don't cry because he has gone. Smile because he has been here.' I ask all members to join with me in celebrating the life of Cecil Alexander Matthew Clark.